

DR. ATOMIC'S UNDERGROUND DRUG NEWS

GARDENING. Thanks and a tip of the hat to JF for sending in the article that confirms that the grocery store variety of poppies are the good ones. From the Sept/Oct 1982 "Survive" at page 54: "Note that growing opium is illegal. The poppy seeds that are sold for baking are those of two seed-rich varieties of opium poppy. These seeds are not always dead, and, if the seeds are fresh, plants may germinate from some...."

BANKING. It's widely known that the Swiss bankers are giving up their American depositors when the IRS or DEA wants information. On the other hand, the Cayman Islands are thought by many to be cool. However, I've recently heard that Cayman banks are okay, that is, until one goes to withdraw the money. If they lose you as a depositor, they may blow the whistle.

SURVEILLANCE. When police are doing surveillance on an automobile, they may drill a small pin-hole in a rear tail light lens. This makes the tailed car easy to spot and follow in traffic at night. When the tailed car's brake light goes on, a bright white light is visible for some distance. Also, a large mark may be painted on the tailed car's roof for daylight surveillance, i.e., with fluorescent paint that is almost invisible except when seen through special lenses. The mark on the roof makes the car easily identifiable from the air. Upon close inspection the invisible paint and pin hole in lens can be detected. And a field-strength meter check will reveal any hidden radio transmitters (beepers).

TECHNICOLOR DREAMS. A dose of 1,000 micrograms of vitamin B-12 fifteen minutes or less before you go to sleep intensifies colors in dreams. It works about half the time. Tolerance to this color effect develops rapidly, so it's best not to do it every night or to take B-12 supplements in the day.

FRESH GARBAGE. Ever run across any meth that smelled like roses? I may speculate that the flowery aroma is due to the product being cut with "Fruit Fresh", a grocery store item that comes in powder form and is used to keep fruits & veggies fresh.

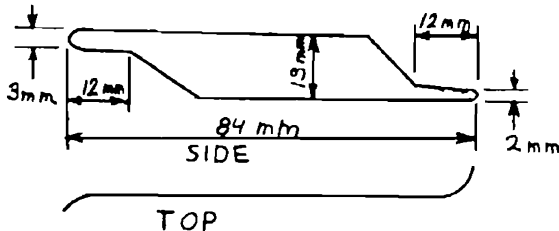
QUESTION. Some fantastic computer info has appeared in TAP recently, especially in regard to banking. The terminal end of making the deposit is well explained; however, one question remains -- how does one go about picking up 500,000 in hundred dollar bills safely?

Open Senecae

Many of the combination locks on the market today can be opened with a simple tool made from a piece of .005" spring steel that is gotten from an automotive feeler gauge.

Any lock that has multiple combination wheels is openable by this method. The most notable brand is the Senecae combination lock.

To make the pick out a piece of .005" steel to fit the pattern shown.



The steel should be heat treated a bit to the brittle side so that the feelers will not become flat during use.

To use insert the feeler between the combination wheel and the lock wall and turn the wheel until you find a notch in the side of the wheel. Do this to all the wheels. Now subtract or add 5 to the numbers you got. Now turn the wheels so that the resulting numbers face the trademark logo on the front of the lock.

This method can be varied to open most multi-wheel combination locks.

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Video Voodoo

by Fred Steinbeck

Well, it seems that we phreaks have gotten our hands into everything else, so why not that popular recreation, video games? "Why not?" is the question. The answer is, "We have..."

Pac-Man

This trick isn't exactly new, but it's interesting none the less. On some Midway video games, including Pac-Man, a small flaw in the coin totalizer allows free games. How? Take a small but weighty object such as a "D" size battery or pocket knife, and give the machine a sharp rap between the coin deposit and coin return slots. If you have done it correctly, you will get one free credit. Do it more, and get more. There's no law of diminishing returns here! However, some machines have been fitted with a "tilt" switch in that area, so, ya win some, ya lose some.

Junior Donkey Kong

Agent NDS tells me of a free game trick on the new machine Jr. Donkey Kong. It seems that if one were to take a flattened straw and insert it in about 3 inches along the right-hand crack between the cash box and the machine about 2 to 3 inches down from the top crack between the cash box and the machine, and wiggle the straw up and down, one would rack up some credits. I have not tried this, but it sounds plausible. He further reports that some machines have something installed so that the straw is blocked and cannot be pushed in. Thanks, NDS!

Stringing

A method which works on many machines is called stringing. It is one of the most simple things imaginable. Just take a quarter (or a token, if you have a place like that around. Machines which take tokens have lower tolerances and are easier to fool) and either tape or glue a piece of thread (or dental floss, which works better) about 2 feet long to it.

Got that? Now, go to your favorite, crowded arcade and put the quad in. But not all the way. Just lower it down slowly until you hear (or feel) it hit the totalizer mechanism. Then jiggle it up and down. Each time you hit the trigger inside, you'll get a credit. On some machines, notably Exidy's Venture, you can get up to 40 credits at a time if you're good. Like all phreaking arts, this takes practice, but it's well worth the time to learn it.

RUMORS

I hear tell of an interesting bug (pronounced "feature") in Atari's Tempest machine. It seems that if you die at a certain level (27th, I believe) when the last two digits of your score are "60", you get something like 40 credits automatically. Sounds like bullshit to me, but if anybody knows anything about this, or wants to experiment, send the information or results to TAP!

In Issue #63 Agent NDA wrote about the credit card carbon scheme. Since then most places that mail order stuff have grown wise to this and try to protect themselves.

In these fucked up times it is very hard to get a good credit rating. Thus many of the card numbers you get will have shitty ratings and your "orders" may not be shipped.

Now lets say you have a credit card and for purely informational purposes you wish to find out its rating. There are a number of credit services that do just that. All you need to use them is a toll-free number and an authorization code. Luckily your uncle James happens to have a few numbers lying around...

For Visa and MasterCard the numbers are:

800-122-5511 Bank number: 1324 Merchant number: 630433371

800-228-1122 Auth. code 2739 7991 69318

800-228-1111 Auth. code 4319 0000 998656

For American Express the number is:

800-221-1120 Auth codes are: 229 481 8380
229 591 1812

Or you can pick up your own personal code at any store that accepts cards. Just look by the phone. Also have the card number and expiration date ready. When she asks "How much?" tell her the amount you wish to charge to the card. If she comes back with a series of digits the card is cool for that amount. If you get "Request denied" or other answer the amount exceeds the card's limit.

Now that you have your cards "authorized" you are still short of two things. A very cool phone and a mail depository.

You need the phone because after you order, the company usually requests a phone number to call you back at to verify the purchase. (Just like pizza parlors.) There are several ways to get a cool phone. One is to use a payphone and hang out there all day, waiting for the verification call. Do not use a credit card phone, as they do not accept incoming calls. Find someone who is away on vacation, tap his line and use his number. Or you can fake out a phoney phone number.

For the mail drop it is very uncool to use a mail service that has an address such as Box, Drawer or Suite since this only spells trouble to the merchant. Also make the order realistic. Not like 20 Sony Walkmans etc. A good idea is to use a house that has recently been sold and is unoccupied.

You might want to rent an Apt. with a phone and live there for a month while the stuff comes. Be smart and use a disguise and keep a low profile, use a rented car, etc. One can easily collect 10,000 dollars worth or more.

It is best to have the stuff sent UPS Blue Label air since it gets there much faster. UPS will sometimes leave the package with a neighbor so it is best to leave a slip that says to put the delivery under a bush, etc.

Note that the CC check number does not ask for customer name or address. This means that you can use any name when you order. It is best to order under only two or three names, since the UPS man might get suspicious if each package is under a different name. You also want know which name to sign the slip with.

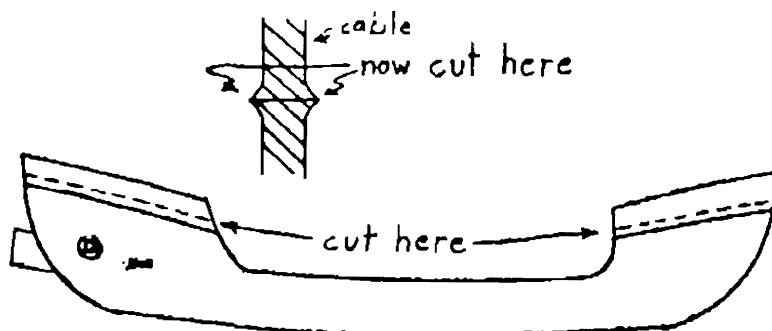
Agent NDA also talked about the difficulties of removing pay-for handlers for their use and services.

After some trial and error (mostly) The Silver Fox and I discovered a very simple way to defeat the armored cable. All one needs is a sturdy pair of wire cutters. Defeating the cable lies in the technique not power.

First, cut all the cable near the handset since the extra cable serves no purpose. Put the fume handset under your arm and stretch the cord tight. Now apply the cutters until the cable becomes almost flat. Turn the cable 90° and cut in the same place, thus undoing the kink you put in the cable, unsees hard and presto, you have a handset.

Now that you have your handset (-) we will move on to extracting the old and expensive. The nic is easy. Clamp the ret in a vice (or in that vice?) and use a cooling saw to cut around the nic, about 1/2 inch above the bottom of the screw-on mouth cover. The same applies to the wirepiece. Don't worry about the coil around the wirepiece. It seems to serve no purpose since the speaker inside the cup uses a permanent magnet and an internal coil.

One last note: Today's carbon mics do not use carbon but silicon. The carbon mics were phased out in the sixties.



Sinsemilla growing tips: Transplant your greenhouse plants 2 or 3 times to stunt growth (to get small, bushy plants instead of tall monsters), reduce lighting time to stimulate plants to flower, then weed out males. Eliminating the iron from the soil or hydroponic solution will result in beautiful purple tops which, though producing no potency increase, will get you a premium price (for aesthetics, presumably).

Coke: A new coke cut that turned up recently is Connecticut spinach ash. Spinach (or another vegetable such as broccoli) is baked in a self-cleaning oven (which can produce a temp. of 1000-1000F.), breaking it down into a yellow-white, inert ash which does not mask the taste of coke as other cuts, such as mannitol, often do. See the March/82 issue of Scientific American for an interesting article on cocaine. Mild use (by snorting) is pretty harmless according to this recent research. Recent research also indicates that methylene chloride may cause cancer (from repeated extensive exposure), so use care when utilizing this solvent for free-basing (or other chemical extractions). Exposure also causes delusions and hallucinations, so avoid fumes, skin contact, and let the coke dry thoroughly before use to be safe with this or any solvent. A simple, large-capacity improvised dessicator for storage and drying of white powders or vegetable matter may be put together from an ordinary thermos-type flask, simply by filling the screw-on cap with packets of a drying agent, such as silica gel or anhydrous magnesium sulfate (Epsom salts baked in an oven & then powdered). Perforate the red plug of the cap with holes to expose the dessicant to the moisture of the substance you wish to dry. Replace the drying agent as necessary.

Abstracts of U.S. & foreign chemical patents for various drug syntheses may often be located in Chemical Abstracts, which may be found in your local university science library. Simply look up the patent # in the accompanying 'Patent Concordance', & it'll tell you where the patent abstract is in Chem. Abstracts.

Synthetic drug combinations are the latest craze on the mean streets these days. 'Loads', aka 'Dnors' 'A Four', consists of 1-3 tabs of the sleeping pill Doris (R) and 3-4 tabs of Codeine #4's, both taken orally to produce a 2-day low heroin-like effect. 'T's 'n Blues' is a mixture of the non-narcotic analgesic Tylenol (R) and 'Verbenzamine' (R), an antihistamine, which are simultaneously injected, akin to mimic heroin. I often shake my head in despair & wonder when the pigs who control our tyrannical world abandon their bogus excuses to seize more and more power, aka, the 'war on drugs' and try to actually curtail the problem by coming to grips with the profound social ills that leads to such drug abuse.

'The Amphetamines Sourcebook' is one underground publication you won't find on your bookstore's bookshelf. Circulating in a very limited edition among top West Coast chemist & covering a couple of dozen state-of-the-art synthetic routes & high-yield reactions (many unknown to the narc & using unwatched chemicals) leading to methamphetamine & its derivatives such as MDA. Available chapters start in the 4 figure range. Scientific potential fuck the MDA!

On a note, this has been Oz, signing off. Direct all mail to TAP, c/o Oz Y. Mandias with an SARE.

Dear Ted;

A lot of the lower employees of large corporations are not allowed outside lines. One way to beat this is to steal a phone and hook alligator clips to the red and green leads. Then find an out of the way telephone terminal box or closet. Make sure the lines to the existing phone are removed. This way if the party picks up the phone no dial tone will be present and your conversation will not be heard. By the time the faulty phone has been reported, you have completed your call and reinstalled the wires. Don't always use the same terminal, skip around a bit.

Call Without Coins



One of the most useful pieces of equipment Bell has introduced is the charge-a-call phone. For those of you that have never seen one it looks like a pay phone except it is thinner, blue (our favorite color) and does not accept coins.

These phones are made to be used by people owning Bell System credit cards. The reason this is so helpful is that one can direct dial the number and the credit card code. (Note: Not all areas have this direct dial feature.) To use a card number one dials 0 plus the area code plus the number. If the operator comes on your area does not have direct dial features. If you hear an instructional message and then a tone, punch in the card number. If you want to call more than one number there is no need to redial. Just hit # and enter the new number.

If you have a PBX or other Mats-extender you can also use a CC fone since the keypad remains connected after the call is placed. Some pay fones (Dial tone first type) also keep the keypad connected although most don't.

Credit card phones make excellent extensions. They are also easier to liberate. To open the casing one needs a hex wrench that has a hole drilled in the center of it. In the center of the phone there is a hole for the wrench. An alternative is to push a thin screwdriver in between the center rod and the outer hex ring and twist.

By the way the picture of the calling card at the top of this article is not correct. The new calling cards have "Calling Card" printed in the center and the Bell System logo in the upper left hand corner.

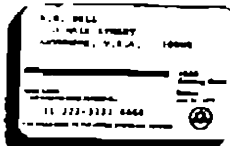
For information on which cities alternate nets service you can call these numbers.

ITT 800-526-3000
SPC 215-568-4338 (Sprint)
MCI 800-243-2140

On the Sprint network dialing 555772 one can reach the local business office. 232222 is the bank by fone computer of the Bank of California.

If you are traveling and want to catch us on the news just dial 212-799-4017 at 7:00 PM to listen to ABC's World News Tonight. This number is an audio feed for ch. 7 in New York.

Did you know that some change machines have a self-defense mechanism built in. If they are pried open tear gas is released along with a jet of pleasant red dye. Is it worth \$500? Could be. Here is a hint. Try cutting into the lower side of the machine. Many times extra bags of coins are stored in the bottom of the machine.



Some more stuff

This is your friend from his rat hole with some more stuff. Did you know that the Mariast number is no longer toll free? The new number is 203-264-9090. If you can box in your area give 'em a call anyway.

For those of you that are on the lookout for the man I highly recommend the Bearcat 250 scanner. One look at its specs and you'll see why. Most ads don't say this but the 250 will cover an extended frequency range by using special program techniques. This unit is used by the FBI, CIA, DEA and other agencies.

In NJ a local fuck (pay) fone call will soon cost 25¢. What a bitch! I'm glad my red still works. From what I hear reds will no longer work in the too near future.

Now it's time for some numbers. There is a computer located at 800-521-2255. I have no idea what it is since it will not accept 300 baud.

If it is safe to box in your area here is the number to the Princeton University IBM 3033. 609-457-3854 After connecting you will get the VM/370 online message. Hit (return) and the system will send a 11. Now try different IDs. Your best bet is the Q9XXX (XXX = 000 to 199) series. If you get not in CP directory it means that there is not an account under that ID presently. If you get Password: XXXXXX then always try Fullpass first. After four attempts the system will dump you. If you do get an account type money to see how much dough the acct. has. Then type paper to mount the name disk. The operating system is CMS by IBM. Many of these other systems use it.

There is a GM wats extender using t-tone at 800-521-1805. The access number can be from 1 to 23 digits long. After entering your number hit # to tell the machine you are finished.

There is a PBX at 800-521-1675. The access code is 3000. Then you can hit 7, 8 or 9. After that I don't know. There is also a PBX at 800-521-2625 and the access code is 3 digits long.

In issue #59 Dr. Forbin told how to make IDs. A good idea is to take a piece of real to real tape on the back before laminating. This gives the card a look of authenticity.

In the book dept. Get Ven 1 and 2 are excellent. Not only are they full of nasty ideas but they also contain a wealth of other interesting information.

Fordham Radio (855 Conklin St. Farmingdale, NY 11735) sells a large assortment of goodies for the cable TV do-it-yourselfer. They sell all types of coax connectors, adapters, matching transformers, amps, splitters and of course taps.

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Dear Tom,

I am sorry to inform you of a fuck up in one of my articles. In the article titled Some More Stuff, I mentioned 2 800 numbers to PBXs (521-1675 and 521-2625) and a General Motors MATS extender (521-1905). These numbers have been disconnected. Many of the 300 test codes no longer work as does looking for number banks.

Thanks

The Stainless Steel Rat

Phone Gripes Drop

Customer complaints about New York Telephone service in the metropolitan area dropped about 10% last year, falling from the 1978 level of 18,000 to 16,300, the Public Service Commission said yesterday. In 1978, a record 20,000 complaints were registered.

Teenager Tampering With Bell Computer

Lakewood, Colo.

Newspapers Bell has filed a complaint involving a 17-year-old of stealing time in several computers, cutting off alarm bells and disabling equipment features.

Sergeant Jerry Corbett said Lakewood police receiving the complaint but will not pursue it because the boy, who was not identified, has promised to stop calling the program.

Phone calls overheard

NEWARK - More than 100 telephone and public agencies in New Jersey recently overheard on telephone conversations between their employees and the public, according to a New Jersey Bell Telephone spokesman. "While monitoring systems, provided by the telephone company to customers, are used for security reasons, it is Bell's policy not to monitor or intercept any calls," the spokesman is quoted as saying by the Newark Star-Ledger. He also said that Bell employees only are authorized to tap conversations of Bell customers.

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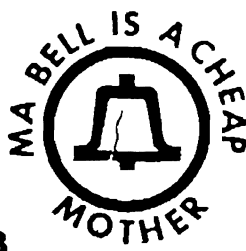
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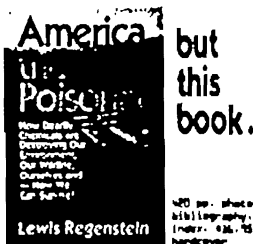
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