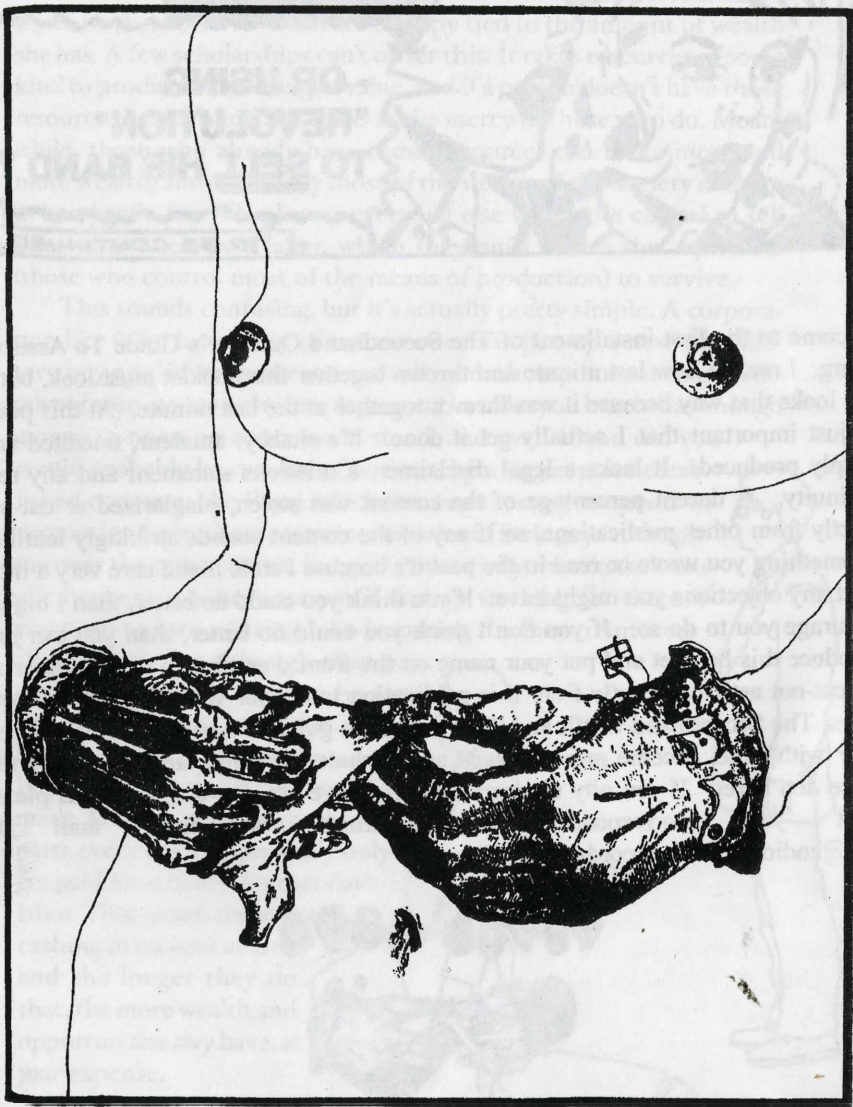
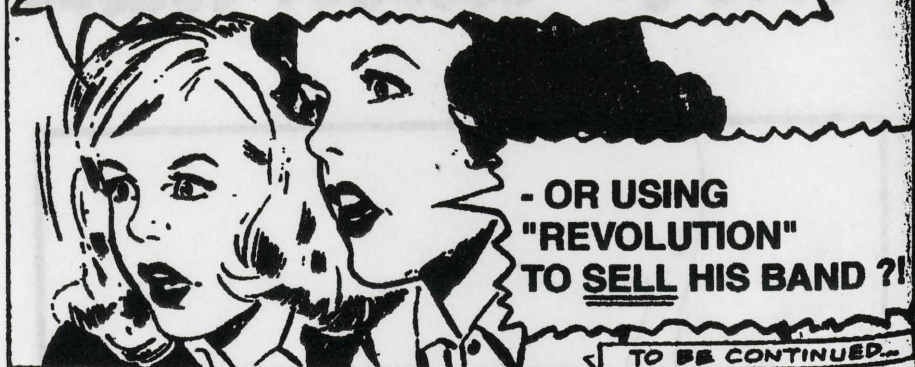


THE SECONDHAND OUTFITTERS GUIDE TO ASSISTED LIVING



This Machine Is Powered By The Poor Mans Militia. Come And Get Us Mother Fucker!

**HEY - IS HE USING HIS BAND TO
"SELL" REVOLUTION --**



**- OR USING
"REVOLUTION"
TO SELL HIS BAND ?!**

TO BE CONTINUED...

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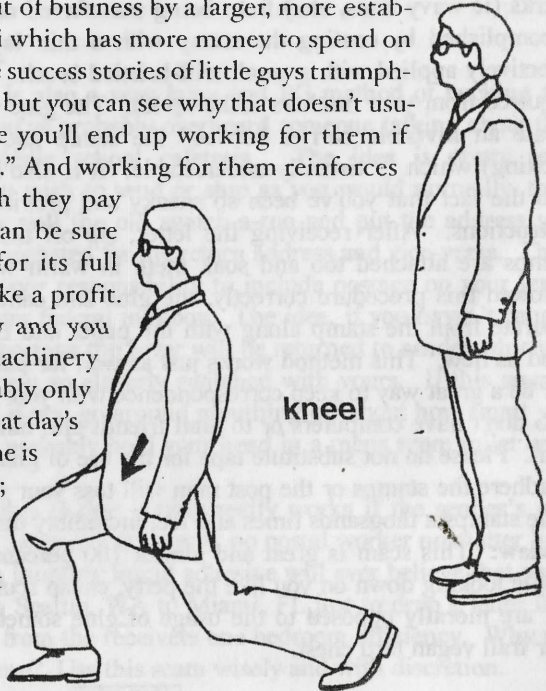


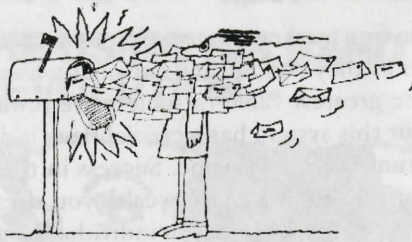
How does capitalism work?

Here's how the free market is *supposed* to work: people are free to seek their fortunes as they choose, and the ones who work the hardest and provide the greatest value to society are rewarded with the greatest wealth. But this system has a crucial flaw: it doesn't actually offer equal opportunities for everyone. Success in the "free market" depends almost entirely on how much wealth you already have.

When capital is privately owned, an individual's opportunities to learn, work, and earn wealth are directly tied to the amount of wealth she has. A few scholarships can't offset this. It takes resources of some kind to produce something of value, and if a person doesn't have those resources herself she finds she is at the mercy of those who do. Meanwhile, those who already have those resources can make more and more wealth, and eventually most of the wealth of the society ends up in hands of a few. This leaves everyone else with little capital to sell other than their own labor, which they must sell to the capitalists (those who control most of the means of production) to survive.

This sounds confusing, but it's actually pretty simple. A corporation like Nike has plenty of extra money to open up a new shoe factory, buy new advertisements, and sell more shoes, thus earning themselves more money to invest. A poor sucker like you barely has enough money to open up a lemonade stand, and even if you did you would probably be run out of business by a larger, more established company like Pepsi which has more money to spend on promotion (sure, there are success stories of little guys triumphing over the competition, but you can see why that doesn't usually happen). Chances are you'll end up working for them if you need to earn a "living." And working for them reinforces their power: for although they pay you for your work, you can be sure they're not paying you for its full value: that's how they make a profit. If you work at a factory and you make \$1000 worth of machinery parts every day, you probably only get paid \$100 or less for that day's labor. That means someone is cashing in on your efforts; and the longer they do that, the more wealth and opportunities *they* have, at *your* expense.





Postage-

Obtaining free postage is a very basic and entry level procedure. As a matter of fact its probably the easiest and lowest risk activity you will find within the pages of this sacred vernacular. The United States Postal Service is a government regulated industry, this should absolve any potential guilt you might incur as a result of ripping them off (if you are a complete lightweight). Capitalizing off the information provided in TSHO has absolutely no effect over USPS employee's salaries or working conditions, the only repercussions to taking advantage of the instructions provided will be how good you feel about saving money.

Method 1- Stamps with thin skin

Supplies: Stamps, Glue, Brush

Directions: Although this scam requires a small initial investment in the long run it will be worth the hassle. The object is to keep the post office's cancellation marks (ie wavy lines, etc.) from being transferred on to the actual stamp. This is accomplished by coating the stamp with a thin layer of translucent glue, most effectively applied with a small stiff-bristled brush. The brush can most likely be acquired from your mothers make-up kit. The glue will dry shortly thereafter and create an invisible barrier between the stamp and the cancellation mark (how exciting) which is virtually undetectable. It is also important to clue the receiver into the fact that you've been so sneaky and provide him/her with the following instructions. After receiving the letter, rip off the portion of the envelope the stamps are attached too and soak them in warm water or alcohol. If you have followed this procedure correctly, the glue and cancellation mark will eventually separate from the stamp along with the paper and BAMMM!! the stamps are as good as new. This method works just as well for packages and larger parcels and can be a great way to keep correspondence with your cheap ass gutter punk friends who don't have computers or to mail friends and family in prison where money is tight. Please do not substitute tape for the use of glue in this procedure to cover or re-adhere the stamps or the post man will toss your shit in the garbage. Reuse the same stamps a thousands times and feel incredibly thrifty.

Review: This scam is great and almost 100 percent full proof if you don't mind people looking down on you like the petty, cheap scum of the earth you are. PS, If you are morally opposed to the usage of glue someone should horse-kick you in your frail vegan bird chest.

Method 1- See No Evil

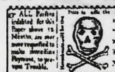
Directions: See no evil is the peewee league of all postal scams, involving only the exploitation of a government service offered to the visually impaired (blind). Its simple, follow all the routine procedures you normally would for mailing a letter with one tiny exception. On the envelope space provided where you would normally place postage, write in or stamp "FREE MATTER FOR THE BLIND" making sure it is done very neatly in order not to aggravate already disgruntle postal workers. The important part of this method is that you do not under any circumstances place this letter in your mailbox or hand it to an employee at the post office, if you fail to heed this instruction you will be tied to a post in the village square and subjected to extreme genatorture and public humiliation for unsuccessfully trying to take advantage of blind people. The proper thing to do would be to take your letter or package and make an anonymous drop into a blue federal mailbox. These are not difficult to locate and can usually be found on post office property or near libraries and big business buildings. The catch is that your parcel will be sent library rate (fourth class) which could take upwards of 2 to 3 times longer to arrive at its stated destination, the upside being that you just mailed something for free

Review: Even with proper execution of the see no evil method you are still running the slight risk that the postman/woman in your area would rather wipe their ass with your letter than let blind people have free postage. My suggestion would be that you try this once or twice with less important articles before you go mailing anything of real value. How many blind people do you know who write letters anyway.

Method 1- Return To Sender

Directions: Return to sender is also a very lame and PG method of bucking the system and the chances are you've probably overheard someone talking about this while eating lunch in a middle school cafeteria. The idea is pretty self-explanatory, package what you wish to send or ship as you would normally, then when addressing the envelope pull the old switch-a-roo and put the address you wish to send to in the space designated for the return address and vice-versa. Then you absent-mindedly neglect your responsibility to include postage on your letter and drop the parcel in a random federal mailbox. The idea, if you haven't caught on yet, is that without proper postage the letter will be returned to sender which in this case will be the address you so cleverly switched with yours. If this sounds stupid that's because it is and if you go around mouthing off about how smart you are for doing it someone will probably hold your head in a mens room toilet until you lose consciousness.

Review: The down side to this is that it only really works if the sender's and receiver's addresses are in the same city or county, no postal worker no matter how damaged his/her brain is from inhaling liquid adhesive will ever believe that some moron drove all the way from Seattle, WA to Miami, FL just to drop a letter in a federal mailbox 2 miles away from the receivers one bedroom efficiency. Why not just take it to their fucking house? Use this scam wisely and with discretion.



Payphones

Payphone scams fall into 2 basic categories: free calls and free money. Before venturing any further into the mysterious realm of secondhand mischief you must realize that vandalizing and stealing from payphones is an offense punishable by possible jail time or castration depending on what state or country you live in. But although the risk is there it's relatively low unless you're a complete muppet. Knowing how to get free phone calls or quick change on the road is a very valuable asset and should not be overlooked.

Method 1- The Pet Quarter

Supplies: One Quarter, fishing line, drill press or high-powered portable drill

Directions: So mom and dad don't think you're responsible enough to take care of a dog yet and all your goldfish die of mysterious causes a week after you buy them, how about the next best thing, a fabulous pet quarter. Yeah!!! The horrible truth is your going to look stupid making this thing, your friends will think you're stupid when you show it to them and you'll look like an even bigger asshole if anyone ever sees you trying to use it but the bottom line is it works. So get yourself a shiny new quarter and approach the drill press or high-powered portable drill, attach the thinnest drill bit you can find (anything bigger than 1/8th will waste your twenty-five cents), lock it into place and drill your hole as close to the perimeter edge of the quarter as you can without going over. The next step is to cut yourself a piece of fishing line approximately two feet in length or longer, the heavier test the better. If you can't afford fishing line then your broke ass probably doesn't have a quarter either but you can very simply cut a piece from one of your old mans fishing poles in the garage and steal a quarter from the change jar on his bedside table. Thread the line through the hole in the quarter just enough to tie a tight and solid knot and cut off the slack on the short side. Try not to double up the knots; this could complicate things later. Now basically what you have is a fucking quarter on a piece of string which is really fuckin stupid but you don't care cuz now you can spend all day talking on the phone to your fat online girlfriend for the first time. The fundamental principle behind a pet quarter's functionality is that you drop it in the change slot, pull it back out after it registers and repeat the process. This is why its important to use heavy test line and tie clean knots so you don't lose your catch in the process of fishing it back out. Also keep in mind that even though we have this listed as a payphone scam it can be used on any machine with a change slot (except the push slots they have at the laundry mat and gum ball machines) and that includes arcade games and condom machines.

Review: The pet quarter has an incredible shelf life and will out last the bitter taste of sheer humiliation and feelings of inadequacy you will experience while using it. The only catch is that if I ever see you using it



Method 1- The Shortest Straw

Supplies: 2 straws, scissors, busy but semi-secluded payphone

Directions: Venturing in to procedures with a slightly higher risk requires you to now start thinking like the seasoned criminal veteran you are becoming. Take into close account where the payphone is located in relation to other buildings, case the area and monitor the amount of traffic it receives and your visibility to potential onlookers. Now that you've grossly overcompensated for the amount of risk involved in the shortest straw you can now feel incredibly naive and foolish for listening to anything I have to say. Take your first straw and cut off a section approximately an inch and a half long. Make a symmetrical fold in the middle of the straw so it now resembles a V. Approach the targeted payphone very casually and pretend to make a phone call, insert the cut and folded straw point first into the change slot and use the longer straw to push the other a couple inches back into position. You've now mastered the art of obstructing the path of loose change, the v-shaped straw will catch all coins deposited in the machine allowing you to return later that evening and use the longer straw to dislodge your earnings by jamming it down the change slot until you hear a rattle in the coin return. Congratulations, you're a dirt-cheap change-stealing shitbag! If nothing happens it could mean one of three things: One. You live in some ritzy upscale suburban community where every asshole and his mother owns a cellphone and you need to wait longer for some regular people to get lost there and require phone service. Two. You waited too long and either a repairperson or an angry vigilante citizen came along and bludgeoned the payphone to death with the receiver and stole your money. Three. You have failed miserably to pull off one of the most juvenile scams in the history of low-tech theft and my nine-year-old sister is on her way to your house right now to kick the living shit out of you. In addition, the most effective way of capitalizing off the shortest straw is to hit several payphones at a time, work an entire shopping center or strip mall and come back later in the evening when the crowds thin out.

Review: When you finally get caught and thrown in jail for this bogus scheme don't post bail or pay court fees with quarter roles





Points Of No Return

To avoid accumulating points on your driving record as a result of traffic violations (i.e. speeding or running red light), follow these simple instructions: When you receive a ticket the issuing officer will more than likely explain the options you have to resolve the matter, then hand you an addressed envelope and your personal copy of the ticket. Your option of choice will be to mail the fine in along with your ticket. When making out your check or money order add a couple extra dollars to the total amount of the fine (i.e. if the amount you must pay is \$100 send \$103). The Clerk of Courts will receive your check, cash it and then issue you a return check for the difference (in this case \$3). When the refund check arrives in your mailbox destroy it, do not under any circumstances cash the check. The points are not assessed to your license until all financial transactions are complete and as long as you're not stupid enough to cash that check they never will be.

Review: All local courts and motor vehicle departments use the same standard databases so this scheme is applicable through out all 50 states. It'll keep your monthly insurance payments from increasing and keep you from accruing excessive points on your record and having your license suspended or revoked. The only down side is that the state government (not local) still gets your money. With any luck TSHO will figure out a sure fire way to avoid payment all together by next issue. Hold tight. +++Speeding tickets are the church collection plate of state government. Law enforcement officials across the country hand out more than 115, 000 tickets per day, generating a multi-billion dollar influx of funds. Insurance companies cash in big as well by raising your premiums when points assess to your license. Major players like Allstate and State Farm have been known to purchase newer, more effective radar guns for traffic cops and highway patrol departments. To twist the knife deeper, they receive special tax write-offs for their generous donations.

Scamtron

Since almost all schools are overcrowded and grossly understaffed electronically graded tests are becoming increasingly popular, thus providing little windows of opportunity for the intellectually challenged. Next time you have to take a test on a scantron sheet come prepared and you won't have to fail miserably any more. First, acquire some plain, non-colored chapstick prior to attending the class where it's test day, if you have trouble finding some hit up a lady friend (they always carry that shit). When you get your test sheet apply a thin layer of chapstick over the registration marks (dashes) making sure to cover the whole area, fill in some bullshit answers and then turn in your test. When scantron tests are graded the machine makes one pass to mark incorrect answers and a second to tally them, if you followed instructions correctly the chapstick will prevent the transfer of the error mark and there will be no incorrects to tally on the second swipe. And like magic you've gone from being a complete dipshit to refrigerator material, good luck at the ivy league school of your choice. Also, if you are positive your test will be the last one graded, mark the box on the side labeled test key .

Review: What is this a fucking joke?

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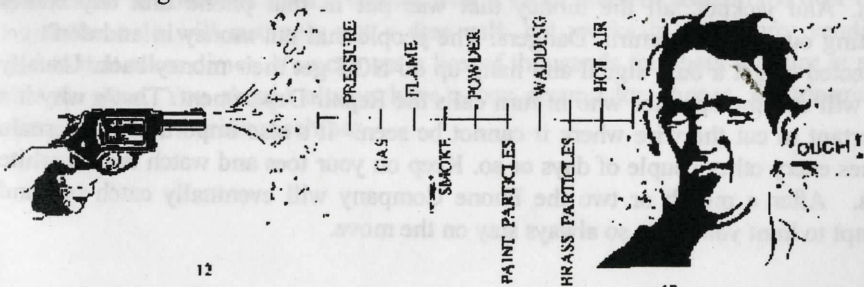
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Movie Tickets

This one's a real killer. Show up to the movies and buy two tickets and go into the theater before the movie starts. Then have one person leave with both ticket stubs. Inform the employee checking tickets at the door that you left something in your car and kindly ask him/her to remember your face. Go drop your 2 stubs off with your other cheap friends who want to get in and calmly return to the theater. You can repeat this process as many times as needed. Also keep in mind that the busier the theater is the better this will work.

Tickets:

For theatrical chains in large cities, call their home office and ask to speak to the vice-president in charge of publicity, sales, or personnel. Ask what his name is so you'll know who you're talking to. When you get the information you want, hang up. Now you have the name of a high official in the company. Compile a short list of officials in the various film, theater and sporting event companies. Next all the various theaters and do the same thing for the theater managers. Once you have the two lists you are ready to proceed. Call the theater you want to attend. When someone answers say you're Mr. _____ from the home office calling Mr. _____ (manager's name) and you'd like to have two passes O.K'd for two important people from out of town. Invariably she'll just ask their names or tell them to mention your name at the box office. Not only will you get in free, but you can avoid waiting in line.





Sticker UPC

Here's a slightly embarrassing way to slim down your grocery bill. Obtain the UPC barcodes from cheap generic products that are categorically similar to products you would like to purchase but packaged in lesser quantities and therefore less valuable. For instance, if you want a case of Red Stripes then obtain the barcode for a six pack of Milwaukee's Best. Then photocopy the barcode on to sticker paper (shopliftable from Office Depot) multiple times, making sure that the barcodes from both products are of comparable sizes. Now cut your barcode stickers out and superimpose them over top of the UPC for the product you wish to purchase. It's important that you try this when stores are busy, don't replace the UPC's on too many products in your cart but make sure you have more than 2 items to check out with (you can always return the other items later). Following these steps will greatly reduce your risk of getting caught and being humiliated in public. PS, only do this as a last resort with things you cannot steal and if you get caught just play dumb, going to jail for UPC barcode fraud lacks street cred and will get that sweet little ass punished.

Through The Wire

Approach a payphone outside of your neighborhood and look for the plastic shroud running down the wall or the junction box that houses the wires. On a normal phone line, only two wires are used: Ring & Tip. (Red & Green). The payphone uses the red and green for its telephone operations, but it also uses the yellow & black to control the coin mechanism. Relays & Solenoids. Find a section of the wire where a cut will not be easily seen. Strip off the insulation of the cord, exposing the four wires. Now, get out the all-purpose wire cutters (Or finger nail clippers if you like) and cut the black & yellow wires. Now just sit back and let people use the phone. What Happens? Well, when you put money into a payphone, it stays in the coin mechanism until 1 of 2 things happens. 1. You connect your call, talk, and Hang-up. After you hang-up, your money goes to the collection box. (The only way to get the money then is to rip the box out) 2. You call a number that doesn't answer, or get busy signal, or something like that, and then hang-up. When you hangup, the money goes from the coin mech. to the coin return. That is the key! After the Black & Yellow wires have been cut, the money goes neither to the coin box or coin return! It just sits there! All you have to do is come back at like 3:00 in the morning, re-connect the black & yellow wires, pick up the phone and put it back down. And jackpot, all the money that was put in that phone that day comes shooting out the coin return. Dangers: The people that put money in and don't get connected or get a busy signal and hang up do NOT get their money back. Usually they will call the operator who in turn calls the Repair Department. That's why it's important to cut the wire where it cannot be seen. It's also important to alternate phones every other couple of days or so. Keep on your toes and watch out for white Vans. After a month or two the Phone Company will eventually catch on, and attempt to hunt you down so always stay on the move.



Baggage Claim

All major airlines have liability policies for reimbursing customers for lost, stolen, or damaged luggage. Baggage liability limitations are set by the Department Of Transportation and currently stand at \$2,500 per ticketed customer. However, maximum liability is not automatic and all damage or loss value must be proven, so it's a good idea to furnish receipts for any big money items you might claim. The most effective way to have your baggage stolen goes as follows: Immediately after you get off the plane have a friend meet you in a pre-arranged location, preferably the bathroom (the only place you won't be on camera). Lay your baggage claim stubs down, do not hand them directly to him/her, and go into a stall. Have your friend with their newly acquired baggage claim stubs retrieve your luggage and make the drop to another friend waiting outside in the car. The friend should then return to the bathroom, return you the stubs and leave the airport immediately with the luggage. Then go wait around baggage pick up until everything is cleared out. Go to the counter and inform them that they have stopped circulating baggage from your flight and your items were never produced. After they check the back for your stuff they will require you to fill out a claims form and then explain that your baggage was most likely misplaced and should be located and shipped shortly. You should receive a reimbursement check within a month and if you were very thorough in detailing the expensive belongings you had packed, it'll be a decent size check.

Below is a standard list of items that almost all airlines will deny responsibility for compensating: Cash, camera equipment, commercial effects, computer software and equipment, electronic equipment, fragile articles, jewelry, lifesaving medication, negotiable papers, irreplaceable business documents, works of art or other similar valuable items contained in checked or unchecked baggage. According to most airlines policies these items should be carried by the passenger.

Brass Washer

Phone Calls: A number 14 brass washer with a small piece of scotch tape over one side of the hole will not only get a free call, but works in about any vending machine that takes dimes. You can get a box of thousands for about a dollar at any hardware store. You should always have a box around for phones, laundromats, parking meters and drink machines

Here's an exercise to try at home. You will need a working stopwatch, or another timepiece that measures seconds. Before you begin, seat yourself in a comfortable chair and loosen your clothing.

Watch the second hand as it passes around the face of the clock. Picture the moment of your death, perhaps many decades in the future, or perhaps only a few years or months (who can know?). Wait for the second hand to reach the starting point at the top of the clockface, and then watch as it records the passing of one minute of your life. Now imagine the clock counting down the minutes of your life to the moment of your death. Try this exercise picturing this moment a few decades in the future, then repeat it picturing the moment next year. Repeat it picturing the moment of your death next month. Next week. Tonight. After all, you never know.

Now observe the minute and hour hands on the clock. What were you doing at this time twenty four hours ago? Forty eight hours ago? One month ago? What will you be doing at this time next week?

Imagine that the moment of your death is one month away. Consider—if you knew that this was true, what would you be doing right now? What would you be doing at this time tomorrow? Repeat this step, imagining your death to be one year away. Does this make very much difference in your thoughts about what you would do today and tomorrow if you knew the date of your death?

Compare your activities over the last twenty four hours to the activities you would have chosen if you had known that you would leave this world in one month or one year. Compare your activities over the last month, the last year, the last decade to those you would have chosen if you had known that on this day you would have only thirty days or twelve months left to live. How different would your life have been if you had known the date of your approaching death? Would you be ready to die in a month or a year, having lived the life that you have?

Chances are, at least as far as we all know, that most of the people who read this text and participate in this exercise will live for many more years afterwards. But still, look at the second hand of the stopwatch, and follow it as it records the passing minutes, counting down the minutes of your life that remain to you as they slip away. Are you living the life that you want to live? Are you living a life that, at any given moment, you could look back upon with satisfaction if you suddenly realized that it was about to end? Are you living the sort of life that you would wish upon a human being, a life that is exciting and full, that is well spent, every minute of it? If the answer is no, what can you do in the time that still remains to you—however long or short that may be—to make your life more like the one you would like to live? For we all do have only a limited amount of time granted to us in this world—we should use it with this in mind.

a new reality is better than a new movie

a fantasy of defeat,

an escape into chains,

a vacation at a dead end



**I REALISED THEN — IF YOU
WANT SOMETHING DONE
THEN YOU'VE GOT TO DO IT
YOURSELF — DIRECT ACTION
IS THE ANSWER —**

life can be beautiful when we start to
break free!

How To Alter Your Fingerprints

If you're going to change your prints, it's best if you first research all you can find about fingerprints and their applications in forensics. Here are the cliff notes for you lazy types, but if you are serious about doing this you should at least take the trouble to hit your local library and crack a book or two. Fingerprints are classified according to ridge line patterns. These patterns are divided into three main groups; the arch, the loop, and the whorl. These are further divided into eight subgroups; the plain arch, tented arch, radial loop, ulnar loop, central pocket loop, double loop, plain whorl, and accidental whorl. Prints are filed and classified by "ridge counts." The ridge count is the number of ridges between the core (the center of the fingerprint pattern) and the delta (the formation in front or near the center). The delta is a point on the first fork, a meeting of two ridges, an abrupt ridge ending, a dot, a piece of a ridge or any point upon the ridge at or nearest to the center of divergence of the type lines. It is the position used as the starting point for ridge counting. Each ridge that crosses or touches an imaginary straight line drawn from the core to the delta is counted. A different count is made for each finger. This is because while one right index finger may register a count of 7 ridges, the left index finger may only count 3. A fingerprint point identification is based on 12 to 15 distinct characteristics, such as dots, ridge endings, crevices, bending lines, formations of islands (hollow circles and ovals), comparatively short ridges, and bifurcations (Y-shaped forks-in-the-road). The average finger has from 30 to 40 such markings. The police use computers to evaluate finger and hand prints (Well, DUH). The data on known persons is stored as numerical formulas. For ID purposes, prints are compared with the data stored in the computer, which delivers a report of the specifics and formulas required to identify a given person.

YOU'LL NEED:

- * an indelible extra-fine tip marking pen, the finer the better
- * a magnifying glass, at least 10 power
- * a double-edge razor blade
- * a pair of tweezers (pointed-tip is best)
- * a pair of nail clippers
- * ordinary Drano (The powder, not the liquid shit.)
- * healing salve or ointment
- * lots of gauze

OVERVIEW

Skin is basically made up of two layers. The outer layer of the skin is called the epidermis, and the sensitive vascular meaty portion of the skin below the epidermis is called the dermis. The shapes of the blood vessels in your dermis determine the shape of your epidermis. Drano is basically composed of four parts; 50% is small, various-sized white granules of sodium hydroxide, also known as caustic soda, or lye 35% is sodium nitrate 15% is filler made up of sodium chloride (salt) and aluminum powder. For your purposes, you only need the smallest white granules of lye (If you can somehow get hold of pure lye instead of Drano, all the easier. But don't expect to find it at your friendly neighborhood drugstore.

THE PROCESS

- 1) Using the magnifying glass and the fine-tip pen, dot the core and delta, as well as any outstanding groups of characteristics, on one of your fingertips.
- 2) Take the double-edged razor blade and snap it in half lengthwise. Twist one piece lengthwise again and break it in half. You should now have one quarter of the blade, with a scalpel-like edge
- 3) Taking the edged piece, carefully cut a straight line $\frac{3}{32}$ of an inch through each dot right into the epidermis, but NOT into the dermis, which would draw quite a noticeable amount of blood. Think "papercut."
- 4) Using the tweezers, pick up a small pellet of lye and insert it into one cut. As soon as the lye combines with your bodily fluids, a chemical reaction will result that will last approximately one minute. And yes, this will hurt. It will, in fact, hurt like fucking hell. You may want something to bite down on.
- 5) The lye will burn a dark circle $\frac{3}{32}$ of an inch in diameter into the dermis with little or no damage to the epidermis. Repeat the procedure with each dot.
- 6) Taking the nail clippers, carefully clip the epidermis around the edge of each circle. This will expose concave cavities filled with semiclear jelly. (In case you're wondering, this jelly is burnt skin.)
- 7) Clean the cavities with ordinary soap and water and apply your salve. Try to get yourself a salve with what they call "three-way" healing properties. This means it'll have an antibiotic, a local analgesic, and an enzyme (which will dissolve the burnt connective tissue lining the cavities). One brand-name for this stuff is Elase Shop around, read ingredients, etc.
- 8) Wrap your finger in gauze, then repeat the entire procedure on all finger and thumb pattern areas as well as any significant palm print characteristics.

Within about a month your fingers will have healed. You should have obliterated (or at least seriously altered) any outstanding groups of characteristics. The total count on any one finger will now probably number around 10 - 15 points or less. As an added bonus, you'll have destroyed your cores and deltas, thereby making an accurate classification and ridge count impossible as well as changing the corresponding specifics and formulas. This makes it a bit harder to get an accurate file of your prints back into a computer should you ever be unfortunate or stupid enough to get printed again. The healing process of severely damaged tissue, especially burnt tissue, permanently scars the epidermis, causing the misalignment of the ridge lines in the pattern area. Therefore, a before-and-after visual examination would show the fingerprints are similar but couldn't prove conclusively they are identical. And a before-and-after computer evaluation would indicate the fingerprints do not match and conclusively are not identical.

Congratulations. And wear gloves next time
Wolf J. Flywheel

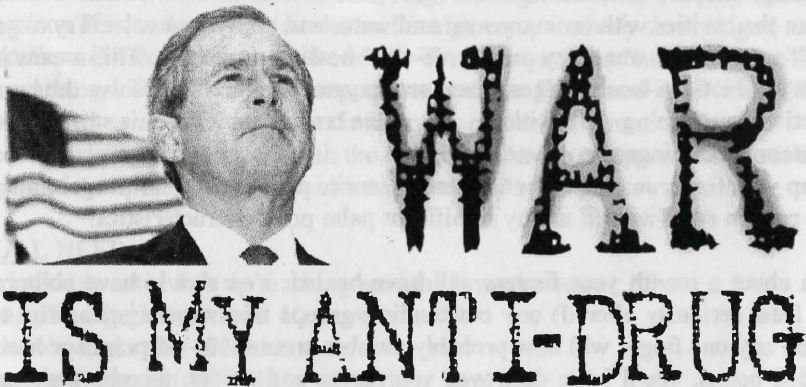
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Frozen Ink

In order to remove the ink tag anti-theft devices from articles of stolen clothing pop them in your freezer for 24 hours. Once the ink is frozen solid you have about a 10 minute window to remove the tag without getting any nasty stains on your new polo goose down.

Pre-Paid Postage

Hey, here's another postage scam. You know all those postage paid business reply envelopes you get with junk mail and bill collectors? Well you can use those for free postage. All you have to do is tape the receiving address over the address on the business reply card/envelope. To send a larger object paste the card to a bigger envelope/box. Make sure not to cover the account number or any of the information included on the envelope or else they will not be able to bill the suckers that sent it to you. Pay close attention to the stamp or seal you're using, some pre-paid reply cards have only limited or local coverage but this will almost always be visibly indicated on the letter itself.



Drugs are dangerous and stupid. They don't make you more enlightened, or interesting or creative. They'll just make you sick, or get you arrested. That's why it's important to have an anti-drug, something you do instead of taking drugs. For example, I enjoy bombing third world countries.

You might enjoy playing baseball, or volunteering for your church, or patriotically shopping at the mall.

What's your anti-drug?

DID YOU KNOW ?



- The International Red Cross has estimated that one out of every two casualties of war is a civilian caught in the crossfire.
- Half of the world's governments spend more on defense than health care.
- The U.S. share of total world military expenditures per year has been roughly 40%, while comprising under 5% of the world's population.
- The U.S. Arms Industry is the second most heavily subsidized industry after agriculture.
- 2001 world military expenditures topped \$839 billion,[9] while at the same time an estimated 1.3 billion people survive on less than the equivalent of U.S. \$1 a day.
- The United Nations estimates there to be over 300,000 child soldiers around the world, now serving as combatants in over 30 current conflicts.
- The Center for International Policy estimates that around 80% of U.S. arms exports to the developing world go to non-democratic regimes.
- 1% of the U.S. budget is slated for International Affairs. Only 0.6% of that 1%, or \$127 million, is allocated for U.S. peace-keeping operations.
- There are more landmines planted in Cambodia than people. Cambodia is just one of 64 countries around the world littered with some 100 million anti-personnel landmines.
- The U.S. government is training soldiers in upwards of 70 countries at any given time.
- Of the active conflicts in 1999, the United States supplied arms or military technology to parties in more than 92% of them --39 out of 42. In over one-third of these conflicts - 18 out of 42 - the United States provided from 10% to 90% of the arms imported by one side of the dispute.
- U.S. arms or U.S. military technology were used by adversaries confronting U.S. soldiers in Panama, Iraq, Somalia, and Haiti. A significant portion of the \$6 billion in covert U.S. arms and training sent to Afghan rebel groups in the 1980s was funneled to right-wing Islamic fundamentalist forces that now use these resources to attack U.S. allies and citizens.





Eight Things You Can Do To Get Active

- 1.** Pay attention to where and how you spend your money. Is your money going to support companies that don't care about you? Are they destroying the environment, killing animals, treating your friends who work for them like shit? Are they trying as hard as they can to sell you a product that gives you cancer? Are their advertisements designed to manipulate you, to make you feel insecure or make their product seem like more than it really is? You don't need to give those motherfuckers your money! For that matter—do you buy many things that you don't need? Soft drinks and junk food at convenience stores, for example? Do you end up spending a lot of money whenever you want to relax and have a good time? There are a thousand things you and your friends can do that are fun, creative, and don't cost anything (having intense discussions, exploring hidden parts of your town, making music—instead of drinking at bars or going to movies and restaurants) just as there a thousand ways you can eat and live more cheaply (Food Not Bombs, building furniture instead of buying it, living in big houses with a bunch of friends). Once you experiment a bit, you'll probably find that you enjoy life a lot more when you're not always shelling out cash for it.
- 2.** Now that you spend less, you can work less, too! Think about how much more time that gives you to do other things. Not only will it be easier to do things that help you spend less, like volunteering at Food Not Bombs (the less you work, the more time you have to make sure you don't need to), you'll also be able to do all the things you never had time for before: you can travel, exercise, spend more time with your friends and lovers. When it's sunny and beautiful outside, you can go out and enjoy it!
- 3.** And you'll have time to do the other things you need to do to take back control of your life and your world. First, start reading. It doesn't really matter what, so long as it makes you think about things and gives you new ideas of your own. Read novels about human beings struggling against their society, like J.D. Salinger's *Catcher in the Rye* or George Orwell's *1984* or Joseph Heller's *Catch 22*; read the beautiful, dreamers' prose of Jeanette Winterson or Henry Miller. Read history: learn about the Spanish revolution in the 1930's, where whole cities were run by the people who lived in them, rather than by governments; learn about the labor union struggle in the USA, or the Free Speech Movement in Berkeley in the 1960's. Read philosophy, read about environmental issues, read vegan cookbooks and underground 'zines and comics and everything you can get your hands on. Here's a hint: if there's a university in your town, you can probably get a membership for about \$10 a year—and most libraries include videos, too!
- 4.** Reading isn't the only way you can expand your horizons and clarify your ideas. Talk to people about the things that interest you, arguing when you don't agree, so you'll get to know your own beliefs better. Write to the people who are doing the 'zines you like, discuss and debate things with them, ask them for directions to find out more about your interests. Try writing about your own ideas, and sharing that with people, until you feel confident doing this. Travel to different places, try to learn about other cultures and communities, so you'll have more than one perspective on the world and you can start to imagine what the world is like through other people's eyes.

5. Now you'll know what you want, and you can go about getting it. Seek out other people and groups with similar goals, and figure out how to support them or participate in what they're doing. Maybe you can copy fliers and give them out at shows; maybe you can organize benefit shows for organizations you want to support (women's shelters, radical bookshops, local groups protesting against the execution of Mumia Abu-Jamal or lobbying for protection of the environment). Maybe there are public protests and demonstrations going on that you want to be part of. Try to help find ways to make these more challenging and fun than just a bunch of people holding signs; everyone's so bored with doing that that there must be a more effective and exciting way to go about it.

6. You can start your own projects, as well, you know. If there's no Food Not Bombs in your area, get a group of people together and find some local businesses that will donate their leftover food. If there's something fucked up at your high school or college or workplace, try organizing a walkout to force the "authorities" to do something about it... and to show everyone that those "authorities" only have as much power as we let them have. If the main street of your town lacks life and excitement, try organizing an unexpected festival to take place in the middle of it one weekend. Shake up everyone's lives and expectations, shake them out of their apathy and boredom so they'll start thinking about things. Establish networks with other people who are also interested in having an effect on the world around them, so you can help each other do this.

7. Through all of this, don't stop questioning yourself and your assumptions. Try to see through all the social programming you've received throughout your life: consider how gender roles constrain the way you act, how your own relationships with people reproduce the same hierarchical order that your fighting in mainstream society. We're not going to really change anything unless we can create new ways of living and interacting, new values that show themselves in the way we treat each other. Show your friends how much you care about them. Consider doing things you never thought you should or could do: dancing, singing, admitting things that you've been taught to be ashamed of.

8. Now look to the future. How can you stay involved with these things as you get older? How can you construct your life so you will always be free to do what you want to? Talk to people older than you who haven't given up and gone back to the daily grind of eat-work-sleep-watch TV. With a little input from them and a lot of resolve on your part, you can maintain your activities and your lifestyle as long as you want to. Idealism, adventure, and resistance don't have to be reserved for youth alone. History is filled with men and women who refused to compromise or calm down, who went all out from the cradle to the grave. They are the artists, the leaders, the heroes and heroines even people from the mainstream respect. We can all have lives like theirs, if we're brave and idealistic enough. If all of us demand control over what we do and what goes on around us, if all of us do what we can to make life exciting and fair for everyone, things are bound to change. A lot of people know that we don't live in the best of all possible worlds, but persuade themselves that it's hopeless to try to improve things because they're afraid to commit themselves, to take any risks. But it's that lack of ambition that is the biggest risk of all—for what if you do nothing, and nothing happens, and we lose our chance to make this world the paradise it should be? Don't be shy or timid—there's nothing more exciting than taking an active role in the world around you, and there's nothing more worthwhile!

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