

# THE DAILY PLAYA

ALL THE NEWS WE FELT LIKE PRINTING

## Luck and luxury at the Ashram Galactica

"No shirtcooking," says Monica. The Ashram Galactica is a classy place, and Monica aims to keep it that way. She surveys a kingdom of meticulously selected decorations in the luxurious shade of her jazz lounge. She is also the force behind the visual themes of four luxury hotel suites: The Cambridge Suite, the French Suite, the Shanghai Suite and the Indian Wedding Suite.

The scale, attention to detail, and style of the project are inspiring. In addition to a 5-star hotel experience, The Ashram Galactica boasts a bar that doesn't have anything "on offer;" it stocks whatever its patrons might call for.

Clearly the rooms are in great demand, but the coveted keys can only be had through pure chance. There is a daily raffle to determine the recipients of the Ashram's nightly gifts.

That dusty lady, playa luck,



also brought the Ashram to a grand experiment in cross-continental collaboration. The Coco Poco Loco crew is a team of 180 hard-working Australian burners. Last year, Coco Poco Loco happened upon the hotel's hospitality and gifted the Ashram crew with a night of playa journeys on their big-ass art car. This year, the Ashram Galactica crew returned the gift tenfold. They turned



over the set up and operation of the Ashram Galactica entirely to Coco Poco Loco.

The faces and accents behind the bar are different, but the spirit of the place remains. Michael Duddy, general manager, explains it this way: "This place is born of a grand joke, to deliver the highest level of service in this hot and dusty place. The notion is to find the most difficult path and to charge down it

- with style, grace, and proper stemware."

Dan, the leader of the Coco Poco Loco camp, was self-effacing speaking about the logistics. They moved the huge work crew, many of them burning-man virgins, halfway across the globe. He credited a core group of 35 with extensive experience at regional burns, raves, and guerilla theme camps throughout Australia. "Even though it's their first burn, it's not their first rodeo."

Douglas, a long-time contributor to Ashram Galactica, sums up the difference that Coco Poco Loco has made: "I've been here for nine years, and this is the first year I've touched the fence."

May you win a night in a luxury hotel suite in the middle of the desert, playa luck permitting.

Ashram Galactica is at 8:15 and Engagement.

## Reading Between the Lines: Is that Stud Into Me?

The influx of genuine African Zebras that will soon descend upon Opulent Temple and the Liquid Lounge this year may leave female burners asking: "Is that zebra stud into me?" These fine specimens of the animal kingdom can provide a great deal of pleasure and fun. They are indeed, hung like a horse and are from Africa, which for the

course of the burn makes them African-Americans.

This irresistible combination of traits makes the male zebra an exotic and appealing playa playmate. How do you know if a stud zebra is interested in stripy acts of copulation? Make sure that it is a male zebra that is in front of (or behind) you. Sure signs that you have obtained a male zebra are

the distinct lack of nipples and teats. Determine if the specimen you have chosen from the dazzle of zebras is the one for you. The aforementioned equine appendage, which those tight stripes do little to hide, is the usual giveaway of a stud's intent. Tip for most women: if he is conscious, the likelihood is that he is into you. You can probably skip steps

one and two and seal the deal by offering a nice clump of grass and shelter from animal control.

**Tip of the Day**  
If going naked, don't spend all day applying sunscreen to genitalia. There are other things to do at Burning Man.

## DOCTOR DNA'S WRONGS OF PASSAGE

Every year, Doctor DNA creates challenges for burners. His "Wrongs of Passage" challenge is at the Party Naked Tiki Bar on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 10pm.

The timed challenges are randomly assigned using a slot-machine style program. "There are some things in there that even the most hardened burner would hesitate to do," says DNA, "but mostly, it's good fun to watch and participate."

Asked if the challenges were explicit, DNA replied, "You are not

allowed to be explicit in direct view of the Esplanade, however, if we can put a door up on the bar, blocking the view, then who knows?"

A Master's Badge is the highest level and a rare achievement. "Who knows?" says DNA, "It's all random; you might get lucky and breeze through. Only one way to find out."

### Burning Bieber Fever

Bieber Fever comes to Black Rock City this year. Saturday night, one hour after the Man Burns, Justin Bieber is playing live at Black Rock Roller Disco (7:30 and Esplanade).



This octopus wants to make the playa his garden

## HOROSCOPE

**ARIES**  
You will totally ride an elephant today. Later in the day, you may start to suspect that horoscopes are bullshit. Or not, who knows, this is Burning Man.

**TAURUS**  
Today a man named Paul will offer you unfamiliar drugs. Go for it, Paul has a sick stash.

**GEMINI**  
A solid 60% of the objects you brought won't survive the week. Congrats on beating the playa average by 5%!

**CANCER**  
We have some good news and some bad news. You guys are aptly named! However, you might want to get that lump checked out.

**LEO**  
Today approach someone you would never talk to in the default world. Make a weird friend! Your normal friends are terrible.

**VIRGO**  
Your plan to "recycle" your camp's drinking water will not exactly endear you to your campmates.

**LIBRA**  
Remember that sweet art car you saw today? That ruled.

**SCORPIO**  
Today will likely be the single best day of your life. That's pretty sad if you think about it.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
Hold off on your invention idea. The market for baby-fueled mustache trimmers isn't quite there.

**CAPRICORN**  
The stars are not kind to you today. Not mean or anything, but they kinda think you're a dick.

**AQUARIUS**  
Stretch your horizons today. If you're not going to experiment here, what needs to happen to get you out of your shell? Tap-dancing unicorn stampede?

**PISCES**  
You're in a place of pristine natural beauty. Better black out again before you start contemplating it, you lush.

# Gift the Burn to the World!

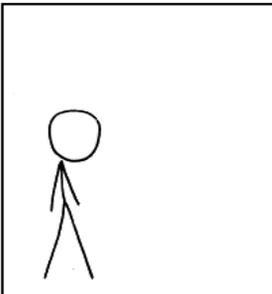
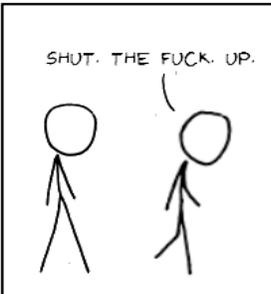
This year, the man is surrounded by effigies from 23 regional burns throughout the globe and, for the first time, the man is walking. The Burning Man spirit has been on the move for 25 years, and these changes merely embody forces already in action.

The Burning Man Project aims to increase burners' ability to gift and create outside of the playa by allowing for global coordination and distribution of donations.

On August 5th, Larry Harvey and the owners of Burning Man applied for the creation of a non-profit organization, the Burning Man Project, that is slated to take control of the event. The project's mission is to bring the 10 Principles of Burning Man to the rest of the world. Burners are invited to share their ideas with the founders of the organization here at the Burn every day between 1 and

2:30PM with members of the Executive Board of the Burning Man Project, including Harvey, at Camp Everywhere (6:15 and Esplanade)

Here at The Daily Playa, we imagine a website where burners could list resources they wish to donate: money, time, or skills. Visionary burners could list projects for the community to support.



## CLASSIFIEDS

### MISSED CONNECTIONS

Our eyes caught for an instant. If that was you, contact me. I think it was meant to be.

### LEGAL NOTICE

You did it. You know you did it. So why you denying you did it?

### IN MEMORIAM

Dude. You rock.

### WANTED

Never mind. I'm cool. It's all good.

## CAMPS TO VISIT

### BLACK ROCK CITY HARDWARE

If it's not broken, we will fix it until it is: open until sundown Mon-Fri.

### FEED THE ARTISTS

Learn and participate with us, FEED THE ARTISTS, @5:00 & Anniversary 11AM - 2PM. To feed or to be fed.

### CHILDRENS ART CAR:

A moving space that welcomes children: snacks and activities provided. 6:45 and D, behind the Desert Pearl Cantina

## SPOTTED IN NEW YORK:



New York is closed. Everyone gone to Burning Man.

-Irene.

# Butt Sex On the Playa: How?

Here's the inside scoop. We all know that the playa is a harsh and unforgiving environment. In a showerless situation, butt sex sounds like it would present an even greater hurdle. Even if your camp does have a shower, can you imagine dealing with santorum in your evap? But it must be possible. I asked Comfort & Joy, Celestial Bodies, and a few hapless passers-by. Here's what they said: "Coconut Oil."

"Honey, I have an RV, mmkay?" "Wipe from front to back." "Butt sex? OH. YES. PLEASE." I finally sought out the fabulous fags of the city because I guessed they'd have this figured out. And indeed they do: "Anal douches -- you know, the kind with the big bottle? And you can just do it in the porta-john." This incidentally might explain the condition of some of the blue rooms, particularly later in the week.

## Ask Ms. Burning Manners

Dear Ms. Burning Manners, a disagreement about Burning Man scripture.

When searching my daughter's room for drugs, I found a ticket to BM. When I told her she shouldn't go, she called me a MOOP.

What's a MOOP? Am I one?

Signed Dad

Dear Dad,

My husband says the 4th commandment doctrine of "Radical Self-Reliance" means we have to bring our own hammer to use on our rebar stakes. I say the 6th commandment, "Communal Effort" means we can leave the hammer at home and ask someone if we can borrow their God Damn Hammer. Who's understanding of scripture is more complete?

MOOP is Burningmanese for "Garbage". Yes.

Signed Ms. Burning Manners

Signed Born Again BMers

Dear Born Again BMers:

Yes.

Dear Ms. Burning Manners,

My husband and I are fundamentalist Burning Man Virgins and in our prayer group this morning had

Signed, Ms. Burning Manners

## BRC In Brief

Republican Candidate Newt Gingrich announced plans to bring his campaign for President to Black Rock City this coming Thursday. "I want to reach the faggot,

nihilist, leftist xenosocialist intelliguagmire bloc, and you can't do that without jamming on the playa" said homey Numero Uno. "I'm no Lingam and I want your vote."



## THE DAILY PLAYA IS AN INTERACTIVE PROJECT

We encourage submission of stories and photos and are looking for people to distribute the paper. Please come see us at 7.30 Keyhole.