

FIGHTING THE BIGGEST MONOPOLY OF ALL

No, it's not The Phone Company. It's The Establishment. Big Brother. Da Guviment. Victims of lesser monopolies can at least refuse to use and pay for their services. But Big Brother's victims must pay whether or not they receive any "services". Payments are called "taxes". Big Brother is insatiable. The more \$ he gets, the more he wants. The "better" to run our lives. He has become a cancer and like any cancer, will continue to grow, if unchecked, until he destroys his host. He has already grown to the point that there are more people employed by him than by so-called free enterprise.

There was a time when people controlled the gov't, not vice versa. "Two hundred years ago" (Do you watch those Bicentennial Minutes on TV? Wow!) there was a Libertarian REVOLUTION. People decided they wanted to run their own lives, instead of letting others run them. They decided to spend their money as they saw fit, instead of giving it to King George to spend as he saw fit.

What happened? We're as bad off now as we were under King George. 44+% of our income goes to taxes (direct and hidden). This is more than the 25% the feudal serfs paid their lords and masters. What went wrong? "Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty". We weren't vigilant enough!

Now a Second Libertarian Revolution is taking place. There is a real live political party which is opposed to monopolies, victimless crime laws, taxes, gov't secrecy, etc. and believes "that gov't which governs least, governs best". Their candidates will be on the ballot in about 35 states. And if you think that's easy, guess again. Tweedledee and Tweedledum don't want anyone else joining their "club".

Roger MacBride, the renegade who in 1972 was a Presidential elector and decided that he could not be a rubber stamp, could not in good conscience vote for Tricky and Spiro, will be the LP's Presidential candidate. There will be hundreds of other Libertarian candidates for Federal, State, and local offices whom you may be able to vote for. Or... you can sit on your ass, and do nothing ("Vote for Nobody"). Except complain.

Tweedledee and Tweedledum wouldn't let anyone else join their debate, so Norman Lear is considering staging a debate between Clean Gene, Maddox, and Roger. It should be every bit as good as his other great shows (All in the Family, etc.). Let him know you'd like to see it.

Jim Phelps

THE WAY IT SPOSED TO BE

... you are in violation of your oath of office and are willfully depriving the citizens of this State of their Rights under the color of Law. (Sec. 241 & 242, Title 18, U.S. Code; June 25, 1948 Ch. 645, 62 Stat. 696).

Violation of your Oath of Office also constitutes giving aid and comfort to the enemies of this Republic. The penalty under the Law of Posse Comitatus. (U.S. Con. IX amend., Manual of Christian Common Law p. 22, Deu. 21:22, 23.)

"He shall be removed to the most populated intersection of streets in the township and at high noon be hung by the neck, the body remaining until sundown as an example to those who would subvert the law."

All persons are presumed to know the Law (16 Am Jur 2nd, 178)

YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED BY THIS CITIZEN TO CEASE YOUR UNLAWFUL ACTS. (St. Lukes 11:21)

Do you remember in the westerns, when the Sheriff would organize a Posse and go after the Bad Guys? Well, this is the same Posse. Can't you just see Tricky and Spiro and all the rest of them, hung by the neck, the bodies remaining for the vultures?



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Dear TAP,

As you probably know, Captain Crunch got busted again. They recently sentenced him to four months in the Federal slammer at Terminal Island, Long Beach, CA.

The FBI had been grilling him for weeks about technical knowledge of the phone and phone/computer systems. Even this co-operation didn't get him off, as they intimated it would. Never trust a pig The pricks were going to give him three years, but the guy he works for intervened and got the sentence reduced so John can get back on the job where he's needed.

Meanwhile, John's made quite a stir in the press and local talk shows. I haven't heard any, but I guess it's blowing their minds. I just hope he doesn't say too much ... for his sake and ours. ... If you want to confirm any of this, his home number is (415) 964-9041, but I have to believe it's bugged. So you might leave a message at either of the following numbers and have him call you: work (415) 483-1953, answering service: 965-1557.

Anyway, we survivors might well cool it a bit since it looks like the Feds are out to do a job. Once in a while, tho, one might express his views to the warden about all this shit. ... Terminal Island Slammer: (213) 831-8961.

Sam

Obscene Mail?

Dear TAP,

I have read in previous TAP articles how to dismantle, destroy, and do fun things to pay phones. Saw about putting Crazy Glue (as seen on TV) in the coin box lock for fun and non-profit. I find most of your info on coin box removal difficult to utilize without a portable machine shop.

Now let me explain in detail the professional way to remove a pay phone intact in less than 75 seconds.

THE SIX BUZZ SYSTEM

The night before the fun, remove the cover from the 110v. outlet box, and take off the wire nuts so alligator clips can be easily attached for your buzz saw.

Wear eye goggles. The frame that supports the phone is aluminum! Makes buzzing a pleasure. Cut the aluminum frame at six points and the phone falls out. (The Silent Majority might call this a third rate burglary. We just call it diplomatic immunity.)

All the preceding info is a rough copy for a new TV series "Phones Can Be Fun".

Sincerely Yours,
US Information Service

The Supreme Court defined obscenity as being utterly without redeeming social value, which this letter may be. They also said that obscenity violates contemporary community standards, and we don't know anything about your community.

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ASK MR. PHELPS

ABOUT

FREE POSTAGE

Q. I've been putting my stamps 1 1/2" lower than the normal position but they still get canceled. What do you recommend?



A. I'm glad somebody's doing it. Most of our incoming mail has the stamp in the "wrong" place where it is certain to get canceled. Wake up, people! You can't win if you don't even play the game! If you wonder why our outgoing mail often has the stamp in the "wrong" place, blame my colleagues, and lack of time (So get your ass in here and help out!)

We are victims of the Mark II facer/canceler which locates the stamp wherever it is. It processes 20,000 letters per hour except when it jams. However, it reportedly can't tell a new stamp from a used one. (Hmmm!) To counteract the Mark II (I wonder what happened to the Mark I?), mail your letters in towns which still have only the standard machine. Most (but not all) postal employees are so apathetic (with good cause) that they don't bother to hand cancel the ones which slip thru.

Some people have tried spraying the stamp with clear plastic spray. Rubbing paraffin over it heavily is another possibility.

"It works beautifully! One such envelope looked like they spent five minutes trying to cancel it - but not a mark on the stamp! They finally ran the envelope through upside down figuring no one was going to remove the stamp, but because of the cheap glue it came right off. Examine the stamp on this letter. Heh, heh. It might be good for a third trip... 'Rain, snow, sleet, darkness...' The old Persian that wrote that never ran into a Phone Phreak."

N. E. Bell Buster

This method can freak them out and they may mutilate the stamp. We have also received a stamp coated with rubber cement, which rubs off easily.

"Some stamps can be cleaned by rubbing on your forehead. Perspiration can do wonders to some stamps. Guys in pens learned this a long time ago." Babe

A BETTER WAY

For years truck drivers and stevedores who wish to share the wealth of the cartons they handle have used Elmer's Glue-All to reseal them. It dries clearly, quickly

AMAZING

Now you too can use Elmer's Glue-All. When mailing letters, coat the stamp with it. The recipient soaks the stamp in water, says the magic words "Lysander Spooner" and the cancellation

DISAPPEARS LIKE MAGIC!

Thanks to Agent 354, Woodstock Anarchist Party Newsletter (Box 171, Stockton, CA 95201. It's a sort of anarchist penpal service), and our own Simon Pure, who said: "I thought everyone knew that."

So, PLEASE use Elmer's on your mail to TAP, and tell us if you do.

"A new one being pulled by people with postage meters is to punch up 1.3¢ postage on first-class letters. It looks so much like 13¢ that most of it gets by Letter Sorting Machines. I have also received mail where the meter tape read 0¢ and it went through okay.

"The old bit about putting stamps 1 1/2" down isn't working here. The PO is looking for it and the last man to handle a letter is to smudge all uncanceled stamps."

Satisfied Customer

Q. What about a source for counterfeit stamps?

A. "Here's how to beat the cost of postage today. Items needed: Xerox[®] color copier, sewing machine, glue stik, one sheet of stamps.

Step 1 - Photocopy the sheet of stamps.

Step 2 - Perforate the copy with the sewing machine. Use a large gage needle and remove thread and bobbin. Leave the pressure bar up (that's the little ski shaped thing that presses on the fabric)

Step 3 - Cut stamps apart with scissors.

When you mail a letter, rub the glue stik on the back of the copy and attach it sideways on the envelope. The reason is that some Xerox[®] machines will reduce the copy slightly. Turning the "stamp" sideways will confuse the scanners so much that the stamp will probably be accepted. ["probably"?]

Good books to have are: The Mother Earth News Almanac, Bantam Books, \$1.95; How to Live Cheap but Good by Martin Puriss, Dell Books, \$1.50; The Impoverished Student's Book of Cooking, Drinkery, and Housekeeping by Jay Rosenberg, Doubleday, \$1.50.

Have you thought of sending TAP representatives to the East Coast Science Fiction Conventions? At a recent con in Boston I met five phone phreaks and we were able to have our own pp seminar.

Keep 'em flying,
The Mad Fone Freak

I'm at NYC's Lunacon every year. Last year I heard someone discussing Blueboxes and was about to introduce myself when I realized he was a straight Telco employee. Maybe I'll see you there next year. Your method is very ingenious, but also very illegal. A considerably less illegal idea is this one, reprinted without permission from Time.

Cheap Shot

Someone two weeks ago mailed all 100 U.S. Senators a four-page pamphlet that was written by the ultra-right-wing John Birch Society and demanded President Nixon's impeachment. The grounds for this action were unblinkingly harsh: Nixon's "deliberate treason" in the conduct of both foreign and domestic policy. Almost as bad, the diatribe went on, "Mr. Nixon has spent more money—and has spent it more wastefully—than any other President, monarch, dictator or ruler of any kind in all human history."

Whoever wanted to send the Senators that message certainly could not be characterized as a spendthrift. The envelopes carrying the blast were franked with a privately printed stamp picturing a pair of hands held in prayer, the American flag and the inscriptions FOR GOD AND COUNTRY and FIGHT COMMUNISM. Though the bogus stamps carried no rate and no official imprimatur declaring them to be U.S. postage, the postal service canceled them and sent the letters on their way, presumably unable to recognize free enterprise when it saw it.



CANCELED BOGUS STAMP & POSTMARK ON ANTI-NIXON LETTER DELIVERED TO SENATOR
The grounds for urging impeachment were unblinkingly harsh.

Your own ingenuity should produce many other ideas such as: Commemorating Halloween and Triskaidecaphobia, with a black cat and a witch on a broomstick and, of course, a big 13. As long as it doesn't say "US Postage", it isn't illegal to print them. Using them is something else.

Isn't it funny how everyone hates the Postal Monopoly? Ben Franklin must be turning over in his grave. Did you know that, once upon a time, it had free market competition? In 1844 Lysander Spooner established the American Letter Mail Company between NYC and Boston. Later he added service to Philadelphia and Baltimore. It was more efficient than the PO and would have driven it out of business. Not by force, but by the customers' right to freedom of choice. Survival of the fittest. So Congress outlawed private competition. And the "service" has gone downhill ever since.

WHY IT COSTS 13 CENTS

For the convenience of its workers, the deficit-plagued Postal Service has leased two parking lots in Boston (annual cost, \$264,600), hired guards to police them, and purchased two buses to transport the workers the long, long hike of three to five blocks to their postal building.

We have a modest suggestion. Why don't they just mail themselves to work? Or are they afraid they'd never get there?

N Y Daily News

It costs 8¢ to actually deliver a letter. The other 5¢ goes to (among other things) subsidize magazines like Fortune and newspapers which are mostly ads.

There is hope, however. Rep. Crane's bill HR 4951 would allow private companies to carry first-class mail. Many Young Americans for Freedom (they're not completely for freedom, but who's perfect?) have been handing out literature in front of Post Offices urging support of it. In Tennessee, they po'd the PO, who angrily ordered them to leave. Lawyers said it was okay, so they returned.

THAT'S NOT MY DEPARTMENT

It's always flattering to get personal mail, but please don't write me about matters electronic. My specialties are just about everything except electronics. I know what all those symbols mean, and I can wire a kit (and enjoy assembling Heathkits) but that's about it. Would you believe that I don't even own a Blue Box? No, I didn't think you'd believe that! Send your questions about electronics to Tom Edison (or Al Bell, who has plenty of time to help you).

Jim Phelps

Dear TAP,

This was a really good course offered by the Dept of Electrical Engineering & Computer Science at U of Cal, Berkeley. Prof. Kotok was from MIT and really into computers. Of the 45 people in the class, at least 30 (including myself) were into phone and/or computer phreaking. Even Capt. Crunch and some of his blind friends were there! Lots of acquaintances were made and even better, lots of knowledge was passed around. We studied "Notes on Distance Dialing" by AT&T and various BSTJs and even went on a tour of a #1 ESS Central Office in Oakland, courtesy of Pacific Tel. It was great! Term papers ranged from "Frequency Division Multiplexing Systems" to "How to Combat the Various Colored Boxes". I got an A on mine, a description of a PBX system.

Whistling Off,
Rich

Department of EECS
CS 198 sec. 3
Course in Telephony

To be offered only once Winter Quarter 1976 by: Alan Kotok, Visiting Lecturer, CS Division. Prerequisites: E17 or CS 150. Graded 3 Units. 3 hours of lecture per week MWF 3-4pm.

Course will cover all aspects of telephony with emphasis on telephone switching systems. The development of telephone switching is traced from the days of manual exchanges, through step-by-step switching, panel switching, #1 and #5 Crossbar switching to Electronic Switching Systems.

Other topics to be covered include traffic analysis, Transmission Systems, Interoffice Organization and Control, Key Telephone Systems and PBXs, Data Transmission and Economic Considerations.

Dear People,

A bit of advice on that Credit Card Code - don't keep instruction sheets on how to do it around. Memorize and throw it out or give it to someone else with the same advice. I sent mine to a friend in ---. He got busted for possession of speed, and when the cops in their usual regard for the Bill of Rights came across it during their search of his papers, etc., he said they started behaving like rabid baboons, instead of your typical ("you in trouble, boy" etc) Southern pigs.

Agent 038

It would be nice if we could treat copies of TAP so they self-destruct when handled by a pig. JP

Dear Jim,

The following info is vital to national (Woodstock Nation) security. The Air Force's key generals have 16 button telephones on their desks.

1	2	3	FO	Flash Override
4	5	6	F	Flash
7	8	9	I	Intermediate
*	0	#	P	Priority

The extra four buttons just knock down regular AUTOVAN traffic and get the emergency call thru. AUTOVAN is the military communications telephone system. It is better than the FTS. If you can find a base operator (USAF is best) who is cool, you can call anywhere in the world. P is for just about all calls when the line is busy. I is for quick communication with other brass and for alerts, etc. F is used to report an "act of war" committed against the general's command and FO is for nuclear warfare and is never used except for tests. I would like to know the 4 + 2 column frequencies. [Fascinating! So would we!]

Also, I'd like to know where to get a 16 button job. You can't just take a grocery bag and walk into a command general's war room and rip off his phone. Take care.

You can use my name and print my address. I enjoy receiving mail.

Bill B. Moorefield
Box PMB 97013
Atlanta, GA 30315

ELECTRIFYING, TOO

Shocking Time In Phone Booth

A sales executive who only sought a coin returned from a pay phone instead received the shock of his life, a court jury heard here.

It was an electrifying 110 volts, the victim's lawyer said during testimony in the damage suit.

As a result, Carroll Court-nier, was knocked to the ground, sustaining injuries to his neck and back his lawsuit alleges.

Court-nier, 54, fell victim to the freak accident on Dec. 3, 1970, when he was traveling an 11-state territory as western regional sales manager for a wire and cable firm.

In the midst of a light rain, Court-nier stopped at an outdoor coin telephone in Nevada with the intent of placing a long-distance, credit card call to a client. So his attorney, Charles Kavalakis, told jurors during an opening statement.

Inserting a quarter in the coin slot (he had no dime in his pocket) to reach the operator,

Court-nier, who lives in Santa Paula, began his call, meanwhile informing the operator that his quarter had not been returned.

When the operator pushed a control button releasing the coin, Court-nier received a jolt of 110 volts direct current (DC), his attorney said.

The resulting shock, felt around his hand and wrist, caused him to fall to the ground.

Kavalakis told jurors that a search of telephone repair records revealed that two similar customer complaints of shocking accidents at the same pay phone location had been reported during the previous year.

The civil trial, in which \$250,000 damages are being sought, is being held in Santa Clara County Superior Court because the defendant, California Western Telephone Co., maintains its headquarters in Los Gatos.

P.S. The victim's quarter was returned, his lawyer said.

LET'S MAKE A DEAL

When we opened our office a year ago, we had high hopes that a horde of volunteers would engulf us. It's been more like a trickle. All you lazy bastards ask for a convention (free, of course) but you're too lazy to come in to our free convention every Wednesday 4 to 7pm or later. This office with its convenient midtown location is a considerable expense, and I for one am beginning to wonder: who needs it? We can always go back to printing TAP (occasionally) in some obscure basement.

Putting out TAP is a lot of work and the initial fascination has worn off. We'd like to be able to spend our time on research, not on filling out orders and sticking on labels, etc. We know you're out there; there are over --- subscribers in the metropolitan area, and that doesn't include all of you who read a friend's copy.

Most readers of most publications enjoy seeing their name in print. For some reason, TAP readers don't. So, we may have to "make you an offer you can't refuse": a personal, printed invitation in TAP. "Dear Fred Jones, How about getting off your ass at 710 W 14 Street and coming in and helping out?" If you come in and help out, we won't print your name. But if you don't come in, heh, heh, we warned you!

JP

ALICE IN WONDERLAND (X)

was delightful and innovative (sort of a Phantom Toll Booth for the post-pubescent) tho hardly deserving of its X rating. A small soft x would have been more appropriate. It should be interesting to see what happens when it hits the small towns of MittelAmerika with their "contemporary community standards". Now that this virgin territory has been penetrated, the mind boggles at the other possibilities: "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs", "Goldilocks and the Three Bears", ...

JP



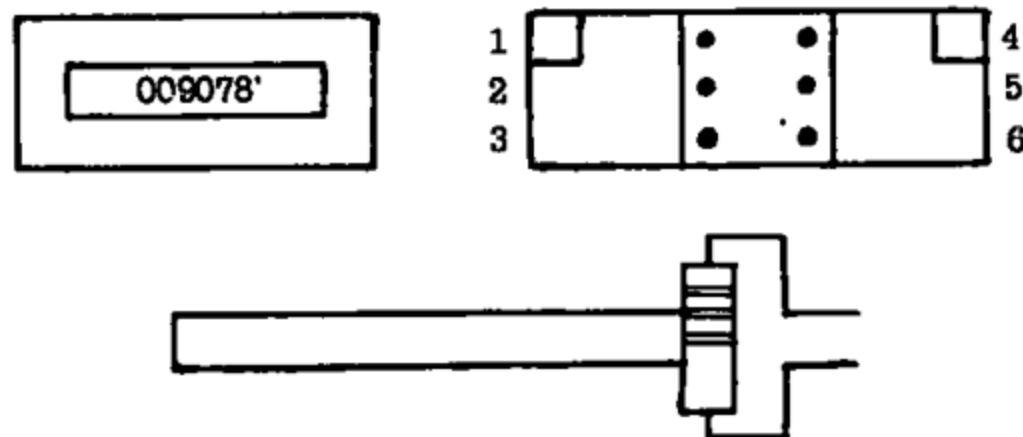
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XEROX® COPIERS et al: ACCESS

In order to limit access and facilitate interdepartmental budget accounting, many office copiers have had an "Audit Key" installed on them. When viewed from the bottom, pins 1 and 3 pick the counter solenoid; pins 4 & 5 are unused; pins 2 & 6 are bridged with a 3300Ω 10% 1 watt resistor on all units tested to date.

If the key can not be used, the copier can be cycled by shorting sockets 2 & 6 in the keyway with a resistor held in an appropriate extender, such as taped to the end of a pencil and the leads formed accordingly.

The unused pins are ideal for using a trap or alarm; in order to avoid blowing a fuse we recommend testing first. A V.O.M. used across the fifteen possible pairs will give you the required values of a sample key in use in your area.



Additions, Corrections, and Comments welcomed.
Simon Pure

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