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Stunned partiers mourn passing of the good ship La Contessa.

## La Contessa Lost At Sea?

By Frankenstein Jones  
Editor

In a tragic blow to the psyches of hundreds of people who like to get drunk on fake boats, the La Contessa--the huge, galleon-like structure that has prowled the playa on and off the last few years--has crashed into a sand dune and sunk, with no survivors.

According to a well-placed source within the Black Rock Rangers, the art car set across the playa at approximately 2 AM Tuesday night, stormed through Burning Man's front gate, and ran aground some two miles south of the event while traversing an unexpected sand dune.

The vehicle's side was torn and ripped and its rear axle snapped in half, leaving La Contessa helpless and tossing its passengers like ragdolls, helpless victims to a sudden change of fortune.

Ambulances were dispatched to the scene, but injuries were reported to be minor, and most of La Contessa's passengers were said to be "party-ing it up on the ground outside the ship," according to an eyewitness.

While the stricken boat lay stuck in its dusty grave Wednesday, discussion within the Rangers turned to the possibility of declaring La Contessa open to salvage by any interested party under international maritime law.

The La Contessa was banned from Burning Man last year after a number of incidents in 2003 involving reckless driving, running over guy wires, and, officially, "totally freaking people's shit right out."

Notorious fuckup Chicken John was not available for comment, but was believed to be in the general area of Burning Man. Ranger sources stressed that Chicken was not yet being considered an official suspect in the incident, but was being asked not to leave the playa as a precaution.

In an unrelated incident, novice burner Patsy Martin, 25, of La Jolla, CA, reported seeing a "really giant fucking car that looked like a big fuzzy cat," and that it "completely blew my mind, like, wide open. Fuck!"

## BMorg Finds New Revenue Stream

By De Cognito  
Staff Writer

In a highly unorthodox move to increase the revenue coming from the event, Black Rock City LLC, the organizers of Burning Man have embarked upon an unusual side business: fertilizer.

The amount of human waste excreted by the 30,000 plus citizens of Black Rock City has proven to be an additional source of income for the multimillion dollar organization. The 80 Acre Ranch is the site of this new enterprise.

"There's gold in shit, you don't even know," said TurdKing, the head of the Black Rock City Fertilizer plant. "And burner shit, with all those vegetarians and holistic types, that's some good shit."

It's a process that involves trucking the collection of feces from playawide portapotties to the Org's work ranch, storing the excrement in 2000-gallon storage tanks, adding the proper amount of helpful bacteria, evaporating the liquid contents, then drying and bagging. The result is a high quality fertilizer, rich in ammonia and other important nutrients and chemicals.

The quality of human waste was threatened a couple of years back by the prevalence of foreign substances in the porta-potties, but a comprehensive public relations campaign with slogans like "if it wasn't in your body don't

put it in the potty" has raised the quality of shit in the subsequent years.

"It used to be you found all kinds of crap in the shit" portapotty driver Johnny Libra, "There'd be condoms, beer cans, turkeys. The crap was bad. Really poor quality. But the way they've gotten the word out has really raised the quality of the shit."

A Burning Man spokeswoman, speaking on background, said that Black Rock City LLC. expects that

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in a couple of years revenue from the fertilizer business will outstrip the money coming in from ticket sales. She was unclear as to whether the fertilizer business would overtake the lucrative licensing agreements with burners for the production of various burningman related iconographic paraphernalia.

The Black Rock Fertilizer is becoming prized by organic pot and squash farmers. So it could be that the bud you are smoking or the squash you are using for your penis gourd has been helped along by your shit.

# Abridged Playa Reading

*Dr. Fiasco reads the classics so you don't have to*

By Dr. Fiasco  
Staff Writer

## 1) Leon Tolstoy: War and Peace, 1200 pages.

Some dude doesn't want to go to war because he's in love and therefore Napoleon invades Moscow. The girl marries some other dude. The End.

## 2) Marcel Proust: A La Recherche du Temps Perdu. (Paris, Gallimard. 1922.) 1600 pages.

Some dude with asthma can't sleep because his mother does not kiss him good night. The next day (page 486, vol.I) he eats a cake and writes a book. That night (page 1344, vol VI) he has an asthma attack because his girlfriend (boyfriend?) refuses to make out with him. Everything ends up at a ball (Vol. VII) where they're all old as dirt. The End.

## 3) Luis de Camoes: The Lusians.

An insomniac poet decides to bust the King's balls by telling him a story about sailors, who, after a few problems (always solved by a super helpful Goddess) end up living easy in an island full of hot chicks. The End.

## 4) Gustave Flaubert: Madame Bovary. 778 pages.

A housewife cheats on her husband and has crazy steaming sex with the baker, the milkman, the mailman, the tavern man, the grocer and the filthy rich neighbor. Then she gets depressed, poisons herself and dies. The End.

## 5) William Shakespeare: Romeo and Juliet.

Two crazed teenagers fall in love, but the families forbid their love, two gangs beat the crap out of each other, lots of people get hurt. Then some priest has a stupid idea and the two die after drinking poison thinking it was sleeping medicine. The End.

## 6) William Shakespeare: Hamlet.

An insomniac prince strolls by the castle's walls when his father's ghost tells him that he was killed (the father, not the price) by the uncle who sleeps with his mother (the prince's, not the father's), whose confidence man is the father of his girlfriend, who commits suicide when she finds out that the prince killed her dad to take revenge on the uncle who had killed the father of her boyfriend and slept with his mother. The prince kills the uncle who sleeps with his mother after having a chat

with a skull and is assassinated by the girlfriend's brother, the same one who was wacko and had killed herself. The End.

## 7) Sophocles: Oedipus the King

Some wacko keeps on hatin', does not heed the blind fella's advice and ends up killing his dad, sleeping with his mom and poking his eyes out. After that, many centuries later, Psychoanalysis is born whereby psychoanalysts, while explaining to you that you are following pretty much the same path, take the shirt off your back at each session. The End.

## 8) William Shakespeare: Othello

The simpleton General of Venice, a major moron, has a very nice friend who spends his whole day figuring out how to pull pranks on the General. The so-called "friend" doesn't get a cushy government job and so decides to take revenge, convincing the General that his wife is diversifying her portfolio on the side. The idiot General believes the story and kills the wife. Then he discovers he was not cheated, only stupid for having believed the dick. He arrests him and ends up crying all alone. The End.

## 9) Ezra Pound - The Cantos.

Crazy gibberish in many different languages. The End.

## 10) Finnegans Wake - James Joyce

Crazy gibberish in one language. Don't ask which language, we don't know either. The End.

## 11) The Sun Also Rises - Ernest Hemingway

Ugly American tourists party in Paris and Spain, including the mandatory drunken running of the bulls in Pamplona. One dude couldn't get it on. The End.

This book served as inspiration for the hordes of Texas-shod recent college graduates who descend on the Old Continent every summer.

## 12) The Odyssey - Homer

Ulysses goes to war in Troy, tries to come back home, but instead gets stuck in a cruise around the Greek Islands. Meanwhile his wife knits a sweater, but never gets around to finishing it. The End.

## 13) Ulysses - James Joyce

Same as above but set in Dublin and a lot harder to read. The End.

## NEWS ON THE MARCH

### Layoff rumors swirl at BMorg

After years of substandard performance and financial difficulty, the rumor is the hammer is about to come down on several longtime fixtures in the Org. Unnamed sources have Larry and Danger meeting around the clock and surveying the playa to determine which staff members will be given their pink slips upon the termination of the event. The Black Rock Casino is accepting bets for which staff members are let go. The current odds are Crimson Rose at 4-1, Maid Marian 5-1, Sea Dog 8-1, Big Bear 4-1, Harley 8-1 and Lady Bee at 2-1.

### Burner looking for camp

Black Rock City resident Spooky Tooth, 27, has not been able to find his camp since approximately 3 AM Monday night. "There was wind and shit and then I went into this dome and it was all plush and the like, so I stayed there. I looked for my camp the next day but the city had like totally changed, you know?"

"I'm getting kind of hungry," Mr. Tooth added. Anyone knowing the location of the man's camp is asked to locate him at Center Camp Cafe, and also to "bring my Camelbak and stuff."

### That thing is cool

That machine thing? You know that thing? I mean, that *thing*? With the gears and shit? That thing is totally fucking cool. I mean, fuck.

Holy shit. That thing is way cool.

- Spock Science Monitor staff

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## BROTHER TED SAYS:

*"Drink Water!  
Always carry a  
bucket filled with  
water! You can  
drink water that  
way and not die!"*