You are out on the desert and your supply lines have failed. What do you do? WHAT DO YOU DO?

The staff, of course, is here a lot longer than most Black Rock City citizens, and there is no fucking way they could haul all their food out in their hatchbacks and whatnot. So there’s a commissary, and food gets trucked into Black Rock City.

Correction: No food got trucked into BRC. Adios trucko.

How are people responding? Some staff are eating their tents. Some are learning photosynthesis. Some are transcending their bodies. And, in tribute to this year’s theme, pirates of the Caribbean, some have turned to piracy.

DPW and BRG representatives have been spotted in large galleons, accosting travelers and demanding food and beer. If you see any vehicle or camp flashing a skull-and-crossbones, do not to attempt to resist; if you cannot flee, your only chance is to give them your food.

Others have reported riots. Some have been smashing open RVs and assorted tents and encampments, seeking food. Angry throngs, wielding sticks and torches, have stormed any stockpiles of food, crawling over one another, seeking sweet morsels of survival.

“A cup o’ noodles!” said an anonymous staff member, eyes wild with feral hunger. “I will survive to riot another day.”

Some of those more fortunate have established and protected stockpiles of food, living like kings while those outside starve. Machine gun nests and barbed wire keep the starving masses at bay, while the ruling warlords parcel out small bits of food at exorbitant prices.

“String cheese?” chuckled one of these bandit kings. “I could spare some, but it will cost you. It’ll cost you a backrub, some cool homemade jewelry, a funny noisemaker and a token from Alien Love Nest. The big ones.”

In some areas, the situation has become even more grim. At the Gate and Ticket Stand, an ugly situation has been found. Daily, the staff draw straws. One person draws the short straw, and, with the grim finality of necessity, what must be done is done quickly. Without fail, the loser tries to run, but the others expect it; the unfortunate one is inevitably caught. Instead of everyone slowly starving, one member disappears, and the rest are fed.

Hyperwhiskey is still freely available at 25th and Bowsprit.

News Flash: You Have Made A Terrible Mistake

By Siduri
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This just in... You are stranded at the center of nowhere, surrounded by people more attractive than you are, who are better prepared, seven to ten degrees cooler, and having a lot more fun. Your irritating campmates will not become more tolerable as time and grime accumulate; nor are you likely to win acceptance among some other, more chued-in group of Burners, experts confirm.

“The relevant indices are well-understood,” commented Yale ethnologist Marion Bidswell. “Given your unfavorable physical profile, plotted against the strictly pedestrian contents of your wardrobe, the chances that a dashing stranger will supply you with drugs and fuck you senseless are, I’m afraid, vanishingly small.”

As you have likely suspected, the mundane crises of your daily life are only worsening in your absence. Your boss is angry. Your pets are hungry. The vague sense of spiritual desire that impelled you to fork over $200 (and that’s not even counting what you spent on camping supplies and your ridiculous “art project” that nobody cares about) will find no relief as the dusty days crawl by, unless you can somehow coax yourself into believing that physical discomfort and social anxiety constitute some sort of an epiphany.

You’ve make a terrible mistake, and now you’re stuck here for the duration. Enjoy the fucking Burn.

A Pretty Flower that Smells Bad:
A Guide to Personal Hygiene on the Playa

By Baron Earl
Staff Writer

You stink.

There’s no two ways about it—you stink. After several days on the playa without a shower, you smell very bad. In some circles it may be perfectly acceptable to reek like a dead skunk covered in patchouli oil in an outhouse in the middle of August, but there hasn’t been a Grateful Dead show in ages, France is a long way away from here, and it’s high time you faced up to the fact that your body odor is not sexy, stimulating, or something that everyone else needs to get used to. Your personal stink may be a natural thing, but then again so is the scent of rotting meat or the smell of a warm, steaming pile of dog excrement.

You don’t have to arrive at Burning Man in a motor home carrying a 100-gallon tank of water in order to stay clean in the desert. There are many simple ways to freshen up, remove some stink, and make your scent socially acceptable to your friends and neighbors.

Many desert denizens will try to cover up their body odor with patchouli oil. This is akin to taking a rose, dipping it continued on next page
**Gift Economy Flourishes at Center Camp**

**By Cynara**

**Staff Writer**

First-time burners curious about Black Rock City’s unique “gift economy” can see it in action right at Center Camp. As early as 8 AM, Black Rock City citizens could be seen actively engaging in barter at the coffee bar. A common trade involved the exchange of two small green pieces of paper for a single cup of coffee.

“It’s all about community,” said one woman, pushing back her orange dreadlocks. “Now that guy at the coffee bar, he’s gonna remember me every time he sees those dollar bills. And me, I’m not going to forget him in a hurry,” she said, draining the cup.

All participants seemed satisfied with the trade. One erstwhile barista said, “The paper’s a nice shade of green, and I totally dig the pyramid. Plus, now I can pay my rent.”

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