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EXTRA EDITION

CITY FULL, GET OUT NOW!

The Pershing County Sheriff's representative reported Friday morning that the Burning Man gate was closed because the population had reached its limit of 68,000. New attendees were only being admitted when a Burner left. As of Friday morning there were 190 vehicles waiting to enter BRC.

BMORG is expecting 11–12 hour delays at Exodus. "It's a big city and only a two-laned road," said Megan Miller, public relations manager. If you absolutely have to be somewhere on Monday, you are advised to leave immediately, before the man burns. 🐉

Harvey Hints at Permanent Venue



Larry Harvey speaks at the annual BMORG press conference.

CURIOS

Larry Harvey, founder of Burning Man, was deliberately cryptic and brief about one topic in the Black Rock City press conference this year. Your local Black Rock Beacon hacks sniffed and by the end of the conference pounced, as no one in the international media present had touched it.

Harvey had stated that, "We may have the opportunity in the future to create another venue. It would be something that would

be rather wonderful that lasts... unlike Black Rock City."

The Beacon asked, "Were you talking about buying a piece of property and land so it can live somewhere? You're skirting around something, a permanent structure?"

"I don't want to talk about real estate negotiations while we're in the process," Harvey answered, smiling.

"People say, 'wouldn't it be great to live Burning Man all year long'—literally?! I don't advise it!" he joked. "I think it can live all

year long as the place is internalized by people and then applied to daily situations—but not manic states of celebration."

Harvey said that "we could find venues for producing the kind of immersive experience over longer periods of time, and that we're looking at, to enlarge the 'center'...we're centralizing as fast as we can. We're also decentralizing as fast as we can. We're doing everything we can to promote the growth of regional events."

"Is the site you're talking about located in Pershing County, Nevada?" the Beacon asked.

"Not quite. I'm not at liberty to say..." he hedged, grinning. "If we ever do it I'll be delighted. We'd love, love to have it," Harvey replied. [Ed: We've been hearing inklings of a year-round cultural center for years—a place that could have workshops, artist residencies, classes, and such.]

Also present on the panel were Burning Man Project treasurer Jennifer Raiser—who provided updates on the Project's artistic, civic, and educational activities locally and around the globe—and

founder Harley Dubois.

"When are the founders going to move on?" asked Dubois. "Well, it's happening," she stated, noting smooth transitioning among team leaders as the LLC board prepares to turn the City over to new leadership.

Having learned event lessons the hard way, Harvey wants to offer paid consultancy to regionals and help with their growth. A central resource, in a federation of sorts, would channel resources, information, and experience among kindred events and communities.

Harvey championed the participants, the creators, the radical self-expression. "The content is supplied by everyone who comes here."

Waxing philosophical about Burner ethos, Harvey said, "People who experience community and the interactive nature make big changes in their lives."

"Culture is not being generated by a world of consumers," Harvey said. "We need to reinvent ways of communing, interacting with one another that will give rise to creative acts, inspire people, ultimately fill people with the reality of their own being, the being of those around them. Connection perhaps is something transcendent that's greater than all of us," he said.

Dubois mentioned one of the largest issues Bmorg is dealing with are turnkey camps and their impact on burner culture. "Lots of CEOs are coming now, and these are people who can make an impact when they return. But if they come in a cushioned environment,

that may prevent them from getting the authentic experience."

How big can the event grow and still work? What about long waits at Gate? "No one ever said Burning Man was convenient," Harvey said. Access to traffic engineers sped it up this year, he said. In any case, Bmorg gets to tweak the City each time: "We have the ability to do something urban planners would kill for," said Harvey, "We get to reinvent the City every year."

Showing no signs of letting up on his mission, Harvey said, "Our purpose does sound grandiose—we want to bend the arc of the 21st century. And the only way to do that is get help from your friends." 🐉

Police & Medical Beat

REDNIKKI

On Thursday, there was one arrest for a sexual assault committed in Black Rock City.

In medical news, Rampart reports that Thursday was "pretty benign." In addition to the usual number of soft tissue injuries, they treated one fracture at Rampart and transported one patient off-Playa for a non-Burning Man related medical issue.

A High EMS Rescue representative reported that Burners are being treated at a rate consistent with previous years. While the number has increased due to the larger population, it is the same percentage of the population as in previous years. 🐉

BLM Rangers Honor Late Colleague

HURRICANE LINDA

with rednikki

On Thursday at 5:00p.m., Bureau of Land Management Rangers held a memorial procession for a fallen comrade.

Burners quietly gathered at the Temple looked through the swirling dust, surprised to see a line of about 30 BLM ranger vehicles, most with windows rolled up, pulsing their sirens, driving along 12:00 from the man to the Temple.

In the front of the procession was Kelly Bolinger, widow of BLM Ranger Michael Bolinger, riding with a ranger at the wheel and close family and friends in the back.

Bolinger's husband died of cancer during the last year. During his career, Ranger Bolinger was assigned to work at BRC multiple times, and came to love

the event. His wife Kelly felt it was important to place a plaque memorializing him at the Temple.

"My husband graduated from Berkeley. Even though he was here in the capacity of law enforcement, he really appreciated, understood, and loved this event."

When the procession reached the temple, the BLM rangers and a few officers from Pershing County came out of their vehicles and formed two lines, flanking the path to the Temple. Once the Rangers were standing at attention, Kelly Bolinger, taking the arm of a BLM ranger, exited the vehicle and slowly walked toward the temple, clutching an engraved plaque.

Slowly and silently, the young widow placed the plaque atop the stone sculpture at the center of the temple, as a capacity crowd gathered to watch.

A man who described himself as a co-worker of Ranger Bolinger briefly spoke, saying of Ranger Bolinger, "if you knew him, you would have loved him. And if you are so inclined, thank the BLM rangers who are here for their service."

From the crowd, someone shouted, "Thank you! Thank you for your service!"

And with that, the normally silent Temple erupted into thunderous applause.

2013 is not the first year law enforcement has placed a memorial at the Temple. In 2012, the Pershing County Sheriff's



The widow of BLM ranger Michael Bolinger places a plaque at the Temple in his honor.

department placed a seven-sided wooden star at the Temple. The star held the name of all law

enforcement officers killed in the line of duty in Nevada since the previous Burn. 🐉

TODAY'S WEATHER
HOT AND DUSTY

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"When I grow up, I want to be an inventor. First I will invent a time machine. Then I'll come back to yesterday and take myself to tomorrow and skip this dumb assignment."
—Calvin in Calvin & Hobbes, Bill Watterson

ART OF THE CITY



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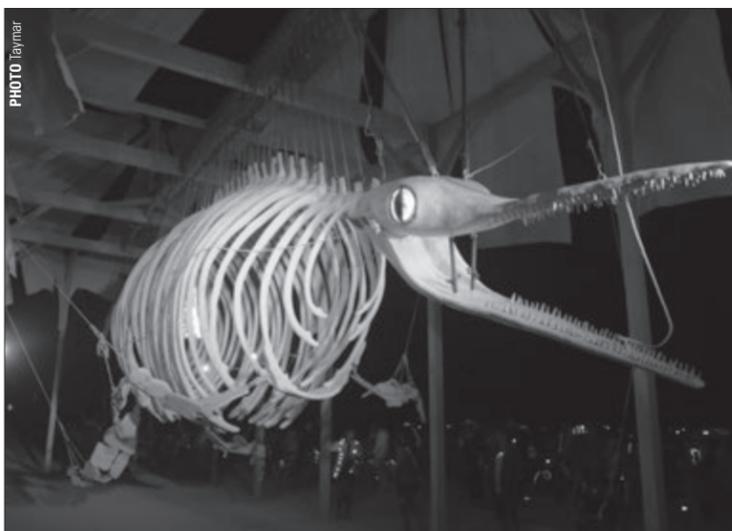


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