**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 1999: BLACK ROCK CITY POPULATION: 21,320**

**EDITORIAL NOTE**

Starting today and going through the end of the event, the compendium is accepting donations of extra food to feed the more than the hundred-person clean-up crew who will be clearing the playa all through September. Foods left for consumption should not be spoiled, bruised or open unless they are dried, sun-dried or cili. Bring to Xena at the big white commissary tent, 6:00 + Mars at the base of Moon Circle.

**IMPULSIVE POETRY AND MAKIKU BY BRIN**

Burning Man inspires many and leaves others speechless. The play is full of poetry.

*A sapphire in our time A drop of the prime A sign of the times — Morgan, Viking Camp I hate it when human beings inhabit the desert Because the space is too Sacred. But if we’re going to do it, This is the way to Do it. — Holly

**FIRE ON MARS!**

Think Fire. Think Mars.
130: Flirty Camp. Fire Jungle.
415: Heather’s Flaming Mohawk Helmet.
500: Hollostat for checking Sun Spots.
500: Smoke Bomb at Barber Table.
520: Dog Camp. Hearthum.
Spicy Scallop Quesadillas
530: Lava Rock Dance Party 4pm.
645: Fire Fire Zone. Water Soaking NRA.
630: Bottled Zen Rave on the Playa.
730: Poop Camp! Poop Burns after the Man.
745: Chump Camp. Devon eats Fire.
8:00: Burn Your Cash. Sunday 3pm.
830: Stoner Camp. Burners line up.

**HOCKEY ON THE PLAYA!**

With its Desert Hockey tournament, Team Canada is helping to expand the mime on Burning Man Sports. The 10-member team has been descending nightly upon their funked-up mini-collar out in the desert to hone their skills at this new sport. This is Team Canada’s first Burning Man, and already they have garnered attention from The National Post and Saturday Night, two leading Canadian publications. Find the team at Huculcamp [415 and East 1] under the moon tonight with Team Canada challenging the winners of Friday’s playoffs. The championship game is played one hour after the Man burns.

**CORRECTION**

The byline for the story on Pete Dezin’s opera was not included in yesterday’s edition. The story was written by Innate, ace reporter for the Black Rock Gazette. We regret the omission.

**MAN FAILS AT FLYING ATTEMPT**

Around 3:30 on Friday afternoon a male, name not disclosed, did what some witnesses described as a swim dive from a thirty-foot tower at the Temple of Mez. The accident occurred on the corner of Earth and 4:15. The Regional Emergency Medical Services Authority (REMSA), in conjunction with the Black Rock City Rangers and the Washoe County Sheriff, responded quickly, transporting the individual to Washington Medical Center in Reno.

“I overheard a girl who seemed to be his girlfriend say that he was talking about jumping but they thought he was kidding,” said Lou Parker, a member of the Church of Mez. Shortly after the mishap, two unidentified individuals ran into the medical tent requesting help. This was immediately followed by a call from the Rangers, summoned by members of the Church of Mez. At the scene, the REMSA medics conferred via radio with REMSA’s on duty physician, Dr. Jim Allen, who decided that the injury warranted immediate evacuation. The tower stands behind the Temple of Mez, and can be seen illuminated at night with strings of blue lights. At thirty feet, the tower is one of the taller structures in the city.

“People are not supposed to be at the top level – there’s no guard rail and only two sections of wood [supporting] a kinetic sculpture. It’s very dangerous,” explained Parker. “People [from our camp] were going up there to get him down.”

Although the extent of the man’s injuries will not be known until later Saturday, Becky, an EMT-2 with REMSA, noted that the individual would not have been evacuated if severe head or spinal injury were not suspected. witness say they saw him moving his legs, breathing, and smoking anything I can get my hands on to spend the last day or two at Burning Man drinking beer from the press room and find a group of freaks open for anything – without editing. }

**NOT BOMBS BOMB THREATENS BURNING MAN**

By: Jossik Rappman

At 11:33 a.m. Friday, a renegade bomb exploded at 6:15 and Neptune, leaving a scar in the playa two and a half feet wide by three feet deep. Local authorities have declared the area a crime scene. “A bomb, exploded without the knowledge and awareness of anyone else around is criminal,” said Big Bear, Director of the Black Rock Rangers. The device, possibly a volatile propane bomb, exploded with a cloud of black smoke that billowed into a perfectly dark mushroom forming an undulating ring.

Friday morning’s explosion, despite its beauty, cannot be classified with the other pyrotechnical act of the event. This “was a serious, large and lethal device” said Big Bear. It could be qualified as a terrorist act. It could threaten the future of the event.

Cooperating law enforcement agencies – the Bureau of Land Management, Washoe County sheriffs, Pershing County sheriffs, and others – are working with us to find out who did it.” Burning Man organizers are joining with Washoe County to post a $500 secret-witness reward to any individual who can provide information that will lead to the apprehension of the culprit.

Any information may be reported in confidence at the Ranger Station, 6 o’clock, Center Camp. Ask for any senior Black Rock Ranger staff, or you may speak to any of the law enforcement agencies mentioned above.

**HELM-CUM TO THE BURN EDITION!!!**

Long time ago on a planet far, far out there was a thing called Burning Man. The year was 2010, right after Bman had gone commercial. The Disney conglomerate bought the rights and started _Black Rock Jazelle_ , “the finest place on earth.”

The idea was to clean up the image of this freaky event and make it palatable to general audiences, especially young, impressionable lots. First came the now famous “NO FIRE—SPECTATORS ONLY” rule. Even The Man himself had become flame-free, with digitally produced images of fire streaming hourly from the top of his head and his extremities, followed by a safe- and-sane fireworks show.

Right after The Man “burned,” spectators could present their “E” tickets to witness the continued on page 2
The Bubble Fountain: Prayer: Is the POP
By Raoul Nodera

If you think the art of Burning Man is all about pyrotechnics and welding, you need to speak to Janice Riehle, a native of Black Rock City, a member of the Shoshone Nation, and a member of the Black Rock City Council. Janice and her partner, Tom Lohmeyer, have been involved in the planning and execution of the Black Rock City Prayer Fountain since the very beginning. The water fountain, located in the heart of the city, is a symbol of peace and unity for all who visit the playa. Janice believes that the fountain is a powerful tool for bringing people together, regardless of their backgrounds or beliefs. She says, “The fountain is a place where people can come together and be reminded of the power of prayer and the importance of unity.” Today, Janice is joined by Tom Lohmeyer, who shares his thoughts on the significance of this iconic piece of art. Tom says, “The fountain is a reminder of our connection to the earth and to each other.” The fountain is a symbol of hope and a reminder of the power of prayer, and it is something that Janice and Tom are proud to be a part of. They hope that it will continue to bring people together for years to come. **Bernie’s Index**

Population of Burning Rock City at its zenith in 1998: 10,000

“Xceptional practices in Black Rock City: Xenophagy (the eating of dry food) Non-X edible behavior in Black Rock City: Xenobesity (the fear of loathing of strangers)

Only Chief Assistant Public Defender serving to have passed the California bar without attending Law school by his newfound passion. "It was like being rock star," said he. "It was very much like a tangastic orgasm."

If you’d like a quick spin around the City, bartering just might work. One pilot, Roger, is offering rides in his rented plane and is asking a $20 fee to cover his gas and rental strip. Another pilot, Rodney, posted a message on the airport bulletin board offering topless women a free tour before 10 a.m.

**The Playa Gourmet**

Canned soup, ramen noodles, macaroni and cheese, MREs. For free! If you'd like to continue the tradition of giving away free ice cream to the citizens of Black Rock City at Burning Man 2000, please call Mike at 415-552-8702, or e-mail mikew@hyperreal.org.

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