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## Ultra Marathon: Neurosis or Psychosis?

Surviving a marathon in the desert is easier than being married to one who runs

By Lena and Petr



one who runs and his newly-unsure better half. photo by Andrey

Lucky are those who don't differentiate between work and hobby. I'm a clinical psychologist and I really like a variety of freaks. Reality provides me a lot of subjects to observe and admire.

For example, my husband has become obsessed with long-distance running recently. Running became his only passion, his only conversation topic. I was contemplating about the underlying reasons of this neurosis when he told me he's going to run an ultra-marathon at Burning Man.

"You are going to be on something,

aren't you, darling?" I asked. "No," he said. No substances, pure enthusiasm. "It's probably not a neurosis; it's something psychotic," I said to myself. Some weird kind of motor psychosis.

"Honey, do you remember that Burning Man happens in the desert? It's fucking hot out there. 50 km run in the desert...What's the reason?"

"Just for fun, darling. Do you know what fun is?" he said. I wept a bit and asked: "Are you going to make me a widow?"

"You wouldn't be so lucky," he said.

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## Where does the shit go?

How humans of Burning Man feed plants on Nevada farmland

You eat it, digest it and send it on its way out of your anus and into the gray plastic toilet. And that's probably the extent of your knowledge of the lifecycle of food you ingest on the Playa.

Now, you may not really give a shit, but we decided to tell you anyway about the rest of the journey and the final destination of the roughly 600,000 gallons of human waste that gets hauled off the Playa every year.

Meet James Dean Driskell, or JD as he's usually called. JD, who's lived in Reno since the late 70s, is part owner of Full Circle Biofuels. The company and its sister company Waters Vacuum Truck Service recycles a lot of the grease discarded by Reno's restaurants and all of the human waste United Site Services pumps out of portable toilets and trailers at Burning Man.

United deposits the waste into giant tanks around 7 o'clock on Black Rock City's outskirts.

Those tanks are also owned by Waters. Twice every day, three or more Waters trucks leave Reno for Black Rock City, where they pump the waste out of the tanks and haul it to a small town called Lovelock, surrounded by acres upon acres of farm land.

Lovelock is home to a recy-

cling plant operated by these companies. At this plant, liquid is separated from oil in the restaurant grease and uses the grease that's leftover (only about 1 percent) as fuel for the plant, which generates steam to power the separation process. The leftover water gets injected into the ground on the farms.

Septic waste from BRC gets screened one last time for non-biological materials and distributed

as fertilizer over farm land.

Waters and Full Circle have been helping BRC get rid of septic waste for more than 10 years, JD said. As the event grew over years, the company has tailored a portion of its operation specifically for Burning Man. If it wasn't for them, you'd probably have to present a shovel along with your ticket at the gate.

shit injector on a field in Lovelock. Photo by Reverend Panda





## Burning Man Ultra Marathon Survival Guide (beta release)

For those who want to try running an ultra-marathon in the desert, here's an alternative survival guide. Warning: it's a beta version and has not been tested. Daily Playa is not responsible for any victims. If you die during the marathon, you'll read your obituary in our next paper.

1. Don't drink any water at all while running. Water means extra weight.
2. Don't eat while running. Save your time, you're going to be a [dead] champion!
3. Run as fast as possible right from the start line. It's getting hotter with every minute. Run fast, die young! Remember: This is your last run.
4. Don't wear a headlamp despite your ultra-marathon starting at 5am. Consider the environment
5. Right after the start, try to be the best and overrun all of your fellow runners. Your ego will pay you later!
6. Wear your best Burning Man costume. Running is fun! Fuck comfort. Running must be spectacular.
7. Don't sleep before the run. Real marathoners don't sleep at all.
8. Be prepared. Spend the day before the marathon running. Don't waste your time exploring art. Run, run, run!
9. Never invite your campmates for moral support. You're a strong personality and a real hero. You can handle THIS alone
10. Take your umbrella with you. They are in season.

## Fugitive mouse gets to party naked

### Unlawful entry results in three-day cardboard box sentence

No animal other than the homo-sapiens and the K9 is allowed to enter Black Rock City, but an occasional fugitive sneaks in periodically. We reported on a cat that sneaked into his owner's trailer at home and out upon arrival onto the Playa in 2012 and heard a rumour of three feline undesirables last year.

This year so far, the border has been infiltrated by a mouse called Tiki, who gets his name from the Party Naked Tiki Bar around 7 o'clock and Esplanade. Lady Gogo, who has pink hair and likes to party naked, was volunteering at Playa Info

Monday, when a man brought Tiki after being turned away at Lost and Found.

Lady Gogo lives in Florida and has taken the trip to Burning Man for the fourth time, second with Party Naked. The man who brought the mouse was about 50 years old and said he found it in his camp.

She took Tiki in and put him in a small cardboard box with pieces of cracker and a bottle cap filled with water. He's obviously scared and facing a long wait until he gets to leave the box.

On Wednesday, Gogo is planning to hand him to a willing stranger

boarding the bus headed for Gerlach, where he will be set free.

Disclaimer: Tiki is probably not the mouse's legal name. Gogo and the Daily Playa gave it to him on Monday.

Oh, and if you want to party naked, well, fucking take your clothes off. But if you want to do it at a bar full of other naked bodies, swing by the Party Naked Tiki Bar on Esplanade. Also, if you have a clear container you can spare, Tiki would appreciate moving out of the cardboard box and into a better-lit cell.

## Burner Profile: Trout

Mainland name: Ricci Kilgore  
years on the Playa: 6

DP: What brought you to Burning Man?

Trout: Fire dancing. When I met with a couple of people from Controlled Burn, they told me about Burning Man. It sounded like somewhere where people were very open-minded and not judgmental and that sounded like my kind of people.

DP: What keeps bringing you back?

Trout: I learned that I love to inspire people with my fire dancing. When I'm dancing and I see people and catch their eye and I see a smile or inspired tears, all of the material stuff in my world goes out the door. I get a lot out of that as therapy, knowing that I make a difference.

DP: What drew you to fire?

Trout: Fire is my element. I'm an Aries. I've always had a lot of respect for fire. I don't know. I'm just very intrigued by it. If you don't respect fire then you're going to get burned.



fire is Trout's element. photo and interview by Reverend Panda

DP: Do you know of other fire spinners in a chair?

Trout: I don't know of other fire spinners in a chair but I've always wanted to find people like me, who want to get into the art. I would love to teach them. It would be even more inspiring to me to have more disabled people learn this art.

DP: So you would like to have a group like Controlled Burn that consisted of disabled people?

Trout: Oh yeah, that's like one of my ultimate goals or dreams. To find people that have disabilities or have always had limitations in their life to come together in a

group like this, centered around fire. I believe it would not only heal us through fire but it would help inspire others.

DP: Do you think Burning Man is a place for people with disabilities?

Trout: I think it is the perfect place for people with disabilities, because when I come here it is the only place that I am not being judged as having limits because I'm in a chair. It almost looks like it's part of my costume. I don't have to be what society wants me to be when I'm here. I get to be me and I think that's really cool.

## The Daily Playa Advice Whoroscope

**Aquarius:** Do us all a favor, sit down to pee.

**Aries:** Forgetting to stake down your tent will not only result in an awesome air show, but will also lead to meeting new people when you're collecting your stuff.

**Pisces:** Finding a suitable orgy dome will take time and

dedication. Don't settle for a cuddle puddle.

**Cancer:** Your generator refueling skills will be appreciated by your camp. Your music choices might not...

**Leo:** Trading drugs for hugs will work every time but once.

**Libra:** Water chestnuts may also be a showering technique. Your camp will thank you.

**Scorpio:** You'll see more tits by not looking.

**Gemini:** If you still don't have a Playa name, it's where your mother was born plus that one thing you forgot to bring.

**Capricorns:** RV's leak too, suck it up.

**Virgo:** Why do you do this every year?

**Taurus:** Practice radical self acceptance.

**Sagittarius:** Every zebra is followed by a leopard

by Bulk Shopping Jesus

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