

PAY AND DIE?



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ODDS & ENDS

by
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It is often said that death and taxes are inevitable. Human sheep repeat this platitude the same way parrots unthinkingly repeat anything they hear. Until now death has been necessary because people insisted on breeding and we'd be standing on each other's heads in no time if it weren't for death. You know, of course, that it is not necessary to have children. You may NOT know that our technology is only a few years (100? 50? less?) away from eliminating death. Read The Immortalist by Harrington, The Second Genesis by Rosenfeld, Here Comes Immortality by Tuccille, and Heinlein's I Will Fear No Evil and Time enough for love: the lives of Lazarus Long. (Borrow them FREE from your library) If you could live forever OR have children, which would you choose? Have you had your ♂ or ♀ yet?

As for taxes, many shrewd individuals are "Working Within the System" TO DESTROY IT! They claim that the 16th Amendment is unconstitutional. Rene Baxter (4045 East Palm Lane, Phoenix, AZ 85008) is one of the many knowledgeable advocates of tax refusal. Here's his plan. "According to Federal law, a dollar is a silver coin containing 412 1/2 grains of standard silver" Did you receive 750 or more dollars in income last year? Of course not. All you got was "fiat dollars" - printing press money. Therefore file a W4E with your employer. It states that you are exempt from taxation. "...the IRS is 90% bluff. They have successfully violated our rights only because we allowed them to do so. Our fear is based on our own ignorance of our rights under the Constitution and under Federal law. The fact is, a very large number of people are successfully defying the IRS. They aren't being charged; they aren't being tried; and they aren't being convicted. Equally important, they aren't paying any taxes. The IRS admits that there are now over 5 million tax resisters in the U.S. Many are using dubious or illegal tax avoidance methods. A growing number, however, are basing their non-compliance on the Constitution and on Federal law. There is now overwhelming evidence that these methods are not only successful but completely legal. In fact, they are based on a strict observation of the law."

BE SURE to cross out the "Under penalties of perjury..." statement at the end of the 1040. One of the Advisable Missions Force's informants, WITHIN THE IRS, says they are terrified of people who plead the Fifth and Fourth Amendments. You have Big Brother by the BALLS! So squeeze him like he's been squeezing you!

Baxter's Tax Revolt is \$2. He publishes a fortnightly economic newsletter (expensive) and "Freedom Today" (monthly, inexpensive) and sells several books, among them Tax Revolt: USA by Martin Larson \$5. The cover shows a 1040 being burned. Remember when burning draft cards was a popular activity? Has anyone been drafted lately?

Don't ask for the info free because "you can't afford it". If you don't pay taxes, like those of us who collect welfare or unemployment insurance (which insures unemployment: why work?) or have your income deposited directly in Zurich or elsewhere, you don't need the info. If you do pay taxes, you can certainly afford to learn how to STOP paying them! A popular recent saying is "Eat the Rich". Whether you choose to or not, stop feeding Big Brother with \$.

Mr. Phelps

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There has been some new response to the TAP "T" shirt. So far people writing in want shirt # 1. The choices are shown in the October 1973 issue # 22. Keep those cards and letters coming in folks!

There have also been some off-hook currents sent in by TAP readers. A chart listing all off-hook currents will be in next month's issue. Please continue to send in off-hook current values.

We've had a number of letters from the New England area especially Mass. informing us of a large crash program to uncover illegal extension phones and answering devices. Shame on you---for getting caught!!! I wouldn't dream of telling you that if you put a SPST switch in series with each of your freebees and leave the switch in the off position there's no way in hell that Pa Bell can find out when they very sneakily "test" the line at 3 AM with a signal that's strong enough to register on their meter but not strong enough to ring your phone. Remember also that when you connect a phone answering device to your line it can be detected. So if you have any friends who have an illegal phone answering device make sure that you don't tell them how to avoid detection by putting a SPST switch in series with the device and shutting off the legal phone when the answering device is in use so only one "phone" shows on the detection equipment.

I've received two other off-hook currents - 275 ma and 9.1 ma. I don't know what the hell to make of these readings. One looks too high and the other too low! Phone resistance and the 48 volt DC battery at the local CO are pretty standard so there shouldn't be such a wide variety of values. Please recheck your milliammeter and note the on and off-hook line voltages.

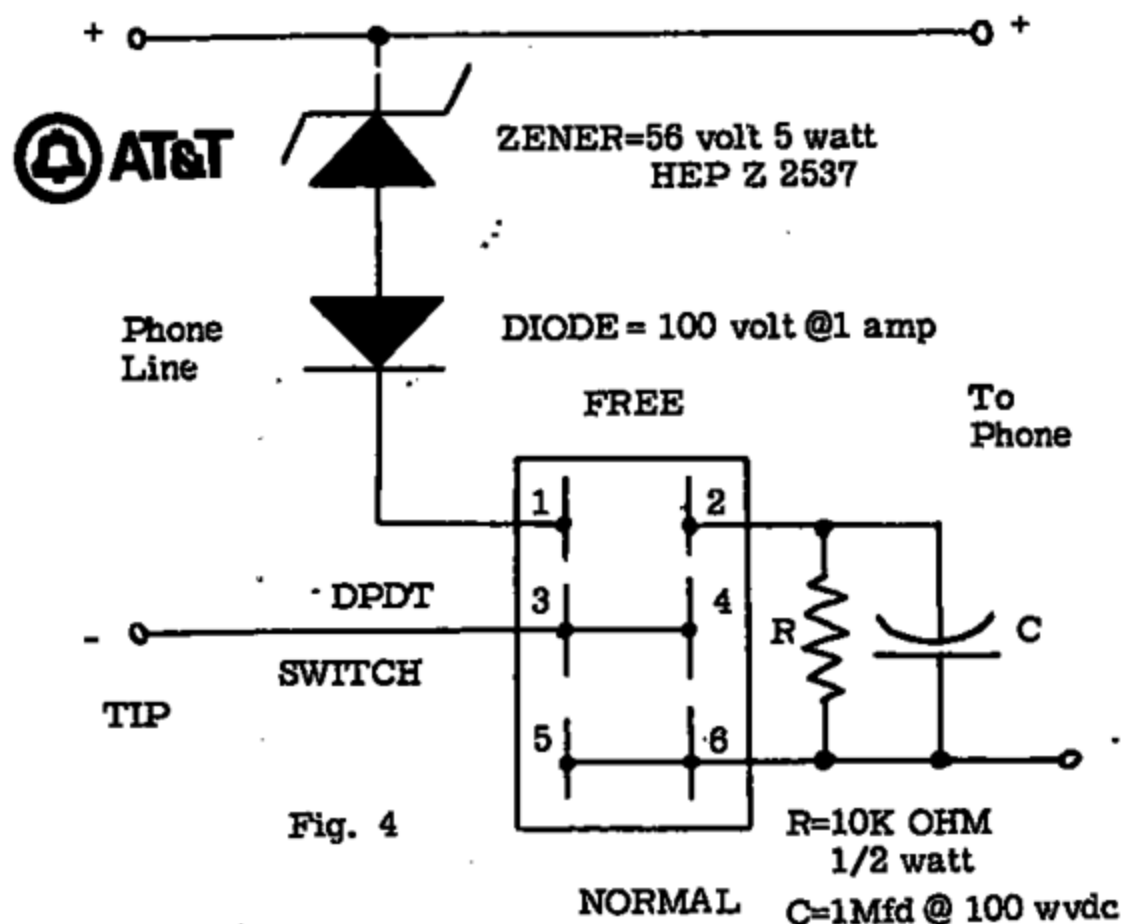
For you underground record freaks let me recommend Perfect Pitch, P.O. Box 136, Hallowell, Maine 04347. They have an extensive catalog of great underground and imported underground records by such artists as: Beatles, Stones, Dylan, Who, Dead, Zeppelin, Hendrix, Clapton, CSN&Y, Bowie, Deep Purple and many more. Send a self addressed stamped envelope for their free catalog. They offer fast service and the records come shrink wrapped with inner protection sleeves. Their catalog also rates the sound quality so you know in advance what to expect. Credit an Amherst, Mass. Yippie for the tip about Perfect Pitch. Thanks again Scott!

OOPS!

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It had to happen sooner or later! In my zeal to get my article laid out for the January issue the WRONG diagram was used for Fig. 4. The schematic showed a DPST switch which is incorrect. If this DPST switch is used the 105 volt AC 20 Hz ringing voltage will have a low resistance path through the E_x RC network and the diodes will effectively be across the line at all times. This means that the circuit will automatically "answer" your phone all the time! To correct this situation change the DPST switch to a DPDT switch and connect as shown below:

RING



Terminals 3&4 are connected together as are 5&6 but there is no connection between terminals 1&2. With the DPDT switch in the normal position the ringing voltage is across the phone ringer and not across the "answering" diodes. Only when the switch is put in the "free" position are the diodes placed across the line to momentarily "answer" the phone for a few milliseconds. I cannot think of a more appropriate time to build this improved automatic Black Box:

NOTICE TO TELEPHONE CUSTOMERS

**We are planning changes
in the rates for most out-of-state calls.**

The following examples illustrate the new Interstate Long Distance rates in three sample mileage bands:

Interstate Dial-Direct One-Minute Rates				Interstate Operator-Assisted Three-Minute Rates		
Mileage of Call	Full Rate Weekday	35% Discount Evening	50% Discount Night & Weekend	Mileage of Call	Station-to-Station at All Times	Person-to-Person at All Times
23-30 miles (Hartford, Conn / Springfield, Mass.)	31c	20c	12c	23-30 miles (Hartford, Conn / Springfield, Mass.)	\$1.00	\$2.00
431-925 miles (New Orleans, La / Detroit, Mich.)	50c	32c	20c	431-925 miles (New Orleans, La / Detroit, Mich.)	\$2.05	\$3.15
1911-3000 miles (New York, N.Y. / Los Angeles, Calif.)	54c	35c	21c	1911-3000 miles (New York, N.Y. / Los Angeles, Calif.)	\$2.25	\$3.55
Additional minutes are always less in all rate periods. Rates quoted do not include tax.				Additional minutes for operator-assisted calls are charged at the lower dial-direct rates. Rates quoted do not include tax.		

Here are the proposed never ending rate hikes from AT&T. Compare this with TAP's inflation fighting never increasing ever constant rates. I think that it's very obvious who's offering the better service to the public - AT&T or TAP!!!

TAP'S DIAL-DIRECT NEVER MORE THAN THREE MINUTES AT A TIME BLACK BOX RATES

MILEAGE OF CALL	DAY RATES	NIGHT RATES
0-100 MILES	0¢	0¢
100-1,000 MILES	0¢	0¢
ANYWHERE	0¢	0¢
ADDITIONAL MINUTES ARE ALWAYS LESS RATES QUOTED INCLUDE TAX		

As an aid to you do-it-yourselfers let me offer to you the TOM EDISON HOME EXPERIMENTORS PHONE CHART:

	VOLTS	Ma	OHMS	FREQ	TIME
ON-HOOK	48	0	INFINITE	DC	-
OFF-HOOK	8	40	100-200		-
RINGING	105	23	-	20	-
BUSY SIG	-	-	-	480+ 620	60 IPM
BLACK BOX RESISTOR	45	4.5	10 Kohm	-	-
DIAL TONE	-	-	-	350+ 440	-

WE NEED INFO

CB Radio - Though it is a violation of FCC regulations, it is possible to add an encoder - decoder system to existing CB radios and have a telephone in your car at no monthly charge. Besides, a CB rig costs around \$200, far less than the FM or VHF equipment used by Motorola-Bell systems. It requires an automatic phone patch and sending touch-tone over the AM signal. We would like a design for such a system.

Also: we would like plans for a suitable bi-linear amplifier for mobile CB radio (and home base) use to get thru when things are crowded and marginal.

Alarm Systems - or "How to unprotect Big Brother". Well, it is possible, with your help, if you send in whatever info you may have in the way of schematics, operation, or methods of circumventing from local to Grade AA Central Office Alarms.

Chemistry - Tried and PROVEN recipes for psychopharmaceuticals. Info about memory drugs, e.g. Magnesium Pemoline.

ASK Mr. PHELPS

Send in your questions and he will try to answer them. If you send a deposit to his bank account in Zurich, he will make an all-out, maximum effort.

Q. What are you going to do about those new supermarket labels? Is there some way to add some lines and lower the price?

A. What makes you think we would do anything like that? All we do at TAP is distribute information and report the news. Like the NY Times. Sort of. Us cheat honest businessmen providing people with necessities at competitive prices? No way! But if someone rips me off, I rip right back! One chain has a new slogan which REALLY means: "We take PRIDE in charging the highest PRICE we can get away with". The Shadow said: "The weed of crime bears bitter fruit." Well, I think free food tastes GREAT!

Remember that no matter how much you rip them off, you'll barely break even unless you buy wisely. Fully half - hell, probably 3/4 - of the stuff in markets is a total ripoff. Cigarettes; soda and sugared, flavored, canned water; breakfast cereals (with a few exceptions); white bread; sterilized cream; and medicinals are all shit! One breakfast cereal executive once said: "If they'd buy it, we'd sell them packaged shit." That's ok, if it's properly labeled, but when they call it "food", that's FRAUD, and the perpetrators should be liquidated. As for "medicinals": first they sell you the shit, then they sell you more shit for when your stomach and guts rebel, then more shit so you can get rid of it, then more shit to straighten out your head, and finally more shit to keep you from smelling like shit, which you wouldn't if you ate right.

Do you know what unit pricing is, and how to calculate the price per ounce when the u.p. label is, as usual, missing or obsolete? If not, you'll often get ripped off. You'll buy "large economy sizes" which are no bargain at all! So bring along your pocket calculator, if you're too lazy to do the math in your head.

In some states, there is STILL no law preventing markets from increasing prices of items already on the shelves. In some states, the sheep are even charged SALES TAX on food. They just shrug. Get rid of politicians (preferably with the ballot, not the bullet) who don't represent you. The Libertarian Party is probably your best alternative.

The label is known as the Universal Product Code. An excellent article appeared in Barron's, May 13, 1974. Many markets are hesitating, wondering if the "benefits" are worth the system's \$200,000 cost. Department store owners are waiting for Optical Character Recognition systems. IBM's requires that price tags be printed in magnetic ink. (NOW do you see the reason for our DA info request?) Supermarkets would like to avoid marking the prices on everything so they can REALLY rip you off. Legislators are working on bills to require prices on everything. Let them hear from you! UPC is now being tested in Fairport, NY, where customers said checking out is NOT quicker or easier. It's just another gimmick, but one you can profit from.



Can you tell the difference? Neither can the cashier. But the computer can, and we all know that computers never make mistakes, right? (The label on the left is off a 14¢ item, the one on the right is off a \$1.69 item)

It has been said that every revolutionary should own or have access to printing equipment, or know a friendly printer (the more you pay him, the friendlier he'll be)

"In every coup d'etat, there comes a moment when success or failure depends on whether or not an appropriate set of rubber stamps is available."

The Coming Dark Age, by Roberto Vacca
"A printing press is worth more than 1000 rifles"

Kim H Sung

It would be illegal to neatly apply new gummed or self-sticking UPC labels on top of the originals. And most unwise to try sticking them on frozen packages, slippery plastic containers, or over colored labels. And it won't look right if you buy a cartful of food and the total is \$3.71, will it? You'll get an itemized bill so you can't use just one label several times. How would it look, a receipt for 10 packages of 14¢ salt, when you've got only delicacies like smoked oysters and caviar in your cart? You would need an assortment of labels.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

The Big Brother Game by Scott French \$7.95 from Cru Publishing, Box 6820, San Francisco, CA 94101

A most entertaining and informative book about surveillance, surreptitious entry, and countermeasures. Even I learned a great deal. Probably the most comprehensive, readily available of its type. Included are many pages from manufacturers' catalogs, and schematics for those who wish to make their own low cost equipment. The chapter on locksmithing itself is worth many times the price of the entire book. Techniques are described in the author's inimitable style. Get this book before it is outlawed! In a volume containing as much material as this one does, a few minor errors and omissions are inevitable. Your mission is to find them.

The End of TAP?

It COULD happen - if S - 1 passes. Yeah, I know - "What's S - 1?" You will get all the details if it does pass. It is known in some circles as "Instant 1984". Check it out and let your "duly elected representatives" (hah) hear how you feel about it.

Must Mean Pony Express

Washington, Feb. 17 (AP) — Although mail service is improving, the Postal Service still does not provide as good service as the old Post Office Department once did, the General Accounting Office said yesterday.

Over-all, service today is not as good as it was before

postal reorganization — in terms of timeliness of delivery and other services provided by the Postal Service," the congressional auditing agency said.

The GAO said that a significant cause of delays is mail misdirected by letter-sorting machines.

Dresses Up His Decision

Mount Clemens, Mich., Jan. 7 (AP) — Three youths who pleaded guilty to singing Christmas carols in the nude have been ordered by a court to clean up their act and do an encore next year.

Putting aside the maximum penalty of \$100 or 90 days in

jail, District Court Judge Harry Burkart deferred judgment until next January, if the teenagers agreed to refrain from streaking during their probation and return to the same neighborhood next Christmas to do caroling, in this time in proper attire.

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If you've written to MEAT and haven't heard from anyone, it's because we haven't heard from anyone else in your area. We have noticed there are a lot of people in the same towns, so if you want to meet others, let us know. There IS some risk - we might unknowingly introduce you to an undercover agent. But you run that risk every time you buy a nickel bag from a new dealer.

Postage rates are getting so high that it hardly pays you to order and us to ship only one item, but we will continue to do so at Al Bell's insistence. Books are sent separately from back issues at lower cost "Book Rate".

Some people have expressed concern about our security. Our mailing list is as safe as possible. What are you worried about anyway? You're probably already on a half dozen of Big Brother's other shit lists! All incoming mail is shredded after processing (occasionally, it may get shredded without processing). Someone asked: "Do you think Pa Bell has a subscription under an alias?" We assume he does, but we've infiltrated him far deeper than he's infiltrated us.

Courses E & F and Head Crash (computers) will be finished someday. If you ordered them, we probably have your name and address and will send when available. If you haven't gotten something else you ordered, it might be your fault. Make sure we have your current address or give the Postal Monopoly your change of address (unless you don't want bills forwarded). Our outgoing first class mail has no return address and we have never gotten anything back from the Dead Letter Office. If something is our fault, we'll correct it, but if it's your fault, TOUGH! Occasionally, some masochist sends cash which never arrives. When he complains, we have to waste time and postage telling him TOUGH! Or some smartass says "There's no way anybody could steal this money," and doesn't include any, so we'll think it was stolen. TOUGH!

It so happens that we are all males here, and it seems that most readers are, but some people don't like the sexist greeting "Dear Sirs" or "Gentlemen". Personally, I prefer "Dear People".

Regarding a convention: I think we have one here every Wednesday. If you want a fancy one in a big hotel, TANSTAAFL (There ain't no such thing as a free lunch). It will cost MONEY! I am not at all enthusiastic about reducing our treasury for this purpose. If readers want to contribute enough... HEY, where did everybody go?

We try to answer all questions (unless they are rhetorical) even if the answer is "We don't know", but a self-addressed, stamped envelope (put the stamp at least 1" lower and you may be able to recycle it) will speed up the reply. Then we don't put your letter in the "Answer if we ever get a chance" pile. If you didn't get an answer, write again; it may have gotten lost in the shuffle.

Remember, we are doing the best we can. This is a labor of love (and hate) and we're not making any money on it. If you can do better, come on in.

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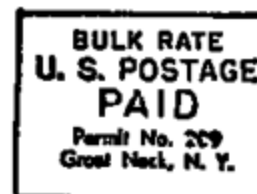
HACKENSACK (AP) — A couple has filed suit charging New Jersey Bell Telephone with failing to put them through to the fire department when their home caught on fire three years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Loegren of Edgewater filed the suit in Superior Court here Friday.

In the suit, Mrs. Loegren said she dialed for the operator when the fire broke out Feb. 2, 1973, established contact with an unidentified operator, and requested that the operator notify the Edgewater Fire Department.

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School phones used improperly

NEW YORK (AP) — A nine-month sampling of long-distance telephone calls made from the city's schools to places such as France, Switzerland, Argentina, Greece, Italy and Israel showed almost one-third of them were personal and not official.

From The News Tribune