Beaver Eating contest Miss BRC Pageant

"big-name DJs" who the DJ who got a

Burning Man tattoos theme camp tattoos

buying the meal plan cooking dinner

didn't get a ticket

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Burning Man

catching dysentery

Charlie The Unicorn

Center Camp

dubstep

First Camp

fundraisers

furry hats

getting busted for

gifting your extra Burning Man ticket

sharing drugs

glowsticks

green lasers

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Hushville

Kickstarter

the Burn

large sound camps

megaphone siren

monkey zoetrope

MOOPed beer cans

press passes

scaffolding

selling out

raw food chefs

selling your ticket

afford Burning Man

stealing street signs

Sunday sunrise set

telling everyone you

Burning Man

The Onion

ticket scalping

vitamin water

2:00 & 10:00

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at Opulent Temple

Man this year

sparkle ponies

shirtcocking

spectators

leaving before

bunnies

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Terminal City

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Kickstarter

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The Trojan Horse

anything besides

Ashram Galactica

getting busted for

sharing booze

selling your extra

ticket on eBay for

\$1000 and going

sparkle pony corrals

to Vegas, baby!

blue lasers

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hard work

live music

vuvuzela

arriving after

skeleton zoetrope

commissary passes

elevators on playa

selling your extra

ticket so you CAN

afford Burning

Man this year

Haute Tauties

vestcocking

Burlesque

customers

stealing BRC-

survey flags

Madi's Playa Choir,

11am Sunday

Service at Camp

telling everyone

you know it was

The Shroom

gifting tickets

coconut water

old-school rave

Rockstar Librarian's

password is PLUR

memes

the new police state autonomous zones

cancelled this year

cooking food

buying in

ground-scored

LEDs

unicorns

ou might know who Larry Harvey is, but how about Marian Goodell? Or Harley DuBois? Do you even know who's running Burning Man? You know, the people who took your money and made sure you have toilets and a basic civic infrastructure and a website to learn stuff? It's Black Rock City **LLC**, aka the Borg. Ring any bells?

I imagine the spectrum of answers even among you burners reading this story on the playa - stretches roughly from "duh" to "who?" Honestly, you don't need to know anything about the leadership of Black Rock City - or its eponymous LLC - to connect with Burning Man and become a valuable citizen, right in this moment or into the future. You can forge your own role in this world of our own creation.

But I've always been a political journalist, so I like to know a little something about the system I'm living under and to share what I've learned. I've now been reporting and writing on Burning Man for the last seven years, first for the San Francisco Bay Guardian and Piss Clear, then in my new book, The Tribes of Burning Man. And let me tell you, this particular moment is a big one when it comes to the governance of Burning Man.

It's a little complicated, but let me briefly break down the "Rite of Passage" that the Borg is going through right now, and then we'll get into how it affects you.

A Burning Man history lesson

In 1996 – a tempestuous, turning point year for Burning Man - there was a falling out among the three people in charge of the event: Larry Harvey, who burned the first Man in 1986, and the **Cachophony Society** guys who brought it to the desert in 1990, John Law and Michael Mikel, aka Danger Ranger.

With serious injuries and a crackdown by the authorities that year, Burning Man would need rules and an infrastructure to continue. Law didn't want it to become that kind of event, and he clashed with Larry, eventually walking away while Danger Ranger stayed. They divided control of the Burning Man brand and trademark three ways, under an umbrella company called Paper Man LLC. Larry and Michael formed their own LLC to run the event, adding Larry's then-girlfriend Marian Goodell and burners Harley DuBois, Will Roger, and Crimson Rose to the Black Rock City LLC Board of Directors. These are the same six who are there today - leaders of the Borg.

Every year, the Borg paid Paper Man a licensing fee to use the Burning Man image, until 2006, when Larry tried to dissolve Paper Man, prompting Danger Ranger - who, despite his continuing role with the original Borg, had joined the dissident Borg2 rebellion the previous year – sued Larry and his Borgmates to protect his Paper Man

Law followed suit and eventually settled for a secret amount of cash while Michael dropped his and rejoined the team. But as Larry explained during a poignant speech in San Francisco in April, "It triggered a series of cascading events, and those began a rite of passage."

Larry told the story that evening in candid and confessional tones -

Then – and in the run-up to that point, while the LLC's finances are still largely secret – the six board members will get their payouts. How much they receive and how the organization and event will be governed are still matters to be determined by the Burning Man Project board, whose new members will serve initial terms of just one year. "They've turned Burning Man into a commodity." In my stories about this transition, I quoted longtime burner and Borg critic

Larry Harvey spoke in San Francisco at the Burning Man Project's official launch.

about how the Borg was torn apart by in-fighting after the Law settlement, as the six board members discussed what their severance packages and the event's future might look like. "It looked like the band was breaking up," Larry

How much is Burning Man worth?

Corporate appraisal experts were brought in to try to value the corporation and the Burning Man brand, and Larry talked about taking that worth and dividing it up by the six board members, rather than settling for the mere \$20,000 each that

departing board members **POLITICS** are now entitled to, which he scoffs at as ridiculously low. But the whole process drove him into a deep depression. "It was against everything we stood for, everything we had practiced," he said. "How could we sell our life's work like a commodity?"

Finally, the Borg arrived at a solution that many burners thought they should have started with back in 1996: turn the whole thing into a non-profit organization. And that's what the Borg has started to do, taking the initial step in early August by creating the Burning Man Project, a non-profit controlled by the six Borg members and 11 new members that they selected - a group with business and non-profit experience that they know well and have worked with before.

rounding the transition.

Larry, Marian, and

Harley all told me that the

plan is to turn control of the

Burning Man event over to

the new non-profit in about

three years - assuming that

the Burning Man Project

evolves to their liking -

Burning Man name and

trademarks three years

the LLC at that point.

and then to liquidate

their control of the

"Our goal is to bring the culture of Burning Man back to the world," Larry told a large group gathered at United Nations Plaza in San Francisco on August 5 for the project's official launch.

But there are lingering questions and troublesome issues sur-

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Experi-mental City in the Desert is Shaping the New American Counter-culture. He will be speaking at the Center Camp Stage on Sunday at 4

Scribe, aka Steven T.

Jones, is the author

Burning Man: How an

of The Tribes of

pm, as well as at the Clever Conversations and Ashram Galactica stages this week.

Chicken John, who criticized how the

Borg ignored the sweat equity of the

people who have contributed so much

as the idea that the Borg will literally

sell Burning Man to the Burning Man

take years to pass the torch over, and

Man for decades," Chicken told me.

"They've turned Burning Man into a

commodity. They're selling the event."

When I confronted the Borg mem-

bers with the criticism that they're pre-

scribing how this transition will take

place without taking any input from

the larger community or allowing

longtime burners to feel invested in

this decision, they initially bristled at

what they perceived as an attack, but

then came around to saying they will

with the community," Marian said,

for all of that. We are in the nascent

stage. There's so much time for com-

process will begin right here, on playa,

with daily appearances by Burning

Man Project board members from 1-

2:30 on Everywhere Lane just off the

transition, ideas for future governance

structures, thoughts on the current

plan of allowing Black Rock City to

grow up to 70,000 citizens within five

years, fundraising ideas, or off-playa

pursue, stop by and let them know.

TRIBES

BURNING MAN

How you will get hurt at Burning Man

Spending a few nights in the desert with 50,000 people can have its consequences, and we want everyone to be safe.

This is a look at the 2007-2009 injury reports, so you know what to plan for. Try not to get flown out by helicopter.

st Other includes: lacerations requiring sutures, allergies, insect bites, burns, and urinary track infections.

st Legal 2000: Determining whether there is a danger to self or to others as a result of mental illness

2008

Substance Cases: 46

Mental Health Calls: 43

Total Patients: Undisclosed

projects that you'd like to see them

So, if you have any thoughts on this

circle around Center Camp.

munity input." And they say that

while Harley added, "There's still time

"We're going to have a conversation

welcome input.

they're saying this to a room full of peo-

ple who have been involved in Burning

"What they're saying is it's going to

to Burning Man over the years, as well

30 Types of Burners ICKPOO, & JONAHHAAS

very person is a snowflake: perfect and unmatched. The human tapestry is infinitely rich and varied, and no categorizations can possibly do it justice. This is true everywhere, but on the playa, our peerlessness is even more eminent. Out here, we truly become ourselves, and who we are

defies all attempts at generalization... Just kidding! You're nothing special. Here's a list of 30 of the most common types of burners. Because labeling isn't just unfair... it's fun too!

The Acquisitor Measures how much fun he's having by how much stupid crap he can stuff into his pockets. Warning: He'll try to steal some key piece of decor from your bar. Also, he'll try to trade you a handful of painted bottle caps for a dose of E.

The Addict Swears this is her last year. Just like last year. And the year before that.

The Bad Couple Fights all the time. Fucks the rest of the time. One or both of them may try to

seduce you. It's not worth it. **The Barfly** Keeps people coming back, night after night. Always has a smoke, always willing to bartend when you get too wasted or lucky, always drunk enough to find everyone fascinating. Will dance to any music, laugh at any joke, applaud any ridiculous novelty act. Will probably sleep on the couch, even if their tent is ten feet away. The heartbeat of your playa bar.

The Burnier-Than-Thou Similar to the Jaded Old-School Burner, except this is his third year. Don't try to tell him awesome stories of your adventures - he's seen it before, and anyway you did it wrong

The Camp Bitch Washes dishes extremely loudly. Would have been happier staving at a nice hotel in Reno but then she wouldn't have lazy filthy campmates to complain about! (You have one of these in your camp. If you think you don't, it's probably you.)

The Center-Camper By the end of the week, she's spent more money on icedcoffee drinks than you spent on gas.

The Creepy Date-Rapist Has plenty

The Cruise Director Has read the guide. Knows what day it is. Eats a spectacular meal in a different place every night. Easy to spot because of the addresses written all over her arms. If you need to go to bed early tonight, spend the day with her. By sunset you'll be exhausted ... and maybe a bit depressed.

Eye Injuries 7.3%

Dehydration 10.1%

Burning Man

Infographic: A collaboration

The Death-Guilder Hey, it's not their fault that you suck.

The Engineer On the up side, does the important work and keeps your camp functioning. On the down side, doesn't let you forget that he does the important work and keeps your camp functioning. As temperamental as your sound system. Try to get him laid. The **Girl Engineer** is immeasurably more awesome. Also, doesn't need your help to get laid.

The First-Timer-Whose-Mind-Is-Completely-Fucking-Blown-the

Whole-Time Depending on your point of view, either deeply inspiring, or more annoying than the Burnier-Than-Thou. Will take too many drugs and have at least one nervous breakdown.

The Fish-To-Water It's her first year, but she wears the playa like Jessica Rabbit wears an evening gown. Selfdeprecating and fearless, she makes even the Jaded Old-Schooler smile. She is your camp's ambassador.

STEREOTYPES

The Font of Swag Exact opposite of the

Acquisitor. Each morning he'll fill his bag with homemade junk, and won't return to camp until he hasn't a single poorly-glued-together paper clip sculpture of the Man left.

The Hippy Often unfairly disparaged. Other times, disparaged with perfect justification. Can hear reggae music from all the way across the city.

The Jaded Old-Schooler Never shuts up about how much Burning Man sucks now... but still comes! You won't see him much, though, because he never leaves his camp.

The New-Age Pussy Hound Can be any age, but usually 35+. Often has a Eurotrash accent, no matter where he's from. Lures women into his orbit by several means, often involving a Punani Trimming Camp, Shower Camp (ladies only please!), or other "Goddess Services". Tells you that you have an old soul. Always ready with a shoulder- or g-spot-massage to release your inner Goddess.

The Nudist Walks into your camp while you're eating breakfast and stands right behind your chair. Don't turn your head too quickly.

The Overly-Spiritual Burner Never laughs at your jokes. Thinks Burning Man should be like Easter Mass: solemn and incomprehensible. Just drop her off at the Temple while you hop a Pikachu golf cart to the upsidedown-on-a-pole-in-a-wet-t-shirt drinking contest at Pinky's.

The Overprepared Neighbor Forgot your can opener, staple gun, or

crowbar? Here you go! No, you can keep it. She brought twenty.

The-Person-Who's-Having-Way-More-Fun-Than-He-Seems-**To-Be** Often the oldest



had a hard life. You didn't catch his at the end of the bar the whole time, drinking from a flask. But when you catch his eye, he gives you the biggest

The Perv All his clothing is shiny and/or crotchless. Brought a "bag of tricks." For most of the week, you don't know where he is. That's because he's next door, having earth-shaking sex with your dumpy middle-aged neighbors. If he invites you to a party he

The Raver Wakes up at sunset.

The Seagull Didn't bring water. Didn't bring food. Didn't bring cigarettes. Didn't bring a tent. Brought half an eighth of mushrooms and ate them on Monday. You'll find him asleep in vour tent if vou're not careful. You'll catch him rooting around in your cool-

thought that boring old Doug from work can sing like Barry White and do beer-bongs like Bender?

The Weekend Warrior Arrives on Friday in an RV that's more luxurious than your apartment. Doesn't want to meet you. Doesn't pack out his trash.

Rides his bike into things. Wanders around with a bong. Invites thieves over. Gets hurt. Can always get his hands on a megaphone.

The Yahoo Picks fights. Says woo.

perfect soulmate. You'll spend the most wonderful night of your life with this person. Then you'll find out they're



who wouldn't necessarily have the time, energy, or know-how to provide themselves with the kind of accommodations or experience that I do. explains Mr. Redundant (not his real playa name), a 14-year Burning Man veteran who has been providing this sort of VIP playa service for his clients for five years. "I basically escort people to Burning Man, and I make it very easy for

A former Bay Area resident who

his high-paying clients. "It's a lot of entertainment industry people - Hollywood studio moguls and Broadway producers," says Mr. Redundant. "Some of them are TED Conference people - both those who

Giving VIPs "the works"

profile clients is extensive. For starters, there are three tiers of RVs to choose from the "Britney Spears tour bus" type (\$10,000) to more modest RVs (\$3,000), each with daily water and sewage drainage, electrical power, and fully-stocked with his clients' favorite beverages and "party favors." He and his staff also provide a large, air-condi tioned lounge dome with a dining area, where a chef serves gourmet meals everyday, taking his clients' dietary restrictions and favorite foods into consideration. Everyone gets a bike which they are free to decorate however they wish, and they even provide a few art cars. And of course, transportation to and from Black Rock City is provided either via shuttle bus or private jet.

Redundant. "My staff are all seasoned festival workers - the kind of people I want around me, who I want to see interacting and mingling with these kinds of guests. Everybody gets paid. As a producer. I'm not making a mint. There's not greed happening here."

Fuck-you-money

When asked how much his clients pay for this sort of package, he stated, Tm not at liberty to put an actual number on it." But he went on to say that the average price isn't for "wealthy people." It's for what he calls the "fuck you-money" people - those who are extremely wealthy. "I used to laughingly call some of these people trustafarians trust fund babies. But some of them are "old money" - philanthropists who are doing charitable things

all around the world, that are doing things to create a ripple effect of pro-

found change and consciousness." And that's part of the reason why Mr. Redundant started hosting a VIP camp in Black Rock City. "I've been going to Burning Man for 14 years," he says. "I've busted my ass building theme camps, building the Temple, doing DPW. I've gone through the gamut and in 2007, I had the epiphany of 'Fuck this shit, I might as well get paid for it.' I'm building my social currency."

He goes on to explain: "Let's say I have the CEO of Coca-Cola or Disney come out and I get to know these people; know where their bliss is, and how they like to be of service to the world. And I put them in situations where they have rampant enlightenment. Burning Man is the kind of place that does that. It changes people. They have epiphanies about generosity and 'gifting.' And they take those experiences back into their workplace and into the Default World, where it affects thousands of their employees or customers. That's the core competency of my intention here."

Despite the creature comforts that Mr. Redundancy's staff provides, they also help facilitate interactivity with the greater Black Rock City community.

blamestorming burners blaming everyone except themselves for their

mistakes. **blissquitos** glittery swarms of fairy-

winged girls on E, dressed in furry leggings and hot pants, who swarm to large bass-thumping sound camps like plagues

BLM parking the rows of BLM officers sitting outside popular theme camps.

burnerpreneur someone who creates a business catering to burner culture. customer a pejorative used by BRC LLC staff to describe a participant who is

actually a spectator. dreaming of Bianca's that glazed look that old-timers get when remem-

bering their better days on the playa. exodus coma burners who fall asleep in their cars waiting for the next

fraggle a hippie girl with no pubes

getting Addissed someone burn-

ing your art prematurely because they think it's lame.

goblin that lone nervous masturbator type that won't go away until someone

tries to identify other burner vehicles the dust coating on the way home takes away some of the challenge.

"it's not the end of the playa" BRC slang for "get over it."

Meltdown Thursday when sleep deprivation takes it's toll and your entire camp breaks down into tears over trifles.

monogamish being in a monogamous relationship that allows messing around, but only while on the playa.

playa pepper that coating of playa

dust on all of your food. playatitus the ailment you have

when you call in sick to work next week. polytard anyone who over-intellectu-

radical self-entitlement assuming that Burning Man is a socialist experiment and that you can help yourself to anything in any camp.

shower flower someone who joins your camp for the sole purpose of creating excessive amounts of gray water. You might see them in the kitchen from time

sparkle pony a young, hot burner who doesn't set up camp, never cooks a meal, doesn't bring gifts, doesn't bring their own drugs, barely brings their own water ... but will dance in their underwear in front of your camp because you

"the playa provides" stupid quote coined by some lazy-ass sparkle pony trying to romantically justify their pitiful lack of preparation.

whiteout psychic the one person in your camp who can accurately guess how long the dust storm will last.

Dusty Lucre, Lenny+Claudia, Morgazm, ShutterSlut, Souleye

leave before the Temple burn. "That, to me, is the most intimate and personal and beautiful experience of the week."

The solution, not the problem And that's what makes Mr.

solution, not the problem. "It's about time somebody did it right and hosted peo ple with an authentic intention of giving them the experience of Burning Man the way it used to be. When I put these change-agents of the world together and have them intermingle with my crew of artists, amazing things happen It's a think tank!" When asked what he would say to

his detractors who might think it's sacrilege to not have the concept of radical self-reliance play a part in his clients' playa experience, Mr. Redundant said, 'Don't hate the playa, hate the game! Let's face it: these kinds of camps have been at Burning Man for years. Look at First Camp for instance. Black Rock City LLC has its own camp that they use as social currency to host VIPs. And how many theme camps have ten core people who bust their ass to make their camp happen while hundreds of other people in their camp don't do shit except pay a "camp fee." These things create spectators, not participants. That's bullshit. As far as I'm concerned, what I'm doing is the same formula, just a different equation." BRC

JUMBLE ANSWERS • CRACK • FERRETS (Burners act like "ferrets on crack," according to some) • BACON VAG (I know, insane) • TWEEKING • Answer: The latest trend in Black Rock City is a great example of "high" fashion: VEST-COCKING

Five more playa Principles

DONKEY PUNCHER

t's said that city life makes you more aggressive. Sadly, Black Rock City is no exception.

Even though I've made some wonderful friends here and had my share of breathtaking moments and wacky adventures, I've also encountered a memorable assortment of assholes. Their offenses range from the Burnier Than-Thou who can't wait to preach Radical Self-Reliance if you so much as ask directions, to the

social leeches with neither gifts nor charm to contribute. Don't get me wrong: I love Burning Man and the people that make it special. But maybe we should all re-evaluate the way we've been going about this thing.

1. Give the 'No Spectators' shit a rest

Sure, tourists with cameras can be annoying but ease off! We should recognize that some people are CREAT-ING ART and think before we open our 10 Principle-quoting pieholes.

"Participation" is a broad term. Just because some uncostumed Joe Schmo is standing around quietly does not mean you should declare him a

preacher calling out the town whore. and may be taking it all in. Burning the middle of the street. Which leads us to the next topic...

2. Over-Participation & **Radical Self-Entitlement**

your better judgment and

Also, how about we start asking before hosing down random strangers with water

3. Naked people etiquette

but how about a little consideration? tv etiquette that's already been estabon that zip-line seat now that you've

Respect that some participants are shy Man is a flash flood of stimulation. Not everyone feels like doing a silly dance, singing at the top of their lungs or samoling your goddamn potato chips in

It's easy to take the whole commu-

nity/gifting/participation concept too far. Especially when you're on the consuming end. Exercise manners before inviting yourself into someone else's camp, bar, game, art car, conversation, private area, or exposed

We know BRC is clothing-optional, I'm pretty sure there's some basic nudilished somewhere. No one wants to sit rubbed your unprotected taint against

maybe there's no written rule that savs vou can't walk around with an exposed hardon, but you're still a scumbag in all of our

4. Radical Self-Importance / Radical Self-Indulgence

Nearly every one of us is guilty of this one. We enter desert survival mode. We don our decade-old raver gear and drop our respective party supplements. The "id" just takes over. We believe we are the reinvented embodiment of cool and we don't care what we trample or who we disturb. I recommend reserving one day for Radical Self-Assessment. (Maybe at the True Mirror Palace with all their harsh reali-

ty-showing mirrors.)

5. Radical Inclusion (?) "Tickets are sold out!? How can this be!?" Last year, at the first In-N-Out Burger on the way back to civilization, there was a young dude who said he wanted to tell every living soul about the event so "Burning Man could change the world." I was exhausted but

"Big-name DJs" didn't get tickets? So what same. Better yet, walk into Space who normally camps with you Cowboys, Brass Tax, Opulent Temple, AutoSub. Pink Mammoth, or Fandango and shout "Is there a DJ in the house?" You'll doubtless be knocked

his face. This is

long run.

a fragile experiment

that we all enjoy and it's

based on limited resources

Yeah, it's too late to encourage

some sort of "Don't talk about Fight

Club" code of silence. Hell, it's hard to

not rant and rave! But maybe everyone

actively telling everyone that they must

Remember that uncostumed Joe

Schmo? Standing around all shy? Strike

change instead of chasing the cool peo-

go hasn't exactly benefited us in the

up a conversation with him for a

that would entertain you till the next motorized couch cruised by to take you to a new destination.

You know whose failure to get a ticket would be a serious problem? That guy who agreed to drive your camp's box truck to the playa; the gal with the portable welding kit who

promised to do on-site fixes; the doctor guys; the dude who runs your radio station that has two kids and no money so has to wait till the last minute every year. Their absence would have a measurably negative impact on your immediate experience. And I expect that they all know how to DJ as well.

ing just because your favorite DJ from last year's Coachella didn't make it out tions? Burning Man will always be different than you expect it to be. It's even possible that the person standing behind you in the porta-potty line may have the skills to blow your mind on

the dance floor ... and this year, you

might actually get to hear her play. BRC

radical self-reliance?

ple?" You're probably assuming the tunists are who so brazenly provide 'radical self-reliance?"

"This is very much for a certain tax

VIP in BRC continued from cover

shade structure, three meals a day, bikes, DJ sound system, use of an art car for a day, and "thousands of gifts to give to your fellow burners". All this, for the asking price of \$95,000. Ever since Green Tortoise first

the late '90s, packaged Burning Man "adventure tours" have become not only more prevalent – some estimate there are about 150 on the playa this year - but more upscale as well. . However, if the above seems extravagant, then compare it to a more modest package, offered by El Monte RV for several years now, who deliver your RV to the playa for you, stocked with two bikes and whatever food and beverages you've ordered. No other "package tour" amenities - but it's also only

started coming out to the playa back in

around \$11,000 per RV. Whatever happened to You might be asking yourself, incredulously, "Who ARE these peopeople who buy into this sort of thing to be rich douchebags. But you also might be wondering who these opporthese services? Whatever happened to

COVER STORY

The service he provides his high-

this shit costs money!" says Mr.

And none of this comes cheap. "All



grin you've ever seen.

heard about, for god's sake go.

Measures fun in decibels. Runs out of

er no matter how careful you are. **The Shell-Breaker** Who would have

top, fake dreads, goggles perched on head. Subsists on cigarettes and E. No camp is complete without one. They're like furniture you might get to fuck.

The Wrecking Ball Spills drinks.

person in the camp. Has

between Good and Hyperakt Typography by BRC Weekly now lives in LA, Mr. Redundant is a longtime producer who has worked with several film, television, and theatrical production companies, includ ing Cirque du Soleil. He agreed to speak to the BRC Weekly under the guise of anonymity, to protect not just himself, but also the identity of



The Sparkle Pony Furry leggings, sparkly hot-pants, furry vest or bikini

Knocks over barstools. Falls off tables.

Your Dream Girl/Guy/Other Your

bracket of people

work there or speak at it."

savs something **I playa spy** travel game where one

MIP matter in place – when that item you lost in camp that you've been hunting for is exactly where you left it.

increasing hoops and lines in order to get a DMV permit.

mutant vehicle tango the ever-

alizes being a slut.

to time, too.

know, that's their gift!

Tickepocalypse the insanity following the early sell-out of tickets.

Contributors: Andy Wing, Delechaux, Penfold, Rock Shanty, Sailor Boy,

"My bottom line is that we make participants, not spectators," he says. "Sure, they have their RV and their 4star meals - but there are definitely areas where they're giving back." For example, he finds volunteer roles for each of them, such as being a Lamplighter or Temple Guardian. And to be sure everyone understands the full experience, no one is allowed to

Redundant feel like he's part of the

by NETZARD ust when thought the whole "Ticket Sellout Debacle of 2011" couldn't get any weirder, it came out via various online media that

some "big-name DJs" failed to purchase tickets before Burning Man sold out. I shed no tears at this news; I confess that I actually laughed out loud. What are "big-name DJs" to the citizens of Black Rock City? One of a myriad of tempting entertainment pos-

sibilities on the playa, that's what. What

are the citizens of Black Rock City to

these DJs? A 100% deductible promo-

promises exposure to thousands of

tional outreach opportunity that



didn't make Burning Man enough of a priority in

Man medallion you got yesterday and

swing it above your head like a lariat,

and let go. I'll bet you one full price

Burning Man 2012 ticket that you will

hit a DJ. Repeat this experiment at the

Trojan Horse, Rites of Pezzage, or the

tained burners from all over the world. The fact is. they need us, but we don't need So a handful of "big-name DJs"

the fuck cares? It's not like we suffer

from a shortage of DJs in this town. Next time vou're in the Center Camp Café, take that fimo Burning

down in the ensuing scrum. Do you see where I am going with this? DJs are not at a premium at **Burning Man**; we are not going to run out of them any time soon. Perhaps one out of four people you see at any given moment on the playa could bust out an iPod playlist

to the playa. Why have expecta-

So don't fret that Burning Man won't be the kaleidoscope of candy-colored fun you were expect-