## **Playa Lingo:** the lexicon of Black **Rock City**

The act of having to reach into a porta-potty toilet in order to retrieve something that you accidentally dropped in, such as a flashlight or a coke vial.

darkwad a stupid Burner who doesn't wear any illumination of any sort at night. Don't be a darkwad!

desert freak general term used to describe oneself and fellow Burning Man participants.

reference to a tampon in Burning womyn lingo

frat boy a particularly odious form of yahoo. Usually seen sitting in a folding chair on top of an RV, swilling beer, and yelling 'Show us your tits!' to every passing woman. May or may not be an actual member of a

sobriquet used by Gigsville Burners to describe them-

Greek fraternity.

participectator One who participates as a spectator, as in: "I don't spin fire and my art car wasn't cool enough to get approved, so it looks like I'm gonna be a participectator at Burning Man this

playa burnout the need to sit out a Burning Man because you've totally blitzed yourself emotionally and physically after several consecutive trips to the playa.

playa droppings clumps and pieces of playa found on the highway leaving Black Rock City.

production deadline Piss Clear slang for "getting busy." (in itself a slang term, but, whatever)

specticipating The act of participating by being a spectator.

tossing a camp BLM lingo for the Feds raiding a camp for illegal search and seizure, in order to look for drugs woo coordinator

The person in your group who gets everyone fired up by yelling, "Woo!" - compiled by Adrian

Roberts, Bryan Finch, Gigi D, Penfold, and Slim

#### **Best things** to get gifted Alien Love Nest pendants

bottle of water bundle of dried sage cigarette butt containers (aka a decorated Altoids tin or a 35mm film canis-

a condom with your name cool light-up blinky toys

Costco-sized bottle of Ketel

DJ-burned CD DMV license drugs free ticket for next year

fresh fruit full body massage Gigsville cards

Freezing Man coupons

head from a hottie (especially if he/she is carrying their most recent STD Larry Harvey blow-up doll

laughing gas a Polaroid pic in one of your best outfits

private plane ride over Black Rock City, with

shower socks a spritz of water vintage STP stickers a tab of really good E that one accessory that brings your whole "look"

a ride home

- list compiled by Adrian Roberts, Erica Candy Cane, Lenny Jones, Orange Peel Moses,

## Safer **Sex Camp**

All your playa safer sex needs! Get your free, notfor-barter Safer Sex Kit at Safer Sex Camp, located in Opera Camp of the Spiral Eye, at Esplanade at 3:30. Distributors wanted – all orientations!

# Media Mecca's main man manages marvelously by ADRIAN ROBERTS

RonJon!

questions

JG: The contracts require videographers

to submit films for review before their

first public showing. We're primarily

looking for two things — illegal activity and **nudity**. The **first** is just common

sense. We feel strongly about protecting

participants' privacy. If a nude partici-

pant is identifiable, we'll probably ask the videographer to **Show** us a model

release or we won't allow the shot to be

doesn't appear to know that he or she is

being filmed. I'll watch to see whether

other basic facts, but that's about it.

PC: Why are there still so many media

outlets out here covering the event? I

mean, hasn't everything that can possi-

bly be written about Burning Man

JG: Most U.S. papers run the

Natural. The film documen-

taries cover everything from

one on a wheelchair-bound

fire spinner to two Italian

guys dressed in plucked

Chicken costumes travel-

PC: Come on, let's face it,

the past few years, hasn't it?

JG: We're actually seeing

increasing interest from European

media, particularly U.K., French, German and Danish outlets. Half of

Amsterdam must come to Burning Man.

a person has attended. First timers have

epiphanies. Second and third year.

it's about getting heavily involved in

Wondering why you do it. This is my

a project. And then burning out and

ninth year. What I find interesting is

looking at where the event goes from

here, now that Burners are taking the

vibe back home and building com-

JG: I've heard three pitches for reality

and see how they COPE with tempta-

Nantucket Nectars wanted to helicopter

in 10,000 bottles of juice to give away.

Rob Halford wanted to shoot a music video: "Freaks dancing around a

tion. It will be intelligent, yet Sexy.

shows: "We want to bring in six couples

munities that continue year 'round.

PC: What's the Weirdest media

request you guys have gotten?

I think the "story" changes the longer

Burning Man has pretty

ing across Europe and the

U.S. to the event.

Associated Press wire service stories.

Some regional papers send reporters and we try to hook them up with

Burners from their area. We get eso-

teric pubs like Trailer Life and Nude &

already been done?

used, particularly if the person

they get the population correct and

There are few things in Black Rock City the Piss Clear staff likes better than the daily Media Mecca cocktail parties. We media-types are an awfully **MYOPIC** bunch, thriving on insider elitism, insular back-patting, and Selfcongratulatory kudos. In other words, we love SChmoozing with each other, second only to our love of good COCKtails, which flow liberally each afternoon at the Media Mecca.

Seeing as that we're practically in Media Mecca's backyard, we decided to have a little Sit-down with Jim Graham, aka RonJon, the head of media operations for Burning Man. Not only is he a veritable wellspring of good, dishy stories, he's also the one in charge of dealing with all the various media outlets who come to Black Rock City.

PISS CLEAR: How long have you been coming to Burning Man?

JIM GRAHAM: Since '96. The last

stupid

cool year. **PC:** Why was it the last cool year?

**JG:** Oh, I just say that because it bugs

people. Larry and Marian, mostly. PC: About how Many media outlets are here this year?

JG: About 260. Burning Man defines "media" as "anyone who is shooting for any reason other than to show friends and family.

**PC:** How many do you think actually "get it," and how many are just totally

JG: In general, the more often they've been to the event, the more likely they "get it". Getting it, I think, takes time. A majority of outlets coming for the first time tend to focus on the party and music aspects.

PC: Who wanted to come out here this year but got rejected?

JG: We shot down several electronic music publications that wanted to cover the "music scene." Particularly in Europe, there's a perception that Burning Man is a big rave in the desert. America Online was turned down because they only wanted to write about Burners Who have AOL addresses. We denied several stock photo agencies. We turned down MTV Hungary and told a writer for Phillip Morris that we weren't **interested** in being featured in its magazine because we viewed the pub as thinly-veiled marketing collateral and didn't want to be associated with it.

PC: Obviously, you guys reject a lot of big corporate media outlets - but what about the small-time independent filmmaker or documentarian? Do you guys reject the little guy who wants to make yet another Burning Man documentary?

JG: Most of my personal favorites -Aqua Burn, Gifting It, Burning Man '94, and Black Rock Burning - were shot by one- or two-person crews. We get at least 30 proposals a year from people wanting to follow a newbie and **Chronicle** how he or she is changed by the event. It's been done to death. If the concept is good, we'll be as supportive as we can. There's even a Burning Man film festival dedicated to showing films shot at the event that's just starting to tour the regionals.

PC: Does every Burning Man documentary that gets made need to be "approved" by you guys **before** it can

by BRIAN PRIDHAM

Burning Man is moving away from its

increasing authoritarianism. The event

has often been described by participants

as proof that anarchist theory, princi-

7th largest city in Nevada can operate

on an anarchist foundation, then this is evidence supporting the **political** 

validity of anarchy as a social organiza-

This contention doesn't come without

fierce debate. Top BMorg administra-

tion officials claim that "it is a totally false notion that Burning Man

operates on the principles of anarchy."

To the contrary, "the Burning Man fes-

tival can only exist as the result of the Strict hierarchal Black Rock City

LLC ruling body that creates and man-

One side sees greater control as a

running smoothly and successfully. The

other side sees this same centralized

control as the downtall of the

tralized control argue that Burning

Man was run for **years**. In more

event. Forces opposed to greater cen-

Man's founder Larry Harvey is/was an

anarchist, which is the way Burning

recent times, as the event has grown,

Larry is seen less often. Some contend

the Stetson-wearing man we see now on

occasion is actually a double, a mere figurehead, under tight controls.

The **real** Larry Harvey was ousted in

an internal political struggle years ago,

and the victors of that battle continue to

run Burning Man as a **junta**, creating

ever more restrictions and consolidating

An alternate theory suggests that as

the event grew, Larry went mad with

ality that now has "changing the

to enforce Harvey's Will.

power, creating a cult of person-

world" as its Stated goal. No dissent

within the organization or event is toler-

ated, and the Black Rock Rangers are

being mobilized to act as a private army

more and More power.

good thing, which keeps the festival

ages the city's infrastructure."

tion that can be applied globally.

ples, and methods can be SUCCESS-fully applied and carried out. If the

anarchistic roots, toward ever

bonfire. Halford sings his song, all the while throwing pieces of a motorcycle into the fire. At the end of the song, his Harley rises from the flames!" We get a bunch of requests to shoot music videos and turn them all down.

Cisco's ad agency had an aerial shot of the city, and wanted to airbrush out the Man and replace it with a truck advertising one of Cisco's products. An L.A.-based product placement agent said we were the "perfect demographic" for several of his clients. I spent 30 minutes explaining that his Street team would probably get lynched if they handed out branded water from a big truck plastered with the company's logos.

PC: What was the most annoying media request you got? We want names!

JG: We get one or two high-maintenance crews each year. After MTV's behavior in '97 they'll probably never be allowed back.

PC: MTV was here? I never knew that!

JG: The CYEW wanted to give Burning Man the whole MTV treatment. Out at the hot springs, they were yelling at naked people to stay **OUT** of the shots. So of course, everyone got naked. It went downhill from there. We got so many complaints they haven't been allowed back.

We did have a couple of people from MTV lie to us three or four years ago. They had applied to shoot for MTV, we turned them down and they came OUt anyway and registered on site as "independent filmmakers." They took the footage back to MTV and were working in an editing suite when another employee who was a Burner walked by and recognized the footage. He called the org. The org called **Lightning** (BMORG's lawyer). He called MTV's lawyers and we heard the guys were literally marched out of the suite and into the legal depart-

ment. None of that footage ever aired. There are all **kinds** of stories like this. We keep this one pretty low-key. We don't use the lawyers too often, but will if we need to.

Is Cher in BRC? much been the same story for

PC: Okay, be honest, because we've heard rumors – is Cher really here this year?

JG: Someone starts a different Cher rumor every year. And they spread like wildfire One year I was gifted with a ticket to a Saturday night Cher concert at the base of the Man. The next year I was getting reports of Cher sightings at major art installations. Last year she funded an entire

theme camp, was holed up inside and never came out during the day.

PC: Anything else you'd like to add, or interesting Stories to tell?

JG: The Media Team also heads up trademark protection for Burning Man I've lost count of the times some one's told me Burning Man has "gone corporate" or called us fascists because we bust people for selling all manner of stuff - yurts, Italian charms, solar showfetish wear, raver blinky lights, Man ashes, you name it - on eBay and elsewhere. We do this because modified like every other Culture or trend that catches the attention of someone or some company wanting to make a **buck** in the name of "helping

Burners prepare for the event." We don't want Vending at Burning Man. It shouldn't come as a surprise that we don't want it coupled with our name off the playa either.

# **Damn those** meddling kids!

WHAT'S OUT WHAT'S IN

stars

dust

Aibos

2CB

fiber optics

drunkards

adult-oriented

blowtorches

playa hookin'

dreadlocks

for a joy ride

five years ago."

losing weight at

liquid nitro blasts

music on iPods

participation in making art playing dress-up, getting wasted

walking

stealing art cars

taking the Café tip jar

boonsa, boonsa, boonsa..

Jane Heaven, Lenny Jones, Sage Collins

turning your camp into a cafe

Steve Fritz, and Stickerguy Pete

rock 'n' roll

- list compiled by Bryan Finch, Erica Candy Cane,

Burning Man

"blow me, Dirt Clown!"

harassing DPW workers

hijacking a police truck

"It was much cheaper

setting the Man on fire

before the pre-show ends

corporate-sponsored theme camps

Crimson's vanity projects

"party like a rock star!"

cooling off in the Black Rock

Gazette's air conditioned trailers

spectating at the pre-Burn show

radical self-promotion

real fur

drinking until you piss clear drinking until you piss beer

marketing oneself

to fellow Burners

death by stupidity

Critical Dicks Cough & Squat

newbie fuckwits

belief systems

condemning vending

crabby old-school Burners

among participants

clear air

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fake fur

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'fuck off, Ranger!'

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free love

death by art car

by STORMY

As I gleefully opened up my copy of the Summer-Fall 2004 Burning Man Journal, I quickly noticed the lead story titled, "Kids!" There is a photo of a loving family — mommy, baby and daddy - naked except for a boa draped around the trio. I read the Same explanation (that I've read on several occasions now) of how Burning Man Started with kids and how debriefing sessions can make everything Junior sees all better. If it were only that easy.

The article explains Kidsville for those unfamiliar and also encourages families to camp between 4:30 and 5:30. They, of course, request that "adult-oriented theme camps" camp away from this area. I can accept those suggestions as reasonable. I know the origins behind this article, a very hotly-debated letter that Theme Camp Coordinator Harley DuBois sent out to the theme camps mailing list, with similar suggestions. The suggestions were in response to the concerns of local law enforcement. Their concern was that children would be exposed to **Obscenity** in Black Rock City. In the past, local law enforcement officers have had Jiffy Lube take down its central art piece, a sign with a picture of two naked

ment came in **response** to a parent complaint about the sign. Another work had to be moved that featured cut outs for breasts and genitalia. It seems any work of art at Burning Man could be subject to censorship. I also read in this article, "Kids!,"

men. Witnesses say that law enforce-

that the Burning Man organization is requesting that "all adult-oriented theme camps take responsibility for restricting the access of children to sexually explicit activity. These camps must employ doorkeepers, SOMEONE on duty to prevent minors from entering such environments." I was okay with the request until I read the word MUSt. Now I know that "employ" can Simply mean "use." However that word, for me, has the **connotation** of hiring someone for a job. Expecting certain people to stand Outside and play **bouncer** while others are celebrating seems a little unfair. Most adultoriented theme camps have the

common sense to use some

form of security to keep chaos from ensuing, but I would like the decision of how security is handled left to those camps.

It seems the original wording of the Harley letter has been changed from **SUGGESTED** to must. This is most likely due to the fact that this issue is directly addressed in the Burning Man permit for USE of land managed by the Bureau of Land Management. In the permit, it details a plan of how Burning Man LLC will set up kid-friendly zones and

# I'm done with this Burning Man thing!

by MISS GROSS, A 14-YEAR **OLD GIRL FROM KIDSVILLE** 

rning Man has been a part of my life Since I was eight. I am now 14. So for all you old folks with brain damage, that makes me a Six-year veteran of Burning Man. In my many years of coming to Black Rock City, I've had my share of "the good, the bad, and the ugly." Here's just a **feW** of them.

Everyone has a few good memories of Burning Man that will Stick with them forever. For the past four years, my dad and I have camped at Kidsville. Kidsville is the tightest location! Thanks to the Burning Man organization, this camp is located on prime playa real estate. It's close to Center Camp, and has IOtS of cool kids! Each year, a group of us "Kidsville Kids" go on patrol

to find trampolines. Once we find them, we bounce on them and rate the camps we find. Some camps are good, but others have weak, old, no-bounce trampolines. I think it reflects the **old farts** in the camps. I also enjoy all the art cars, theme camps, and art that

people Share with each other. It makes Black Rock City more tolerable. I really liked Draco the Dragon and the fact that Black Rock City has public buses. In 2000 and 2001, I helped with ice distribution at

CampArctica. Even though I had to work with Old people, it wasn't as bad as I feared - in fact, it was almost fun. I also got to Stay COOI in the freezer truck. In 1998 and 1999, we got to WOrk with the

Disgruntled Postal Workers. As a Disgruntled Postal Worker, we got to deliver mail, carry guns, dis the old folks, and be part of a verbally abusive group just like in the halls of my middle school! Some of the old farts were actually fun to be around. A woman named Marci tried to protect my brother and I from some SICK perv-types by yelling at them to cover their "happy parts" with stamps. And then there was our best friend, the "F Word Lady." She said SO much with that one word. Although I have some **good memories** from

Burning Man, I have some bad ones too. After attending for six years, I am clearly able to state that I do not like the desert location. I know old folks like hot climates to relieve arthritis, and that the dry air might be good for the lungs, and that the flatness of the desert lets you walk around without having to work going up hills and stairs. But as a young person, I would like to see Burning Man by a lake or the ocean.

I also miss the **freedom** we all used to have here. In 1999, they disarmed the Disgruntled Postal Workers. We had to give up our firearms. Now I look back with Sad-**NESS** and see the huge numbers of rules that come with the increased population of Black Rock City. And with more rules comes more police and government people.

Some may say that Burning Man is no place for kids because of all the Sex. These people are lame. In 1998, I saw a couple fighting and my dad told me they were wrestling. Now I find out they were "doing the nasty." I am fairly sure that I wasn't damaged by the experience. And then there was the cartoonish Jiffy Lube sign in 2001, a fine display of man sex. But with all the new rules, kids won't be able to have the same great sex education demonstration I had.

The only Ugly times I've had at Burning Man have been when adult men have offered to get me and my friends high or drunk. In 2001, a friend and I were hanging at the Alien Love Nest when some guy offered us **pot**. Luckily, an alien goddess was there to let this guy know he should leave. Hell, we were two eleven-year-olds. Old folks are one thing but insecure men who are attracted to eleven-year-olds are something entirely different. Sometimes I wish my dad would let me pack heat.

This year I'm going to help out at a couple of theme camps as well as Camp Arctica. At Kidsville, we're going to have a Teen Camp where old folks can't go. I promised my dad I would participate this year, but it may be time for me to excuse myself from Burning Man. It's like our friend Rev. Charles told us in 1998, "Burning Man is changing, and it's not for the best." Yeah, maybe it's time to do something else, so you old folks can just relax and practice for the retirement homes.

adult-friendly zones. If the minors trespass on adult only areas, it seems the city could be cited with violation of the permit. If kids were **not** present, then law enforcement

These cool little Burner kids are

wearing Piss Clear tattoos!

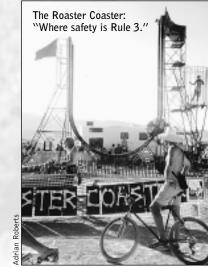
wouldn't have much a leg to Stand On when it Claims that BRC residents are breaking obscenity law. At the very least it's pretty much a victimless crime I suspect this latest clash with the law is not the last we'll hear of the issue. Sheriffs can make obscenity control a platform ISSUE when they run for re-election - and this is an **election** year. Another example of how each year, more and more freedoms that existed in Black Rock City are being eroded away.

Short of making Burning Man an adult-only event, which would affect a large percentage of its CitizenS, it seems a change of venue is the only way to **escape** the jurisdiction of Nevada law enforcement. There are plenty of tracts of land owned by private individuals or Native American tribes, which have their OWN laws. Esmeralda County and the Pyramid Lake reservation have been suggested as alternate sites. Wouldn't helping Native Americans and avoiding conservative government intervention

at the same time be beneficial to Black Rock City? Ticket prices could possibly go down with such a movement, in a straightforward lease of private land.

Which direction will Black Rock City go? Will we continue to see a gradual erosion of personal freedoms in order to receive a General Audience Rating? Would the event ever become adult only in order to preserve the artistic intent of Burning Man? Or should we get the hell out of Dodge and continue to develop our ideal city?

# Ride the rides at Burning Man PBR and drinking more PBR! Two go-



#### by ADRIAN ROBERTS here are those who have derided

Burning Man as "a theme park for freaks." To which we say: FUCK, yeah! But where are the rides? Admittedly, Black Rock City is more Disneyland than Cedar Point when it comes to thrill rides, but there are at least three out here worthy of any Carnival on acid.

Roaster Coaster Esplanade & 7:30 Waiting in line for anything at Burning Man makes one feel like a dumbass, but trust us, Camp Übercarney's main attraction is worth the wait. Definitely the SCariest thing out here, and the boys from Detroit's Speedcult won't ease your fears, as they proudly declare that "safety is Rule 3." And what are Rules 1 and 2? Drinking

go cages and a flamethrower add to the excitement. Not for the faint of heart.

Swinger's Lounge Mercury & 9:30 Arguably the Piss Clear staff's favorite attraction out here. We could do this all day. What's better than zipping down their 130-foot Zip Line and smashing into a mattress? Drinking their homebrew **beer** and doing it naked! Advanced trick: for a big rush, flip upside down on the handlebars!

Flight To Mars Esplanade & 9:30 Direct from Seattle, this popular funhouse contains a maze, several **Secret** rooms, a mysterious pit filled with plastic balls, and a **lovely** rooftop patio, where the socializing is always good. You can get lost in here for hours. We hope you're not claustrophobic!

### 8 bits of friendly advice from a Piss Clear paperboy

by JASON **BROOKS** 

1. If a group of people have catapulted clothing at you shouting, "Thank you for wearing pants,"please take their advice. They are serving

society, and so should you

2. You should shower praises, alcohol, and love (or luuuv) upon the delivery personnel of Piss Clear. Humping their leg is not out of the question, but ask yourself if the pain and suffering might be worth a fleeting reward.

3. In order to secure requ lar Piss Clear delivery, make a delivery person welcome. Do consider bribery but of the delivery minions, not the editorial staff. While they are certainly open to such seductive measures, you won't have to work so much with us. We're easy. I suggest food, alcohol, caffeine, and perhaps a full body massage.

**4.** If you think the *Piss* Clear delivery minion is working, you're wrong. It's all volunteer. (Yeah, no shit.) We do it for the fun of it, otherwise there'd be no point. There's no "after work drinking" either. Gimme a drink now! I like delivering papers at night while drunk on a bicycle.

5. Feel free to pay homage at the Piss Clear camp/ shade structure. Say hi to Adrian. Bring booze or food. Please feed and water the editors. Just try not to hump their legs. It's tough, I know. If you bring sexual favors, be prepared to share.

**6.** Do not bother us with any of that "gift" shit. For me, if it isn't ammunition. food, alcohol, water, or something really fucking cool like Legos, I quarantee it will fit up your rectum, 'cause that's where it

**7.** If you think you have what it takes to be a Piss Clear delivery minion, you do. Don't wait for permission. You don't need to be an asshole, or have a set of brass ones - but it helps.

8. Finally, to the guy that simultaneously slapped a How To Get Laid at Burning Man pamphlet into the same hand I slapped a Piss Clear into his: Well done!



## Why do you guys ban dogs from BM?

by the REV. BLIND TOASTER'S DOG I guess I can sorta under-

stand why there should be no dogs at Burning Man, but maybe you'd feel different if you knew what hell it is being left at home while all of you cavort out in the desert. Geez. do you know what it's like being dumped off with your stoner friends who are too poor and/or fucked up to go to Burning Man? It's just a matter of time before some glazedeyed asshole with blonde dreadlocks says, "Hey, let's get the dog high." Yeah, that is hilarious and original nal. Do you know what kind of paranoid delusions dogs have? Of course you don't or you wouldn't keep trying that dumb-assed trick every time. So I'm up all night with the munchies and nightmares of being anally probed by aliens and these dirt poor stoners don't even have any good garbage to eat. Thanks a lot! So what I'm getting at is, why can't Burning Man

build every fucking other ridiculous comfort there. Why not just a half acre of shade cloth, misters, and a few volunteer veterinarians on duty? Throw in a few couches for us to hang out on while you're off doing whatever it is you jerks do there and we would be happy Sound stupid? Just think of all the money you

have a dog-friendly camp

just like Kidsville, but for

dogs? I mean, geez, you

already spend saving stupid dehydrated ravers every year. Why not kick in some cash to accommodate your canine friends that put up with you the other 51 weeks of the year. Woof!

# Five warning signs that demonstrate the increased authoritarian nature of

Rock City? It looks as if it houses special forces, and it stores vehicles on standby, just in case firm, decisive a riot ensue). This year as we drove in, we saw the compound surrounded by a containing a motor pool of QUASImilitary vehicles

transformed into a "safety wall." When completed, it will apparently include an **electrified** fence (deceptively made to look like decorative ELgoggles, and attack dogs, all for the declared purpose of "protectparticipants from people trying ing from the community." In fact, the goal is to **Confine** and control people.

3. Trained street thugs walking the city to enforce "friendliness" and conformity. Dissenting views and preferences are not tolerated. Did anyone see the guy running for mayor of Black Rock City? He was driving around in his car, shouting into his megaphone. As he passed by some of Harvey's Clearly undercover street thugs, they heckled and chastised him, trying to silence his voice, shouting anti-democratic curses like "fuck off," or "go away, we're

just relax. An insistent Harveyite cultist approached me and **Offered** a Krispy Kreme donut. I took one in the hopes that he'd leave me alone. No less than 10 minutes later, another donut was being pushed on me. I shouted, "I don't like fuckin' Krispy Kremes!!" I was then told to "calm down" - just because I didn't want to conform and accept this "gift." Poison was more like it. He also told me to "always drink water." I said I hated water, that fish fucked in it, and that I found it revolting. He repeated that I should drink some water and calm down. If that isn't COntrolling behavior, I don't know What is. These cultists, running around telling everyone they have to accept gifts, and drink water! What the fuck?

longer are you only accosted by "Greeters" at the front gate. Now there every hood, and inside every RV. No joke, I arrived around 2:00 AM Monday rear of cars so that each trunk could be inspected before entry would be allowed. that equaled a lot of waiting time! And I thought the advantage of a dictator-ship was **Speed and efficiency!** 

5. I've also read in the Burning Man should wear glowing stuff at night, so I'm "easier to see." Why? Who needs to see me, the BRC cops? Go to hell!!

An unabridged version of this article

# BM: Anarchy or authoritarianism? trying to sleep!" Yeah, right, like anyone Sleeps at Burning Man! On another occasion, this reporter

**Burning Man organization:** 

1. Is that a military compound being constructed on the outskirts of Black intervention is needed (e.g. should chain link fence, lit with floodlights, and

2. The "trash fence" is being quietly wire), electronic security trip wires, regular motorized patrols with night vision to sneak into the event, and thus "stealwas trying to mind his own business and

4. There are ever tighter front gate customs/pass/border control. No are also people Opening your trunk, rifle through your luggage, look under morning and it was WOrse than returning from Tijuana at the end of a long weekend. Thugs insisted on pulling out all bikes and cargo off the This act took about 10-20 minutes per car - multiplied by about 100 cars,

Survival Guide (or someplace) that I

also appears in this year's Yahoo Education Pamphlet "How To Get Laid At Burning Man," and is reprinted here by kind permission.