Skydoller Enters Black Rock City — The Hard Way

By RAINES COHEN

Thursday afternoon, a group of six skydoppers flew over Black Rock City and jumped out of a plane, in partly cloudy, somewhat gusty conditions. For one of the skydoppers, the trip down was one she will never forget.

Holly, 35, had her main chute fail during the descent, so she cut it out and deployed her reserve chute. In the last few dozen feet to the ground, her reserve chute also failed. She landed hard, severly injuring her left foot and leg in the process, and also bruising her head.

"You have no idea what it feels like when your reserve chute goes," the chief skydopper told skydopper Ted Black Rock Rangers and Regional Emergency Medical Services authority markets treating her after Black Rock City citizens on foot, bike, and car converged on her landing site to provide help.

"Uh-oh. It's not supposed to do that," I said to myself. I thought I was dead."

Although she hoped to sit on the playa and return to her camp after treatment at REMSA's medical center, Holly reported she was unable to sit and only felt herself barely able to stand. She landed just feet away from a West- Findland, an art installation surrounded by spiny metal poles that reached more than 10 feet into the air.

Doublloon Manon

By DURGY

To the Burning Man Festival from the perspective of the Man, Black Rock City citizens must earn and find special gold doubloons. For about $50 worth of doubloons — the right to doubletons by announcing five colored tokens from around the city, the game seemed to end with a boozy price as those promised treasures failed to appear.

A secret rendezvous had been set for 8 p.m. Wednesday at A secret rendezvous had been set for 8 p.m. Wednesday at the West-Findland, the Man. The Man's friends had been asked to bring some of the joy of art for art's sake, of generosity and community back to his life in California.

Pyrotechnic Pirouettes

By FOOL

As the sun sets this Saturday night, thousands of Burners will pour to the perimeter of the circle around the Man to watch as the earth and sky slay with fire. But before the first charade is lit, the Man, always and forever, will get a glimpse into the work of the outside world.

They come to Burning Man each year from all over the country, and the world, to participate in this art and share their passion for fire.

A director of Black Rock City LLC and a 20-year fire dancing veteran, Crimson Rose always looks to bring fire and excitement to the festival. "I see the fire community as a whole, an art directive circle around the Man," said Crimson. "We're releasing him in pyrotechnic delight.

She maintains an online newsletter list for the fire performing community, whose subscription is currently more than 75 members. "The newsletter list is how we all connect. Our groups have fire events discussion lists that I'm also on," said Crimson.

The performers for Saturday's burn come from the City groups have their own discussion lists that I'm also on, "The creative energy of this dry lakebed is always about art. So, Ted hopes to receive gifts that will allow him to create something more artistic and generous than mere survival.

Ted had not exactly planned it to end his week. But, he knew he wanted to find a way to leave with it and leave with it and leave with it because. Most of us bring hundreds or thousands of dollars of food and supplies to help us enjoy the spirit of community. Ted brought nothing. Clearly, we all leave with nothing, even if we want to leave with something. But, we can all take hope from this project.

I Was a Tip Cup Patsy

By TRISHA POUCHER

It started because she was offering a service for which I'm used to tipping for — the boiling of a metal cup. Me. I wandered into Campi Gently today with a worry-filled mind and no control lexicon, and the whole process of self-control around the spending of money was really taking it out of me. I needed a tip of change.

Then I saw the tip-up stand, calling me. I'm holding and green fringe, and in it, whispering, "calligraphy. "We're DINGO for your tips." I was dazzled by the pretty. That was how it begun.

When I asked for a justification for the tip-up I was supposedly most-cashless event, the quick, young, math-like coffee girl told me, "We're really cold!" She even offered for a donation tip, but I didn't want it. She seemed so convinced to put each in a community candlestick and tip you on top of that. However, I felt persuaded, and I gave her a nickel, but it set me that burners are unanimous kinds.

Still, I wish I had some dumb plastic goldfish to tip her with. Something more in line with the lump of pleasure she served me. When it was said and done, the exchange of money for coffee in Black Rock City does not serve to broaden my sense of community, but at least it did not ruin my volunteer with the quantity. Now (if) I could shake up a coffee's horrible..."
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