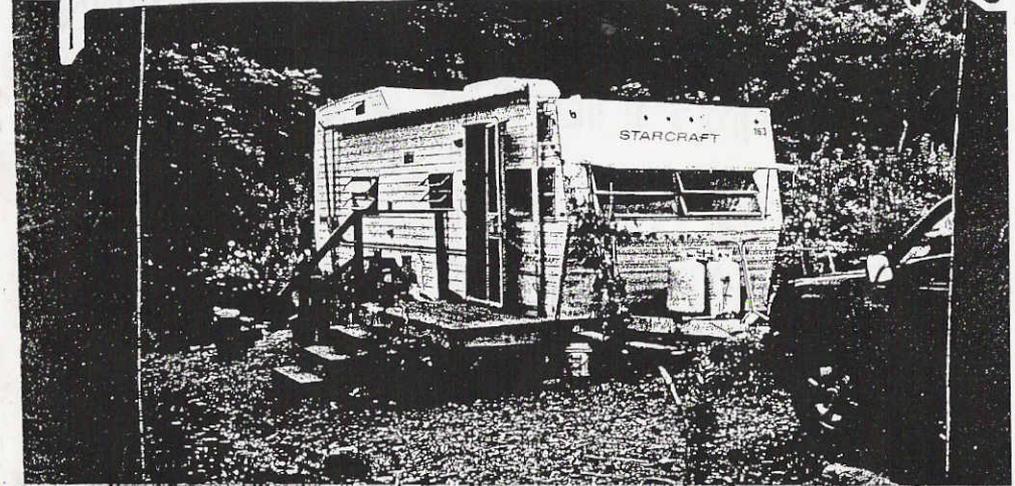




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GHETTO GARDEN



D.I.Y. country trash livin'

Take all ghettos and make something grow. Buy nothing if Possible,
contribute nothing to the GNP, stay out of economic sight
and create from the trash and left-overs of others.
Brain dead youth, small town boredom, food, filled dumpsters,
anything you can find that is stuck, set in its way, burnt out, tossed aside...
shake it,
grow something new in it or from it. This even goes to the most "progressive
thinking" liberal or anarchist... anything that thinks it's figured the world out.
shake it, bend it, break it... find something new there..
trigger a spark... an idea,
an action... simple childish fun... and grow ghetto gardens everywhere...
not just in wasted earth around your town.

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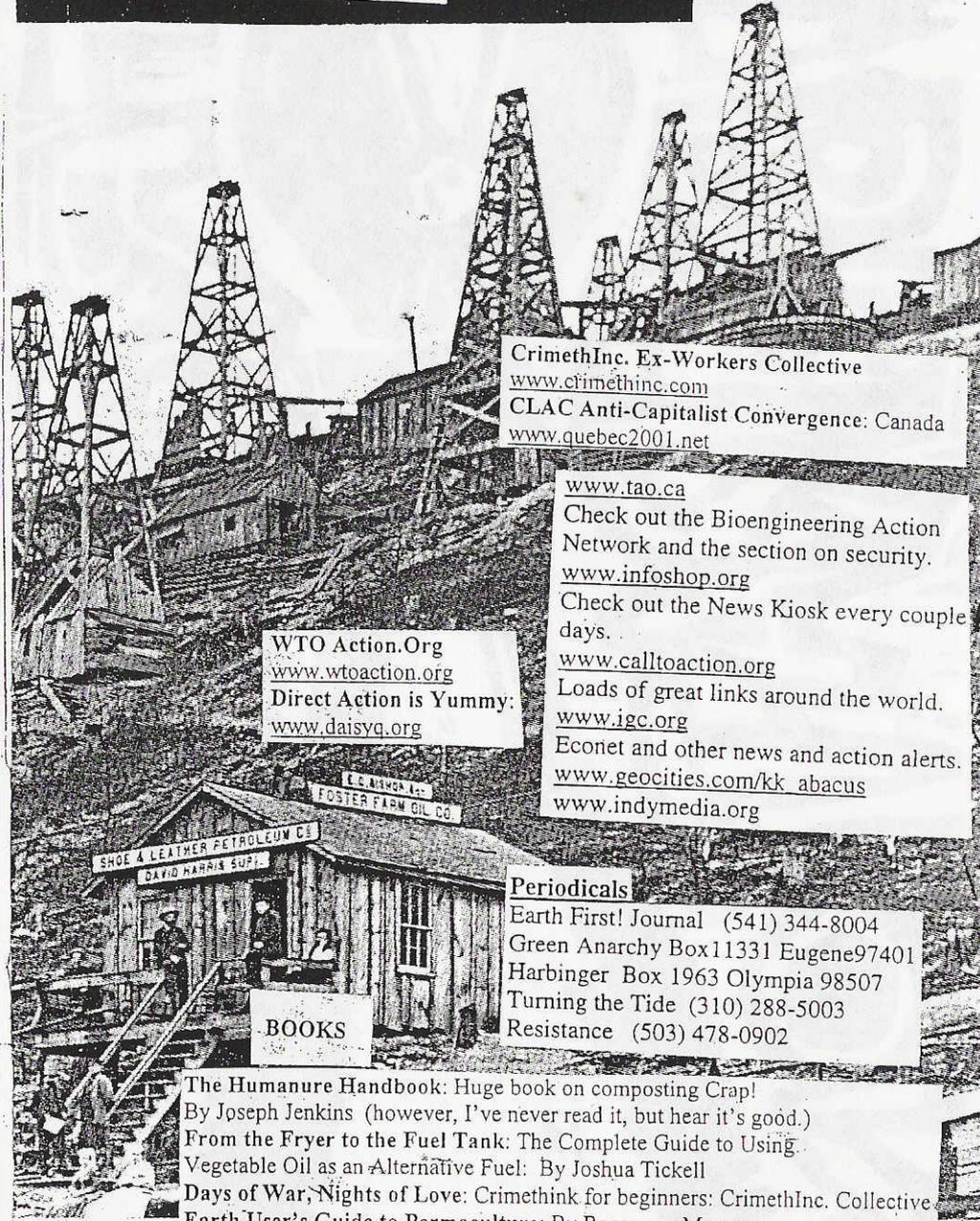
GARBAGE
 LIBERATION
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Contact me anytime:
 1800-MY-YAHOO Account
 # 343-343-5455
 (it spells "die die kill")
 email: trashaffair@yahoo.com

I've stolen many ideas, text, pictures, and other things I have come across in my readings and adventures. I'll probably list where they are from at the end... but I may not get around to it. The art/cartoons I drew are scribbles... I do them for fun. Ideas should be shared. Screw the copy rights, I don't believe in the theory that ideas can be owned or words belong to someone else. "Poetry belongs to those who need it." (-Someone pp. something) No idea comes from thin air. Everything is based on something we heard, read, ease dropped in on, found on the ground, or just remember from some unknown source. It is impossible to trace something to its true origin because there probably never was one. I want this to be used, to help make change in the environment around us, to be shared. So on that note... feel free to copy, reprint, take as your own and share any and all of the words and images in this booklet. Even reprint it all and for a dollar if you want... If you want to send me cash... I'll take it by all means but I don't at all expect you too. Enjoy

resources



CrimethInc. Ex-Workers Collective
www.crimethinc.com
 CLAC Anti-Capitalist Convergence: Canada
www.quebec2001.net

www.tao.ca
 Check out the Bioengineering Action Network and the section on security.
www.infoshop.org
 Check out the News Kiosk every couple days.
www.calltoaction.org
 Loads of great links around the world.
www.igc.org
 Econet and other news and action alerts.
www.geocities.com/kk_abacus
www.indymedia.org

WTO Action.Org
www.wtoaction.org
 Direct Action is Yummy:
www.daisyq.org

Periodicals
 Earth First! Journal (541) 344-8004
 Green Anarchy Box 11331 Eugene 97401
 Harbinger Box 1963 Olympia 98507
 Turning the Tide (310) 288-5003
 Resistance (503) 478-0902

BOOKS

The Humanure Handbook: Huge book on composting Crap!
 By Joseph Jenkins (however, I've never read it, but hear it's good.)
 From the Fryer to the Fuel Tank: The Complete Guide to Using Vegetable Oil as an Alternative Fuel: By Joshua Tickell
 Days of War, Nights of Love: Crimethink for beginners: CrimethInc. Collective
 Earth User's Guide to Permaculture: By Rosemary Morrow

Bio Diesel Info.
www.dancingrabbit.org/biodiesel
 Permaculture Gardening
www.seedsave.org
 Guerrilla Gardening
www.primalseeds.org/guerrilla.htm

Home Brewing
www.brewsupplies.com
 growing tobacco
www.boldweb.com/greenweb/nicoinfo.htm

* CUT OF THE BACK COVER FOR FREE CHEAP ART. COPY IT! LOVE IT... MAYBE ILL MAKE MORE OF THE ACTUAL PRINTS... WHEN TIME SLOWS BACK.

Since I'm the big bad editor, I figured I would give a page to shamelessly throw in a word about other projects I'm working with or have done stuff with. Mainly bands, some old, some new, some still in the works... I love music and how it can bring us together, and I love to be part of the collective workings of a band...and I love to dance and scream at punk shows... so here are some of the things I've helped with. If you would like copies of any of the stuff, send donations, all sliding scale...punk!

Welcome

TO MY GHETTO

My ghetto is based out of a 28 foot long 1978 Starcraft camper, w/o running water, sometimes w/o power, no phone lines, and it's the greatest place in the world. This little project in your hands is somewhat of a how-to book for DIY sustainable living and beginning gardening along with some of my personal ideas on how more of us should live. They aren't really MY ideas, for ideas belong to everyone. I've come across them from all sorts of places. This is about moving from thought to action, trying new things, getting out of the urban way of thinking and living, even if you live in the middle of a city. I want this to be used as a beginning tool to get people to stop saying "I would really like to do _____ (fill in the blank)." Or "One day I want to _____." And start saying, "today I'm going to do _____."

My lifestyle, which I will give you glimpses into, isn't the way it is so much because I'm a militant environmentalist (though I can be) or a 21st century Walden (in fact, I've never even read that book!). It comes more from being a DIY punk kid and not wanting to give in to the ideas that I need to GROW UP and give up my silly childish ways and contribute to a social system I see as unbeneficial! When I was a kid, grown-up life looked boring, and now that I'm 24, grown-up life still looks boring! So HA! You'll never take me you micky ficky bastards! But that isn't the focus of this booklet. There really isn't anything wrong with growing up if that's what you want to do. I fully respect all my friends that dive into it all... I envy them at times, especially the ones that are teachers and such that still shake their asses off at crazy rock shows and make it back to work on Monday!

dead things

In most towns we've experienced outside the Southern Appalachian mountains in the last 2 or 3 years, the punk rock show has died. It has become institutionalized and predictable...a dead thing. DIY punk rock music is folk music, created in order to bring people together as a community to dance, laugh and be together because we are in love--and together we can conquer the world! However this idea has been forgotten in many scenes that have become clathetic. Why are we here? Why do we tour? Why do we show up at shows? To see a band? Watching! Observing! We are no longer satisfied with being observers or being observed! We are bringing the dead things back to life! ROCK! DESTROY! DANCE! SCREAM! FUCK-WAI INERTIA WILL NEVER CATCH US!!!!

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\$2-5 donation!

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SOUTHEAST MT. FACTION

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TO COVER POSTAGE
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pink collar jobs

Some of us girls & boys
became dead things, but
this is where we started
same fast action style
kids screaming pop!
SEND some \$ AND WE
CAN MAKE YOU A TAPE
OF THE LP THAT NEVER
CAME OUT...\$

DEATH TO CORTEZ

FAST AS CRAP, POST-PUNK STYLE PROG CORE IS THE BEST DESCRIPTION I CAN THINK OF. WE USED TO HAVE A WEB SITE...MIGHT STILL BE THERE.
WWW.GEOCITIES.COM/DEATHTOCORTEZ
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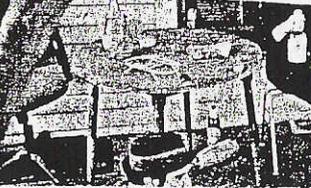
CANDY-ASS PANSY BITCHES

Dorks, death, destruction, blood snakes and flowers. Not sure whether to say its evil death punk or garbage theater.
www.welcome.to/capb ← go here for details

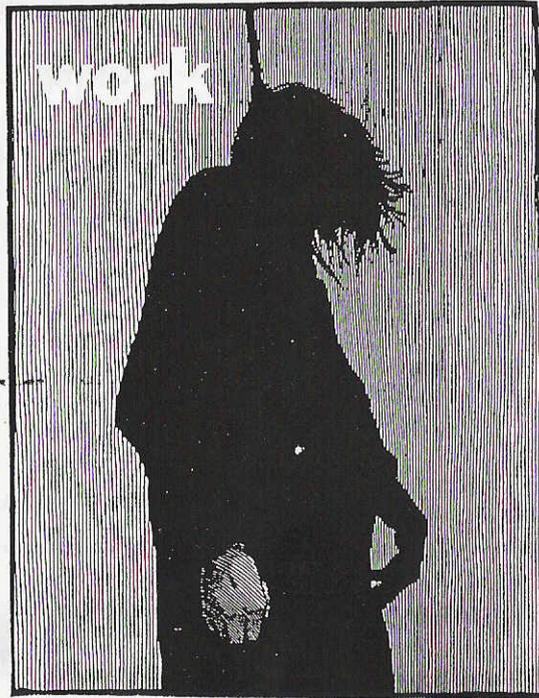
CD \$4-8 BUCKS OR SO...A BUNCH OF SONGS.

RPM PUPPETS & CONSPIRACY

RADICAL AS FUCK.
REVOLUTIONARY
PUPPET MATHEM.
WE'RE ANARCHISTS.
OUR PUPPETS
BLW SHIT UP.
OUR PUPPETSHOWS
WILL BLOW UP
YOUR BRAIN..



A WISE FRIEND ONCE TOLD ME, IF YOU CAN GET KIDS TO DANCE TOGETHER, THEN CAN DO ANYTHING TOGETHER.



We're all dead if
we buy into the
belief that the
"American Way
is the ONLY
way to think
act and live.

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HOW MUCH ARE YOU WORTH

Dead THINGS and R.P.M Puppets will be on tour this summer with a TRAVELING INFO \$ DEMONSTRATION SHOP, BRINGING D.I.Y. COUNTRY TRASH LIVIN' TO YER TOWN. WITH OUR CRAZED POP DESTRUCTION ROCK N' ROLL SOUNDTRACK.

This booklet is to help those of us that want to live more in line with our beliefs but get sucked into the "real world" that makes it seem too hard or inconvenient to do the things you want to do. The garden part of the book is also to give people a little bit of basic knowledge to just go out and get a garden started...it's for beginners, though it may give experienced gardeners some ideas too. Once we just start DOING it, those in depth garden books will make a bit more sense to us suburban-raised kids with no natural survival skills— (the closest thing to working the land that most of us experienced growing up in suburbia was mowing the grass or walking through thorny shrubs blocking our favorite shortcut out of the apartment complex.) So, I want this to help you get started, and show you that you don't have to live somewhere with acres and acres of land or come from a farming family to grow some free food, and we don't have to sell ourselves short and give in to the "real world" in order to "grow up" or be part of the "real world."

Finally, I want to say that by no means do I want to imply that I am some super self-sufficient mountain ruffian, though I aspire to be such one day! I'm just another middle class, suburban-raised kid. While I'm moving closer to living that way, and I think I could survive on my own if needed, I am completely dependent on my wonderful friends and family around me. They help me more than I could have ever imagined. Having community is the most self-sufficient and sustainable thing I think we could do. My friends have let me use their showers for the last 6 months, let me sleep over when it's cold and I don't want to drive back up the mountain. One has let me keep my camper on his land and use his solar panels with no charge. They have let me borrow tools, keep food in their refrigerators, use their phones... you name it and a friend has probably let me do it. So, remember that, people once lived much more simply, but they didn't live alone, and that is what we have to remember if we want to free ourselves from the destructive patterns our world had caught us in... WE NEED EACH OTHER!

BLAH BLAH BLAH... MORE WORDS FROM MR. EDITOR

... just what we need, more words...

ONCE AGAIN, I'M IN A RUSH... I thought I would be home after the R.P.M. puppet tour with ***CIRKUS* SUBVERKUS*** and have time to finish this project, but NOPE! Some how my puppeteer partner and I tangled our way into a MONTH LONG internship with a PERMACULTURE CONVERGENCE IN NEW MEXICO... which looked pretty close to N. CAROLINA UNTIL I UNFOLDED THE DAMN MAP... HOLY CRAP! so I'll probably have more to add when I get back... so there may be a 3rd edition... IT ALL depends on how many other things are going on.

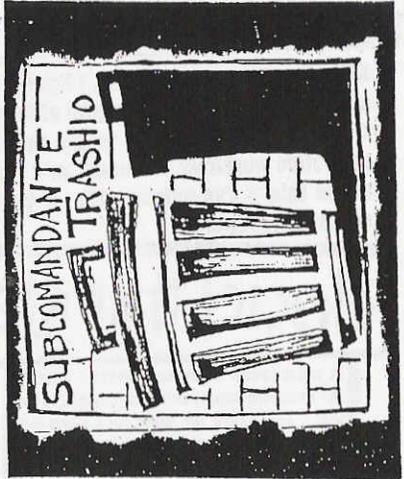
THIS little project is dedicated to all my AMAZING FRIENDS and our CRAZY MOUNTAIN COMMUNITY who have somehow kept me from blowing myself up into tiny pieces. I'm not much for name listing, but you know who you all are. A whole lot of love to ya! OH! and special **LOVE** to EVERYONE that helped keep us alive and under a ROOF on the ***CIRKUS*** TOUR. ONCE I'M SITTING STILL AGAIN, come on out and visit CAMPERVILLE.

♥ J. TRASHVILLE

"I believe the ONLY way to REALLY create a new world is to live like we already created it." -JD... DOWN ON THE FARM.

On that note... read on... and I hope you find something useful in here.

...IONS TO THAT NOT ALL BUT MOST TOURS CONSIST OF WHITE MEN. IT REMAINS QUITE EXCEPTIONAL TO SEE ALL WOMEN OR EVEN EQUAL AMOUNTS OF WOMEN TOURING AROUND THE CONVENTS. SUPERKUS EXCEPTIONAL AS THE CONVENTS SUPERKUS MAY HAVE BEEN I FEEL WE NEVERTHELESS LACK THE RESPECTIVE OF OVER HALF THE POPULATION NEXT YEAR. I HOPE TO BETTER DEMONSTRATE DIVERSITY. LET'S FACE IT, THIS COMMUNITY DOES NOT HAVE A MALE MAJORITY. MEN OUGHT TO GET OUT OF THE FOREFRONT SO MUCH OF THE TIME. SO, ALCOHOL, GASOLINE, TOBACCO, AND GENDER. IT'S OKAY TO BE HYPOCRITICAL. MAKE NO MISTAKE, THERE IS NO WAY TO LIVE OUTSIDE THE SYSTEM WHILE IT'S STILL IN PLACE. DUMPSTERING FOOD BORDERS UNHYPOCRITICAL. BUT THE POINT IS NOT TO BE UNHYPOCRITICAL. BUT TO MOVE AWAY FROM DEPENDENCY ON THE MONSTERS OF CAPITALISM. THE CONVENIENCE OF CAPITALISM IS ALLURING - IT SURE IS EASIER TO PUMP FUEL AT A FILLING STATION THAN TO CONVERT USED VEGGIE OIL INTO BIODESEL. REVOLUTION IS GOING TO BE A LOT OF WORK. DID YOU EVER THINK OTHERWISE? IT'S TIME TO GET BUSY. THE ERA OF BEING CIRCLE A LAST IS OVER. WE WIN WHEN WE FIGHT HARD.



PEOPLE, AND HAD A BETTER TIME THAN WE COULD, EVER HAVE IMAGINED. HOWEVER, GASOLINE, ALCOHOL, AND CIGARETTES. NEED I GO ON? FUCK THOSE THINGS. YET THERE THEY ARE, THE MOST READILY AVAILABLE AND CONSUMABLE PRODUCTS OF THE EVIL EMPIRE. DIFFICULT THOUGH NOT IMPOSSIBLY TO SOUGHT OUT IN ORDER TO CONVERT IT TO EITHER BIODESEL OR STRAIGHT USED VEGGIE OIL. HOME BREW AND MOONSHINE, DID YOU KNOW THAT HOPS GROW LIKE A WEED? OR THAT TOBACCO NEEDS A SCANT TWO MONTHS ANYWHERE? ALCOHOL AND TOBACCO COMPANIES (MOSTLY THE SAME CORPORATION) ARE KING PROFITEERS WITH ENOUGH MONEY TO MAKE THEM REAL POWER HOLDERS. AND OIL? OF THE TOP TEN TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS NINE HAVE SOMETHING TO DO WITH OIL (SOURCE: WARRERS MAGAZINE - SOME ISSUE LAST YEAR).

Also, being four white men was boring in its obviousness if nothing else. A few women brought it up in conversation to me. NOT TO BE CONFRONTATIONAL, RATHER AS AN OBSERVATION. ADMITABLY, I AM HARDLY AN EXPERT ON THE TOPIC. NOR DO I KNOW HOW MUCH I REALLY COULD EVER KNOW - BEING A MALE, MY LIFE EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN VERY DIFFERENT FROM A WOMAN'S. EVEN WITHIN THE "COMMUNITY" THERE REMAINS A LOT OF UNLEARNING THAT NEEDS TO HAPPEN. THESE REASONS, AMONG OTHERS, ARE PRECISELY WHY THESE TOOLS NEED TO BE MORE GENDER-INCLUSIVE.

FOR THIS ARTICLE, I DID SOME RESEARCH AND ORIGINALLY WROTE, "SOCIETY IS RIGGED TO MAKE IT EASIER FOR MEN TO DO THINGS LIKE THIS." MANY WOMEN I ASKED TO PROOF THIS ARTICLE TOOK ISSUE WITH THAT, BEING AS THEY ARE DEFINING EXCEPT



FIGHT RPM WOULD EXPERIENCE IN THREE MONTHS OF BEING BASICALLY JAINED AT THE HIP. GETTING DETAINED, SEARCHED, QUESTIONED FOR HOURS AND, ULTIMATELY, TURNED AWAY... IT WASN'T EXACTLY A SURPRISE, BUT OUR OBSESSION LED US TO BELIEVE WE WOULD FOR SURE MAKE IT IN.

WE SHAVED, CLEANED OUT OUR ARMPITS, CLEANED OUT OUR CAR OF EVERY LAST SHRED OF SUBVERSIVE ANYTHING... WE CARRIED ONLY SLEEPING BAGS, A CHANGE OF CLOTHES AND A FEW DOZEN DUMPSTERED SOT BARS.

A CRUEL JOKE IS SYSTEMATICALLY BEING PLAYED ON ACTIVISTS, ANARCHISTS ESPECIALLY. WE ARE MONITORED, FOLLOWED, INFILTRATED, DOCUMENTED. THE SUCCESSFUL INTENTION IS TO RESTRICT OUR FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT, IMPEDING OUR ABILITY TO THINK AND ACT CLEARLY IN THE FACE OF INTIMIDATION AND OPPRESSION.

SO WE STAGE CARNIVALS, WILD CELEBRATIONS OF RESISTANCE, MASSIVE SPECTACLES TO UNMASK POWER. AND WE SMILE AS WE WATCH THE UNWRAPLING.

BEATEN BUT NOT DEFEATED, WE WENT BACK TO CHICAGO TO RETRIEVE OUR PUPPET SHOW AND HEADBO OFF TO BUFFALO, NY. WITH NO IDEA WHAT TO EXPECT, NO CLUE WHAT WE WANTED TO DO, WE PULLED UP TO THEIR CONVERGENCE CENTER.

"HEY! WE'RE PUPPETISTS. WE'RE HOPING TO BUILD SOMETHING FOR THE BOLDER ACTION. WE BROUGHT OUR OWN TOOLS. WHAT DO Y'ALL HAVE?"

A CLOSER LOOK AT

CIRKUS SUBVERKUS WAS WHERE IT WAS AT. WE TAUGHT HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE ABOUT THE CAPITALIST NIGHTMARE, MET AMAZING, FASCINATING

LIBERATION RAT PUPPET FROM THE G.I.F. ASSAULT ON BUFFALO, NY

the police didn't let her cross the peace bridge either...

WHAT'S ORANGE AND BLACK AND BURNS DOWN BANKS?

CIRKUS ANARCHY

The strongest tool we have to fight these monsters

"I JUST DON'T KNOW HOW I FEEL ABOUT THE WORD 'ANARCHY'!"
"IT'LL GROW ON YA, I REASSURED."

"HAM..."
THE WINTER SUN WAS WAINING IN THE NEW LONDON SKY - IT HAD BEEN AT IT ALL DAY, HAKING OUT THE IDEAS AND TEXT OF THE FIRST OF MANY PUPPETISTA MANIFESTOS. CONVERSATION BEING SUCH A POWERFUL MEANS OF LEARNING AND GROWING, OF SELF-REALIZATION AND UNLEARNING BAD IDEAS, MANY TIMES WE MENTIONED OUR DESIRE THAT OUR DIALOGUE BE SOMEHOW RECORDED; NEW IDEAS FLEW ABOUT SO QUICKLY AND WE DIDN'T WANT TO FORGET ANYTHING BEFORE TOO LONG, THE MANIFESTO WAS MADE, AND THE XCIRKUS SUBVERSIVA - OUR NEW TRAVELING PUPPET CIRKUS - WAS BORN. WE WOULD TOUR FROM FEBRUARY THROUGH APRIL, ORGANIZING AND EDUCATING AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE ABOUT CAPITALIST GLOBALIZATION AND ITS NEWEST MANIFESTATION: THE FREE TRADE AREA OF THE AMERICAS (FTAA).

"YEAH, 'ANARCHIE' IS FROWING ON ME, I DIDN'T USED TO LIKE IT, BUT NOW I DO."

A FEW MONTHS AFTER THAT DAY, THE TOUR WOULD START. OVER TWO MONTHS OF SCREAMING PUPPET CHAOS WITH SHOWS THAT WERE ROUNDLY ENJOYED BY ALL. TWO

GROUPS PARTOOK IN THE BULK OF THE TOUR: INSURRECTION LAND SCAPES WITH "TRASH DREAMS AND THE SYSTEM", AND RPM PUPPET CONSPIRACY WITH "ATAK OF THE KILLER U.C.O.'S (UNIDENTIFIED CORPORATE OBJECTS)". WE PERFORMED OVER FIFTY TIMES, IN SWANK PUPPET CHABARETS, LIVING ROOMS, COFFEE SHOPS, CLASSROOMS, OUTSIDE IN BASEMENTS IN BARS. WE PERFORMED FOR ROOMS FULL OF PEOPLE WHO HAD NEVER SEEN A PUPPET SHOW BEFORE MUCH LESS HEARD OF ANARCHISM, AND WERE ONLY VAGUELY INTERLUDED BY THE NEW "MOVEMENTS" COMPRISED OF "TERRORIST" PRACTICERS. WE HELD DISCUSSIONS IN CLASSES, STAGED STREET PARADES (WHICH, INCIDENTALLY, BLOCKED TRAFFIC), AND WE NEVER CHARGED A DOLLAR FEE, MAKING Ours PERHAPS THE MOST ACCESSIBLE CIRKUS ON THE ROAD. WITHOUT RESERVATION, AND IN SPITE OF A FEW FLAWS I'LL GET INTO LATER, THIS WAS THE MOST SUCCESSFUL AND AMAZING TOUR I HAVE EVER BEEN ON. AND A LOT OF IDEAS OCCURRED TO ME.

MONEY AND THE GIGS BUYS

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN OUR VEHICLES DO NOT RUN ON RESISTANCE ALONE..."
"AND WE'RE NOT GOVERNMENT FUNDED..."
"AND THE BEST NATION IN THE WORLD DOES STILL EXIST!"
"THE DONATION!"

TO USE MONEY AS AN EXAMPLE OF ANARCHY IN ACTION IS ODD, BUT BY DOING FREE SHOWS AND NOT TAKING THE DONATION THAT, IT'S AMAZING HOW WE WERE NOT ALLOWED TO STARVE OR RUN OUR VEHICLES ON EMPTY. AND SOMEHOW, THE CIRKUS FINISHED A LITTLE IN THE BLACK!

THE SYSTEM UNDER WHICH WE LIVE DEMANDS THAT MOST PEOPLE MAINTAIN JOBS. THIS SHOWS IN NO WAY IMPLY THAT THOSE OF US WITHOUT JOBS DON'T WORK - I HAVE NEVER WORKED A DAY IN MY LIFE AS WHEN TALKING WITH THE CIRKUS, WE AGREED TO HAVE A WEEK, NO WEEKENDS, SO TO SPEAK. WE ALL KNOW THAT SOME JOBS PAY MUCH MORE THAN OTHERS. THERE IS NO JUSTIFIABLE REASON WHY ART, ANTI-ART, SHOULD BE ACCESSIBLE TO ONLY THOSE WHO ARE RICH AND MORE EACH ENOUGH TO GET THEIR HANDS ON THESE HIGH-WAGE JOBS. NO ONE SHOULD HAVE TO WORK HOURS OF SAME PENNIES IN ORDER TO SEE A PUPPET SHOW.

ALSO WE MADE A GROUP OF FOUR. WE MADE DECISIONS BY CONSENSUS EASILY AND QUICKLY. THERE WAS NO POWER STRUCTURE, JUST MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. WE'D WAKE UP IN THE MORNING WITH FRESH IDEAS FOR NEXT YEAR'S CIRKUS, GOT DRUNK AT NIGHT DISCUSSING TACTICS. WE WOULD DEBATE, WE WOULD FALL IN LOVE. WE WOULD MAKE MUSIC, BREAK THINGS, MAKE THINGS, STEAL AWAY INTO THE GLORIOUS NIGHTS OF LIVING FREE.

WE ARE GOING TO CANADA TO WIGGLE OUR CIRCUS BODY IN THE FACE OF POWER

THE TOUR MADE A HUGE HOSESHOE THROUGH THE EASTERN HALF OF THE UNITED STATES. WE SPLIT UP IN CHICAGO, MAKING OUR WAY TO THE CANADIAN BORDER IN MICHIGAN AND UTAH. RESPECTFULLY, THE LANDSCAPERS MADE IT OVER, THE CONSPIRATORS DID NOT. AFTER SO MANY MONTHS OF FOCUSING ON GETTING TO QUEBEC TO WIGGLE CARDBOARD AT THE 34 NATIONS' TRADE REPRESENTATIVES, GETTING DENIED AT THE BORDER WAS THE MOST INFURIATING, FRUSTRATING EXPERIENCE IMAGINABLE. IT SPARKED THE CLOSEST THING TO A

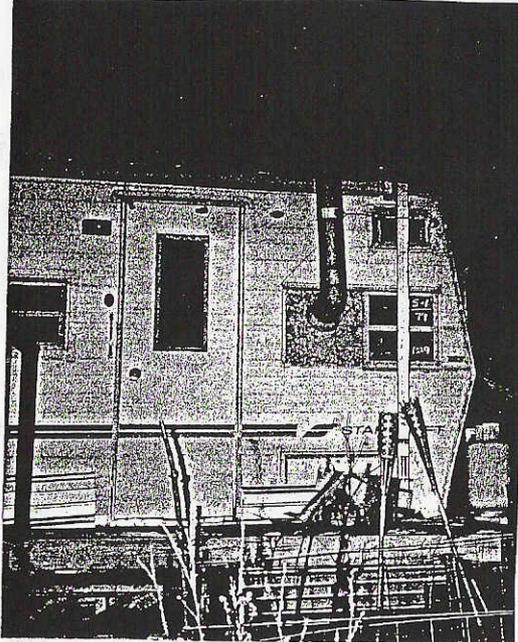
THIS STORY OF OUR TOUR BY TRASH OF DUMPSTRELAND ZINE... SORRY I SHRUNK IT SO DAMN SMALL.



Camperville

CAMPER LIFE IS THE ONLY LIFE FOR ME!

WHY BUY A CAMPER or OLD RV? Well, if you've never lived in a small college town, you know rent is STUPID HIGH! I had been paying \$215 for a room in the basement of a house, with no heat, yet, it had the furnace that heated the rest of the house and all it's noise to keep me up all night located 5 feet from my bed, and this was cheap. Along with that, I had to hide if the landlord came by because only 3 of us were allowed to live there due to bullshit racist Zoning laws. It all boils down to a pain in the ass. I mean, having a nice house does have it's bonuses, like the free heat we had in the living room, even if my room was an ice box, and having running water is cool. But it's even cooler to have supportive friends that let you borrow their shower, or sneaking into a hotel pools, or campus athletic room showers!

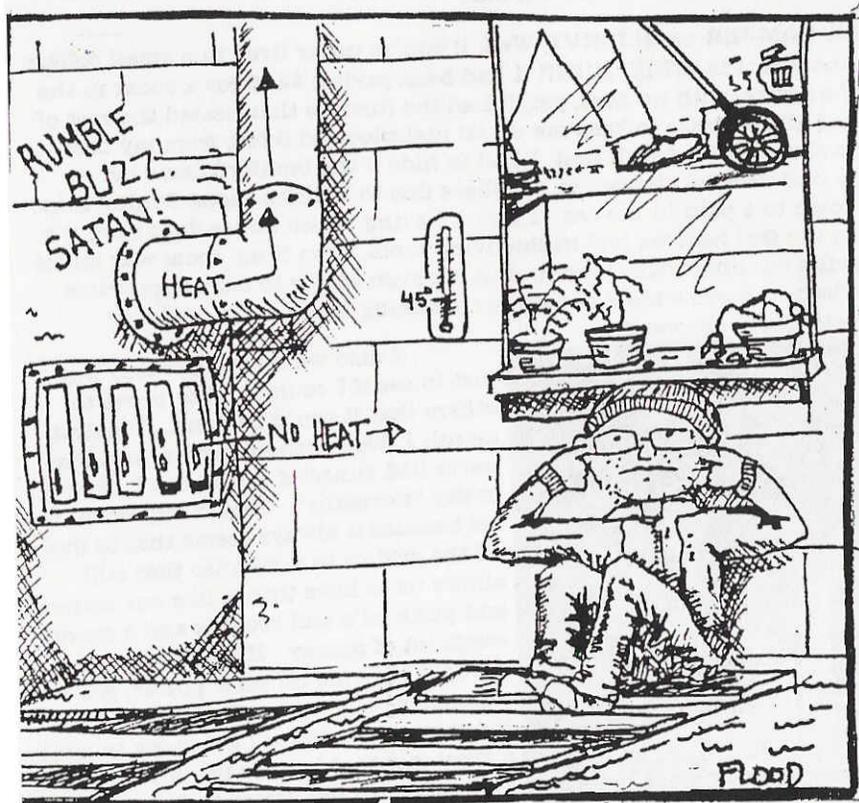


I also wanted to live this way just to see if I could, and to prove to others that it could be done. The first month I lived without power, and I've never had running water, but I live pretty "normally". This is important to me because it always seems that to live off the grid or in a manner that still allows us to have things like our stereos and punk cd's and records and a stove, cost a lot of money. If you have ever thought of living off solar power, it's expensive. I'm not paying for mine at the moment, because I got lucky to meet a great guy that lets me use his. A small system to run the basics cost around 2000 bucks. However, I had to learn to use a lot less power. This is something everyone should learn to do. I also built a basic Composting toilet (see diagram, it's easy to do). There is nothing like convening with nature at my outdoor toilet on the edge of the forest with the sun on your face as you sit on your mighty throne! (Which is a 5 gallon bucket with saw dust, not the \$500 one someone would like us to buy).

Welcome to CAMPERVILLE!

Part of revolting against the way things are is to not partake in them as much as possible. This includes the simple things like where you use the crapper. Don't use their sewage systems, compost it and grow your food from your own waste (be sure to read the section on human compost because you don't want to do this wrong and get yourself sick! E-coli is BAD!) Don't use their water, collect your own rain water. If you need their food, don't buy it, find it in the dumpsters... learn to live off as little as you can and partake in their economy as little as possible. But take it a step at a time. Like I said, I'm not self-sufficient by any means... I still use people's showers that are living on the grid. But I also know that if I couldn't, I can heat up a giant pot of water and shower with buckets if I needed. That's how we did it, guys.

Why pay someone else \$250 a month for this →



If we did things for the sheer joy of doing them, and worked together because we *wanted* to, not because we had to? Wouldn't that make it more enjoyable to do the things that are necessary for survival—and to be around each other, for that matter?

garbage theatre

ITINERANT GARBAGE THEATRE FOR CULTURAL INSURRECTION

a Puppetista Manifesto

I.

Against the backdrop of the tightly controlled consumer compliance industry and the unilateral bombardment of corporate mass media, the arts become either commodity, commercial, or, if they refuse to serve this system, criminalized, incarcerated, destroyed.

From the quagmire of complacency and the garbage that it produces, the puppet emerges and finds its poignant paper mache voice.

II.

Puppetry has existed for longer than anyone cares to remember.

It is an anarchic art, rooted in mockery, a ridiculous gesture towards the absurdity of the established order. It is the unique ability of the clown to laugh in the face of the king.

It is equally rooted in the Festival, where a community comes together to present for each other a Pageant- an enactment of a common struggle.

Effigies are created representing otherwise abstract adversaries: Thunderstorms, Institutional Industrialization, Drought, Biotechnology, Famine, and Corporate Global Domination Enforced by a Constantly Expanding Military Complex; Beasts that terrorize and induce fear.

Through a ritualistic confrontation with these elements, citizens are empowered to take on these forces, psychologically, and then physically, while achieving a spiritual elevation that resonates into daily existence. With the newfound power acquired from the pageant, the citizens have rehearsed for the inevitable uprooting of the evils that threaten their livelihoods.

III.

Puppets are intentionally ugly against the glittery status quo, and inherently worthless in the eyes of the money economy. They are summoned from the garbage to serve a purpose, ultimately returning to the garbage.

Cultural Insurrection will never aspire to the narrow confines of the vacuous pit of the standardized, easy-to-swallow arenas of the entertainment machine. On the sidewalk, in the basement, behind the couch, Cultural Insurrection utilizes any acceptable or illegal venues for the proliferation of its radical puppetganda. The streets are littered with potential puppetshows and potential puppeteers.

IV.

By rescuing puppet theater from the shiny black boxes, by returning it to its roots as a theater of action, we are able to reimagine the possibility of life instead of mere survival inside of the system.

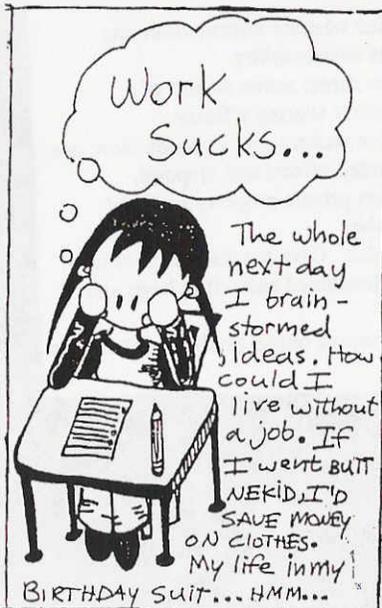
The authorities of the media/cop state have been uncharacteristically correct in their portrayal of the puppet as a weapon, for the puppet is indeed a powerful tool to reshape individual minds, and by extension, an entire society.

GOOD THINGS NEVER SEEM TO LAST...so live it up while you can.

Right before we brought the camper up to the land I live right now, a development was started right across the street. We first thought that the person that was selling the land just decided to log it like a bastard and get all the money he could out of it, then sell it anyways for the same price. It's on a ridge, overlooking town so it's worth a pretty penny to real-estate assholes.

One day, as I was piddling around with the garden, the developer comes over to "meet" me. He had seen Rob and I and wanted to see "what we were up to." Rob's land is a spectacle in itself with hundreds of wonderful flowers and fruit and nut trees and other herbs and food stuffs growing... but to top it all off is my wonderful camper--white and orange and ghetto as hell, devaluing the land around it as much as possible. So I'm sure he didn't want to just "meet" us, but find out how permanent my presence was. I won't actually be on this land permanently because it's too damn cold in the winter, and Rob will eventually build a small cabin on it. It's right in a wind pass, no trees block it from the 90 mile an hour winds that hit every now and then, and it drops to -20 with wind chill factor. And while I love the camper life, 2 inch walls with insulation from 1978 don't do much for keeping heat in.

COMICS



The whole next day I brainstormed ideas. How could I live without a job. IF I went BUT NEKID, I'D SAVE MONEY ON CLOTHES. My life in my BIRTHDAY SUIT... HMM...

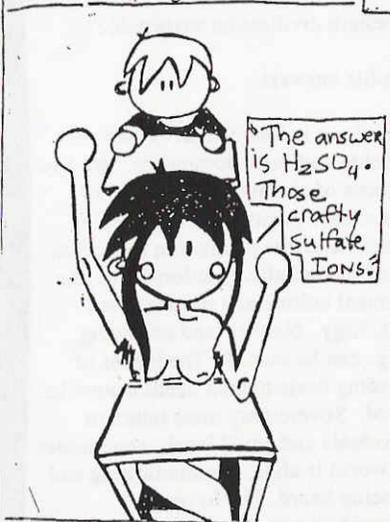


"P-I-G-S, with a badge on their chest. They're here to oppress, the people with less. (clothes)"

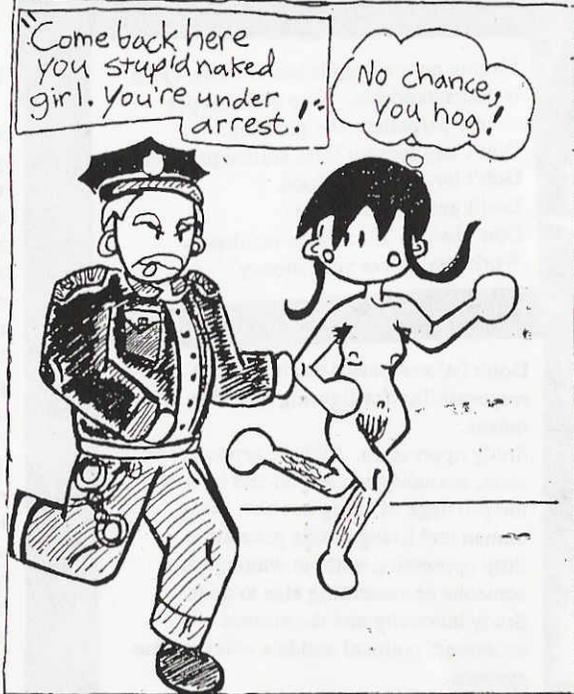


"Hi, my name is Sparky. I'm with Marketing Research Institute, AND I'M NAKED!"

At public high school...



But eventually, somebody will notice and alert the boys in blue...



Compaqtor & this comic → by SPARKY
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know I am every developers worst nightmare... pure white trash, living right at the entrance of his snooty 100,000 dollar lots. It makes me smile to wake up every day and look at the Boone Ridge entrance right across the street, just hoping they are as mad about me being there as I am at them for bringing noise and ugly trucks and electricity to my "hood." Poor people can have nice lots too asshole! I wouldn't take one of his lots anyways, I don't have to cut down trees to live in my home!

While I don't want to say others can't live in a place as nice as mine, my anger at this development is justified in knowing that no one I know will ever be able to live there. They make it a point to make it too expensive for the likes of me. Though I think I may pull the camper up there someday and squat a lot as long as I can. Also, I can already see the neighborhood in 10 years coming together and organizing to make "zoning laws" that say your house has to be so big and worth X amount of money, and no trailers because they devalue their precious homes. I'm going to keep in touch with this little area and when this happens, make a special trip to visit and fire bomb the entrance to yuppieville.

My parents' neighborhood has this shit hole excuse for a law. When I was working on my camper at their house, the cops came and said I had 24 hours to move it or it would be impounded. My damn house! They WANTED TO IMPOUND MY HOUSE! Assholes! So it's only a matter of time before our little ridge puts a ban on poor people, making it harder for those of us without money to live sustainably and self sufficiently close to town. Right now I'm only 7 minutes from downtown. Other people I know trying to live the same way have to live 15 minutes away--not very sustainable when we are forced to drive that far to get to work...if we have to work.

So the camper revolution is taking effect. It is possible... and really pretty easy. You don't even really have to give up too many conveniences... I still listen to my favorite Fracture CD in the morning. I still brush my teeth and wash my face when I wake up. I still sit on the couch and read books. I could still watch movies if I felt like getting the TV and VCR out of the van (my storage shed). I still have light at night, and have people come visit, cook gourmet meals... and have the greatest toilet there ever was! Not to mention that nothing is ever very far away. If I ever can't find something, there are only so many places it can be in a 28 X 8 foot box. I never have a desire to go on vacation because everyday is like vacation. I'm my own boss so I get up when I please, I work if I want, I spend the day with my favorite person if I want. I go on trips, take our band around the country and play mad rock n' roll. I hunt through dumpsters. I work for Rob and learn about solar power and organic gardening and permaculture and building things... not from school, but from doing it. DIY listening to people. Asking questions... having a blast with everything... even though I hit my head almost everyday on the door that is too short and cuss and kick the wall, I love it! All of it! And I thank everyone in my community that helps me out and will always do the same for anyone needing a hand.

Come visit me. Send me email... its' the easiest way to find me. I love to show people around and show them how you can start doing some of the same things yourself. DIY and F%@k the system that says you need it!

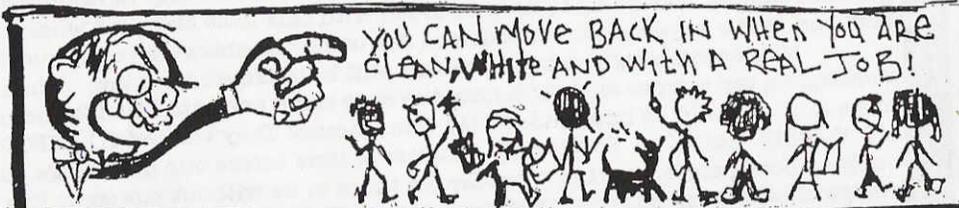
that private ownership imposes upon relationships in the workplace can be found everywhere else in society: in schools, in churches, in families and in friendships, everywhere the dynamics of domination and submission take place. It's almost impossible to imagine what a truly equal relationship could consist of, in a society where everyone is always jockeying for superiority.



the hierarchy

make it illegal for more than 2 people who are not related to live in an apartment or house in certain (generally fancier) neighborhoods. Thus, even if you have a 3 or 4 bedroom house, only 2 of you can live in it, even though it cost \$875 a month! Therefore, those of us without and extra \$450 a month lying around don't get the choice of living there, even though it would be affordable if 3 or 4 people occupied those 3 or 4 rooms instead of letting them go to waste. Thus, if you're poor, move on Jack, to the trailer park with your sorry ass...

Why are they racist? A majority of the Hispanic workers here in the US are men. Thus, many times several men will rent a house together in order to save money to send to their families. Zoning laws such as the one mentioned above don't let this happen, so Hispanics can't live in certain areas. This affects families too that may live in a house and want to rent out part of it to friends or other family members who are not in the immediate family. Since minorities are generally on the lower side of the economic scale, by making it illegal to share a house with more than one other person, you are keeping the poor and thus, more minorities out. Horary for white suburbia!



Without our chewing gum, no one will want to kiss you. Without our deodorant, no one will want to touch you. Without our lipstick, you won't catch anyone's eye. Without our athletic shoes, you won't be able to keep up with the guys. Without our cigarettes, sophistication escapes you. Without our cleaning products, no one will want to come home to you. Your children won't have any games to play without our toys and cartoons. She won't enjoy the date unless you take her to see one of our movies. The fun hasn't really started until you have our beer in your hand. How can you feel free and alive without our new sports car?

Consider all your leisure-time activities and you'll see: you're not having fun unless you're paying for it.

We play on your insecurities, on your fears and anxieties. There are products for every human activity, even sex, because the things that are natural and free are not good enough without our synthetic supplements. Eventually you're so conditioned that you'll pay for the most useless of products, just to be paying for something. And should you ever try to step outside our system, you'll see that we really have made it impossible to be a human being without our products: you must pay to eat, pay to sleep, pay to keep warm, pay for a space just to exist.

CrimethInc.
"Depend on us!"

"Life is cheap but living is expensive" Hickey



In the continental U.S., 97.3% of native forest has been cut. Prairie, desert, wetland, river, lake and ocean ecosystems have been similarly impacted. Outside the U.S., ecosystems often are as or more destroyed. Because of human impacts, the earth may warm to its hottest temperature in 65 million years in just this century. Half of all species left on the planet may forever cease in just this century.

Examine whether reform alone can achieve sustainability.
Practice direct action as part of a community sharing affinity.
Question technology, its production, use, unintended effects and disposal.
Question private property and land ownership.
Apologize. Give thanks. Express love.
Go to threatened and wild places and listen.
Don't behave unsustainably and so on as above...

Western consumption far outpaces the rest of the world. Western lifestyles are unsustainable. You might consider your lifestyle sustainable if everyone on the planet made the choices you make and the ecosystems on the planet today remained as healthy seven generations from today. With this in mind I suggest...

Having no children is heroic. One child is understandable. Two children per couple perpetuate the problem.
Don't buy factory farm animal products.
Don't buy pesticide food.
Don't get in a car alone.
Don't have a TV at your residence.
Work less. Save your money.

Don't behave unsustainably. Take responsibility for figuring out what this means.
Study oppression. Include gender, race, class, sexuality and nation and include the privilege of being healthy, being human and living in this generation.
Stop oppression without waiting for someone or something else to do it.
Study hierarchy and the current economic, political and law enforcement systems.

Is western civilization sustainable?

Possible answers:

Our culture is founded on extinction, genocide and male dominance. We live in a time of absolutely unparalleled destruction. A sustainable planet requires massive population reduction; an end to capitalism, nation-states, the dominant culture and most modern technology. Neither land nor living beings can be owned. The means of providing basic human needs cannot be owned. Sovereignty must return to individuals and small local communities. The world is alive, communicating and not being heard. We have a responsibility to risk privilege to stop oppression directly. The powerful respond to those who do so with intense repression. The Earth responds to those who do so with intense love.

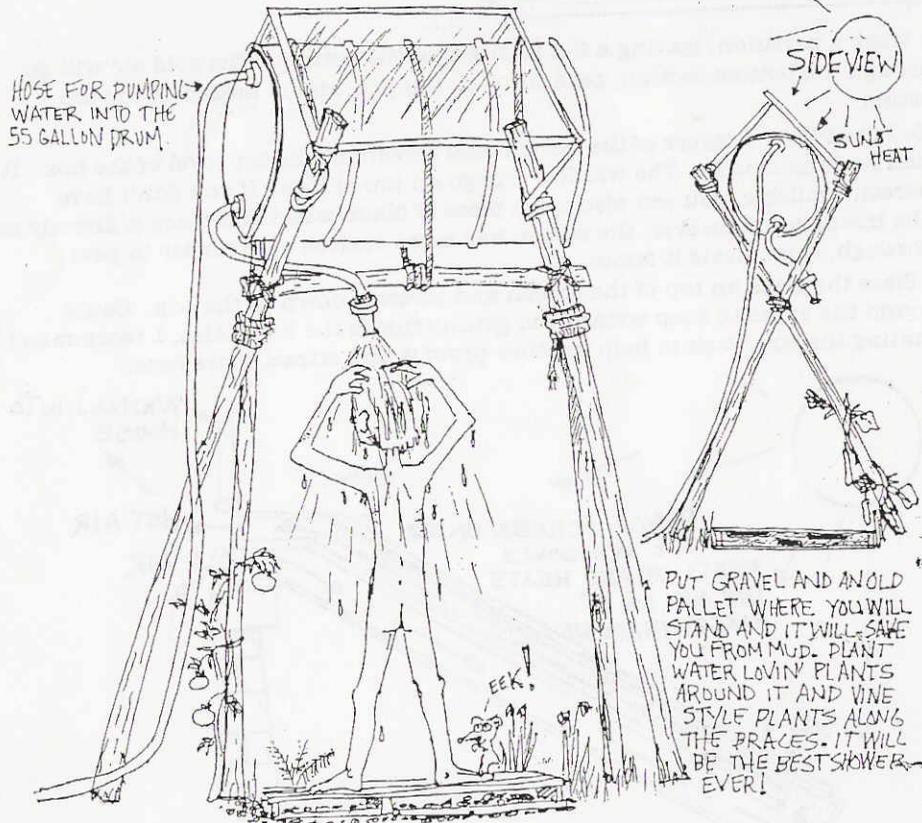
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free hot water

SOLAR SHOWER:

OK, this is an outdoor shower. Just wanted to have that information out on the table before those of you who are rather shy or might not live somewhere with space outside to build one of these things get all excited. These are great to have, especially if you live with a lot of people in substandard housing with only one shower or bath or somewhere with no hot water like most of my friends. Also, they're fun because you get to hang out outside nekkid!

- YOU NEED:**
- 4 rather long sticks, at least 8 feet long, but a little longer gives you more to work with.
 - Rope
 - 55 Gallon Black Drum with top connected (see picture).
 - Hose (you only need a few feet of it), with a spicket sprayer deal on it.
 - Curtain if you want privacy (or don't want your puritan neighbor to call the cops).
 - Storm Windows (optional)



The sun heats up the black 55 Gallon drum and thus, heats the water inside. At the end of the day, you have a warm shower waiting for you, and you didn't have to pay for any power to heat it up! Yeah, more points for you, zero for the man! If you want it to work even more, attach the windows to the top to magnify the sun's heat on the drum. If you want to be even more hardcore about it, put some sort of reflector under it to reflect the sun up to heat the bottom

PRODUCTS make LIVING worth WORKING for

\$0 BUY til YOU DIE

OR F%#KING LIVE

It's all part of living everyday and every moment as much as you can. The less you have to hold you up, the more you live. I work when I want, I have almost no money, but I'm not at all suffering... except in the mornings when it is 25 degrees and I have to crawl out of bed to build a fire... it may be cold, but at least it's MY 25 degrees, not 25 degrees being rented from a jerkoff landlord with the bad mullet so he can build his million dollar house on the side of the mountain! screw that... I'm a damn home owner and the world is as much mine as it is that rich guy's! Ha ha!

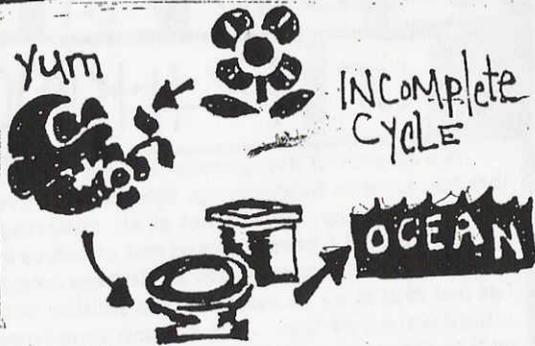
DECREASE THE AMOUNT OF POWER YOU USE: HELPFUL IDEAS

- Use compact florescent lights. They initially cost a little more, but use a fraction of the amount of power and last 10 to 20 times longer. It's worth it.
- Paint your walls white! Yeah, it's boring, but you can light up an entire room with a few candles or an oil lamp because the light reflects off the walls. It also makes a room feel bigger, which is nice when you live in an 8 foot wide camper.
- Wood burning stove: Use junk wood in order to keep from cutting trees. Go to the dump and get old pallets, wood people are tossing out, broken furniture, etc...
- Solar Heater: See diagram. These really work!
- Solar Water heater: You can make basic ones with a black bucket or black 55-gallon drum.
- Don't use unnecessary appliances (i.e. Electric can openers, electric clocks, etc) Unless you are handicap like my mom, many of these things are unnecessary and just lead to laziness.
- Look around and find out what you really DON'T NEED!
- PHANTOM LOADS, Get rid of them! These are things we don't think about like the little clock on a VCR or microwave that no one knows how to set or the electronics that are always on in order for a remote control to work. While it wouldn't seem like a lot of power, when you add it up for 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, for a year, it's rather shocking. Put these items on a power strip that can be turned off when you aren't using them.
- Insulate your refrigerator and hot water heater: Find or buy some insulation (Blue Board works good for a refrigerator and use foil tape. Water heaters will need the flexible kind). These items generally have cheap, very thin layers of insulation. If your refrigerator feels cold on the outside, you are wasting power. Put a layer of 2 inch Blue Board around it and you'll be sticking it to the man every time the power DOESN'T come on.
- Give up a few excess comforts. Try not showering as often. Take it one step at a time, if you shower every day, try skipping a day. I promise you

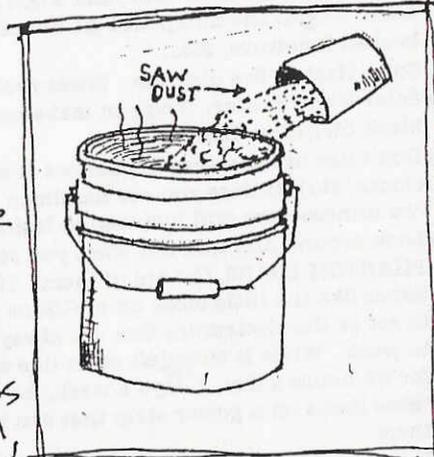
won't run off your friends. Sometimes I'll go a week without knowing it. Just wash your face and feet and you'll be fine... However, I've worked up to this point. And most people tell me I don't stink! Though they think I should. (see Hygiene Section)

D.I.Y. composting crapper

the current system of waste mismanagement: it depletes the soil, making our food void of nutrition our duties need... combined with flood control, we have broken this natural cycle.



1. MAKE SOME kind of frame that a seat can be attached to. It needs to be tall enough for a 5 gallon bucket to fit under. I suggest building a step so you can be in proper squatting position... it makes for a happier experience w/ nature



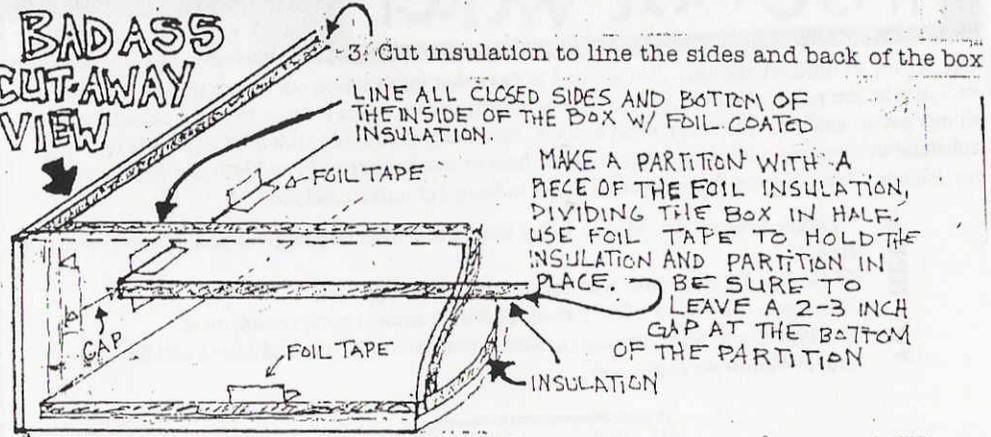
2. Have a supply of saw dust or mulch (saw dust is best). You can get it for free at almost any saw mill or furniture making factory or shop.

After taking care of business cover your great creation with a healthy layer of saw dust and put the lid back on the bucket. The sawdust keeps it from stinking... and it really works!!!

TECHNOLOGY, THE DEVIL, AND ME

Stop bitching! Technology ain't all that bad... I have a cell phone! I love free email and internet! It makes it a lot easier to live the way I do, along with making it actually functional. (You try booking your band a tour with a carrier pigeon!)

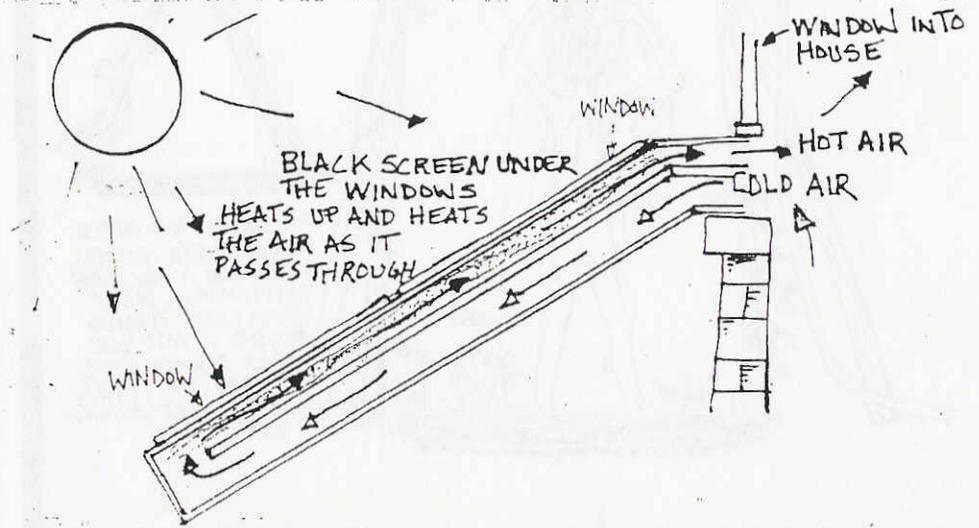
BADASS CUT-AWAY VIEW



4: Make a partition, leaving a 2-3 inch gap at the bottom. The cold air will go through the bottom section, pass through the gap, and is heated in the top section.

5: Put at least 3 layers of the black metal screen on the top level of the box. It can be done loosely. The window will go on top of this. If you don't have screen available, you can also use a piece of black metal and place it directly on the insulation, however, the screen has more surface area for air to pass through, thus, heats it faster.

6. Place the glass on top of the screen and screw it down to the box. Caulk around the edges to keep water from getting inside the box. Also, I recommend painting the box black to help weather-proof it and attract more heat.



7. Attach to your house. The easiest way is to lean it against the house next to an open window and build a connection chamber with left over insulation. However, this requires that your house is in direct sunlight on the south facing side. You will simply have to be creative, depending on where the sun hits. You want the glass side to face south and be in a spot with the most sun. If sun doesn't directly hit your house, you can use some sort of a tube style system.

FREE SOLAR HEAT

I've never lived in a warm house. I don't think they exist for us non-money having folk. But they can! Solar heaters are one way to heat your house in the winter, at least on a sunny day. It can be 20 degrees, but if it's sunny you can heat your house for free.

A solar air heater should only cost you around \$15 if you salvage most of the supplies. The only thing I had to buy was the insulation and foil tape. It only took me 4 hours to make it too... and about 10 minutes to clean up aaron's living room... (thanks for letting me turn your house into a workshop!)



What you will need:

FREE HEAT!

Sheet of Glass: Old storm windows work great! Sliding glass doors are bigger and better! Plexi-glass, less breakable! etc...

Insulation with foil on both sides (enough to cover the inside of the box) (Available at construction supply dealers for about \$12 or a 4X8 ft piece, scraps can be found at construction sites at times.)

Foil Tape for taping insulation.

Black Screen from windows (a metal kind, it must withstand heat)

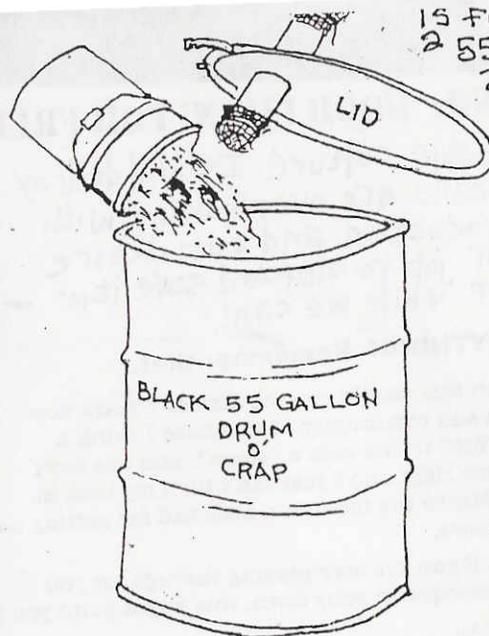
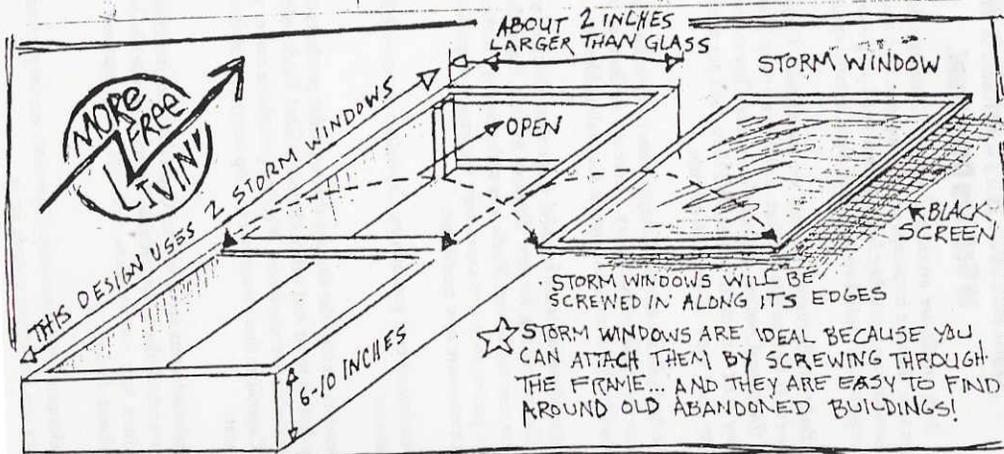
Caulking to make it water tight.

Box or the supplies to make a thin box.

Knife to cut insulation (box cutting knives work best)

1: Find the Glass first. This will determine the size of the box you will need to build. The larger the glass surface, the more heat you can produce. Use 2 storm windows if you can find them.

2: Build or find a thin wooden or metal box. It needs to be the size of the window on one face and about 6-10 inches deep. The top (where the window will go) and top side (where the air will go in and out) should be left open.



1. Fill, dump its contents into a 55 gallon drum with a screen air vent. paint it black to help the sun heat it up faster.

4. Lay the 55 gallon drum on its side in a sunny location, if possible, and turn it about every other day or so by rolling it back & forth or kick it a bunch to release frustration

Let it sit in the drum at least 6 months from the time you put the last fresh crap in it. You want to be sure to kill all the bacteria so flies wont bring e. coli in your kitchen. Some people keep open bins and keep it well covered in wutch... but the safety is questionable and the health department will getcha!

there aint nothin' better than a 55 gallon drum of shit to start up a good conversation.



After 6 months to a year, dump it into an open bin and let it sit another year or so to let it finish breaking down.

After all this time you've spent w/ your fecal matter, you can throw it on the garden and you've completed the cycle... "eat shit" will take on a whole new meaning.

If you want to be a recluse and live in a hole, go for it. Me, I love being able to communicate with the world. How are we going to change anything if we don't talk to each other? And not having to drive 10 minutes into town just to make a phone call is worth being "that guy" with the cell phone. (Though I don't have the damn belt clip and crap... if you can't live without your phone or internet, or stock quotes and blah blah blah for a few hours, you are a slave to technology...) but they have to deal with the heart attacks and brain tumors, not me. Everyone has the choice to live as they please... the degree of freedom and the form it takes is up to each of us and last I checked, anarchy didn't have rules.

trashville

TRASH: GOOD LIVIN' FOR FREE!

We live within a disposable culture. It will destroy us. Dumpsters and trash cans are overflowing with the left-overs of over production and our desire for perfection. It is our job to stop and save it... and live it up while we can!

People throw away EVERYTHING! Remember that.

Free livin' is what has kept me here in this small town for almost 7 years now. Well, that along with amazing friends and community. Sometimes I think it would be cool to live in one of those "hip" towns with a "scene", and one day I probably will, but Boone has treated me right and I just can't turn my back on her. It's almost too easy to survive. Maybe the mountain feels bad for putting us through 8 months of winter... who knows.

Anyways, I'll give you our secrets so if you are ever passing through, or you decided that it's time to become a scavenger in your town, this might point you in the right direction.

Yes! It's hypocritical. We are still dependant, even if it is only dependance on trash... but it's a means, and it's there for the taking... too much of the world is rotting, why should we let usable trash



Eight Reasons Why Capitalists Want to Sell You Deodorant.

1. Body smells are erotic and sexual. Capitalists don't like that because they are impotent and opposed to all manifestations of sensuality and sexuality. Sexually awakened people are potentially dangerous to capitalists and their rigid, asexual system.
2. Body smells remind us that we are animals. Capitalists don't want us to be reminded of that. Animals are dirty. They eat things off the ground, not out of plastic wrappers. They are openly sexual. They don't wear suits or ties, and they don't get their hair done. They don't show up to work on time.
3. Body smells are unique. Everyone has her own body smell. Capitalists don't like individuality. There are millions of body smells but only a few deodorant smells. Capitalists like that.
4. Some deodorants are harmful. Capitalists like that because they are always looking for new illnesses to cure. Capitalists love to invent new medicines. Medicines make money for them and win them prizes; they also cause new illnesses so capitalists can invent even more new medicines.
5. Deodorants cost you money. Capitalists are especially pleased about that.
6. Deodorants hide the damage that capitalist products cause your body. Eating meat and other chemical-filled foods sold by capitalists makes you smell bad. Wearing pantyhose makes you smell bad. Capitalists don't want you to stop wearing pantyhose or eating meat.
7. Deodorant-users are insecure. Capitalists like insecure people. Insecure people don't start trouble. Insecure people also buy room fresheners, hair conditioners, makeup, and magazines with articles about dieting.
8. Deodorants are unnecessary. Capitalists are very proud of that and they win marketing awards for it.

GHETTO GARDEN TERRORISM:

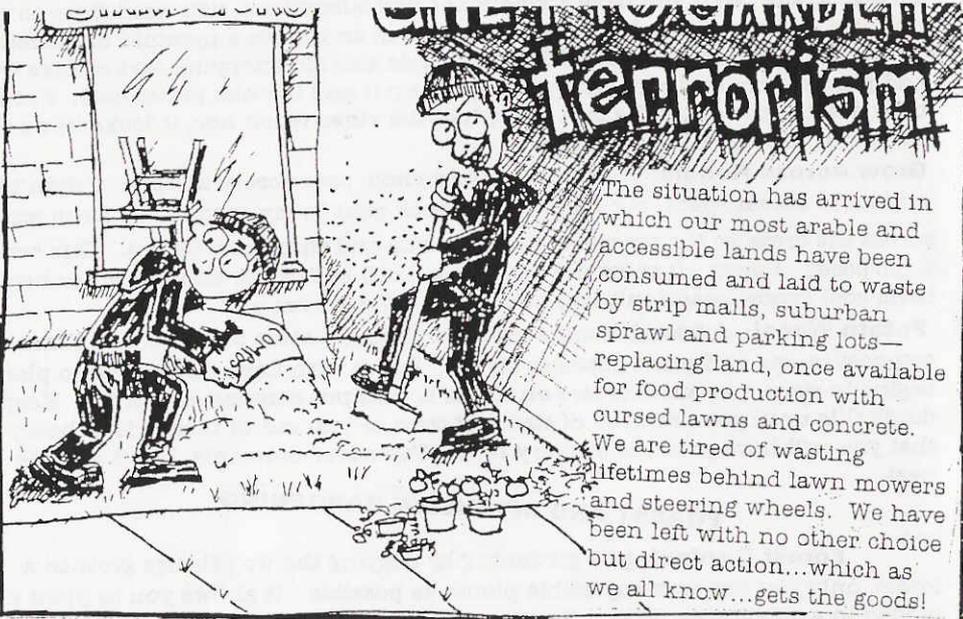
Or GUERRILLA GARDENING

Find that boring office building or grassy spot in front of a business. Stake it out at night. Find out when it would be safe and easy to move around...and if it's not safe, do it anyways, it will be more of an adventure, maybe even end in a good chase. Get your supplies ready. Some compost or topsoil, or whatever you can come up with to use to fill the holes where the grass or whatever currently is. Shovels, spades, whatever tools you have available, my first ghetto garden was done with sticks and spoons until a friend felt sorry for me and his dad bought me a little garden fork thing... but I still used the sticks anyway. Oh, and most importantly, plants and seeds, I recommend plants already growing so there will be something to show the next day.

Make sure not to leave a huge mess. The less noticeable the better. Find a place to stash whatever you dig up, toss it in some nearby bushes, wherever you can, just make it look as unnoticeable as possible. Never tell anyone you did it unless you want to send an anonymous letter to the paper stating your purpose and reasoning for turning the world into a free garden... just take joy in the fact that there will be free food for someone now in front of that Starbucks... If you get good and start doing several places, organize other people in your community, do it as revolution or just do it for fun as an alternative to watching another X-file episode or indie-art flick with subtitles... unless it's "Black Cat, White Cat" because that's the greatest movie ever!

Get all the goods as close to the location to be Gardenized, and wait till dark. Wear all black, if tools are big, paint them black too... this isn't going to be a quick project where you get in and get out in 2 minutes, so you need to be able to hide easily. Soon as it's clear as it's going to get, move in. Dig up whatever useless plants or grass might be in the way and put your edible plants in.





terrorism

The situation has arrived in which our most arable and accessible lands have been consumed and laid to waste by strip malls, suburban sprawl and parking lots—replacing land, once available for food production with cursed lawns and concrete. We are tired of wasting lifetimes behind lawn mowers and steering wheels. We have been left with no other choice but direct action...which as we all know...gets the goods!

EVERYTHING WILL BE A GARDEN! FREE FOOD ON

PULL UP YOUR STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

EVERY PLOT OF URBAN EARTH! !SSANISUBIGY AGRIBUSINESS!

• THE GUERRILLA GHETTO GARDENER KNOWS NOTHING OF THE SPRING AFTERNOON SPENT IN THE GARDEN... ONLY THE DARK OF NIGHT, SAFE FROM PHOTOSYNTHESIS.

• THE WEAPONS OF CHOICE ARE BLACK SHOVELS, SPADES AND MASKS.

• THE GGG'S LANDMINES LEFT BEHIND CONSISTS OF COMPOST, MULCH, PLANTS AND OTHER DECAYING MATTER THE STATUS QUO CONSIDERS TRASH AND SHIT.

• THE SEEDS OF CHANGE LEFT IN OUR TRACKS ARE... UH... WELL THEY ARE... UH... SEEDS... NOT MUCH METAPHOR IN THAT ONE... SORRY.

We will force the world to see its environment, not as commercial space for generating profit, but as a possible space for life, food, and liberty.

TODAY AND GROW TOMORROW'S MEAL! DEATH TO

Most grocery stores throw away more food that even most shelters can give away. Our desire for perfection has taught us to accept nothing but the best, and for the love of god, NEVER BUY something that is less than perfect, like apples with little spots THAT ARE COMPLETELY NATURAL! So, anything less than perfect is TRASH. Produce, Baked Goods, Damaged Goods (dented cans, juice w/o labels, etc...), cigarettes, beer, a dozen eggs w/ 1 cracked one, cases of apple sauce or salad dressing where one bottle busted all over the other 5... it's all trash in the eyes of America. God Bless us! So for those of us not scared to get a little dirty... FREE LIVIN'!

EXPIRATION DATES! FOOLS! HA HA HA HA! "Best if sold by..." Blah Blah Blah... Well I don't want the best, I want the FREEST! And they give it to me! Bags of those prepackaged salads, Bread, yogurt, milk, cheese, entire rotisserie chickens for the dogs (or you if you eat meat), ICE CREAM FOR GOD'S SAKE!!! ICE CREAM NEVER GOES BAD YOU FOOLS! Ignorance really is bliss.. and it's FREE!!! It all makes sense, why spend money on something when there is the same thing, only fresher, sitting right next to it... in fact, why buy anything at all! It will all be free in a few days!

WHY DON'T STORES GIVE IT TO THE HOMELESS OR SHELTERS?

Well... I DON'T KNOW!!!! However, I've heard it has something to do with insurance and getting sued if someone gets sick. Also, many do, but until you see it, you wont believe how much stores toss out EVERY FREAKIN' DAY.

FREE FOOD IN BOONE, NC:

FOOD LION, Both WINN DIXIES, & SUPER K-MART all have Food almost Guaranteed. All other super markets have compactors. Most restaurants have something... It's up to you to dig for it.

DUMPSTER CUISINE

If you are going to survive from free dumpster food, you better learn to cook, and cook creatively. Start trying to mix foods together that you really wouldn't think go together. Ex: Canned Salmon, Peas and Peanut Butter! Sounds weird, but if you throw in some garlic and red pepper and stir-fry it in a pan, it's really good. I even got my friend Kevin to admit that it was good and he normally wont touch anything I cook. You can't really be picky either. If you are, you might as well stick to buying food, or at least supplement your diet with an occasional trip to the grocery store for garlic or things that you can't always find. While it pains me to walk through the front door instead of around back, sometimes you just really want some home made corn tortillas and they just don't throw the mais out very often.

Peanut Butter and Toaster Pop-up Sandwich:

- 2 Dumpstered Toaster Pop-ups
- Peanut butter

Put peanut butter on one side of one and stick'em together... it's good!

IF IT AIN'T FREE, IT AIN'T MINE!

GARANTEED CLOTHING: Good Will, Salvation Army, and other Thrift

stores. A lot of people check out the donation drop off boxes, which is a guaranteed find, but some places don't have these. Additionally, I prefer to keep things from the landfill more than consume something someone else might consume... So, the next logical place is the Dumpster...and the dumpsters are more adventurous anyways.

I was laughed at the first time I mentioned that I was digging through the Good Will Dumpster. "You must be desperate!" Then they saw what I found... I didn't believe it myself, it goes against the entire concept of the second hand store. And it's not like they through away crap because I've seen worst stuff inside the place than I found in their trash. So I don't know what the criteria is, but I can only guess that maybe the ~~stuff~~ smelled funny or was a little dirty or they just get more than they can handle, and storage isn't cheap these days... so like I said, if you ain't scared of dirt... free livin' will come easy.

MISC. JUNK: K-Marts, Wal-Marts, Target, Eckerd's, etc...

most of these places have trash compactors (enemies of the free state), so you're just screwed if this is the case... however, here in Boone, K-Mart is still living in the glory days and hasn't gotten around to modernizing to the fascist compacted state which Harris Teeter and Wal-Mart exist. Usually if items are damaged during shipping or returned in a state which they can't be resold, instead of returning them to the vendors, they are given to ME! Granted I have to work a bit for them and get a bit dirty... but hey, there ain't nothing wrong with a little work. Candles, razors, dishes, clocks... pretty much anything eventually finds it's way to the trash.

PAPER & OFFICE SUPPLIES:

This is where living near a campus comes in handy. Go to any computer lab, and chances are they have a recycle bin for all the crap people print on accident. Everyone thought the computer would decrease the amount of paper we used... morons... it made it easier to use more paper than our forests can keep up with. Instead of typing 20 copies of something by hand, all you have to do is accidentally type 20 instead of 2 hand hit PRINT and Hot Diggidy damn, you got yourself a novel. So use the backs.

If you're picky like I am and like to use both sides of paper, they invented the internet. People print out some web page and it almost always sends out an extra blank sheet that might have a header or footer across the top or bottom. Spend 10 minutes digging through the bin and you'll have enough paper for the rest of the year. I made it through 4 1/2 years of school without buying paper... and had a huge stack left when I was done.

COLLEGE TOWNS:

Boone, NC is a college town. I will never live somewhere without a university because people toss out everything! Every May, August, and December we go shopping at all the apartment complexes. I've never bought furniture, appliances, lamps, cleaning supplies, brooms, mops, (I no longer buy food), spices, anything that the average college student might have but not really need...we've found it. For free!

Think about the average business student... he goes to college, know he's going to get some swank job that pays him gah-boodles of money in some other town... why rent a trailer or make 2 or 3 trips to move all your crap? People are too lazy to take stuff to the thrift store, so they toss it. It's our duty to find it.. at least that's my purpose on this planet.

vine plants: If you want to grow a lot of stuff in a small space, you need to grow up. The traditional Gardner would find stakes and make a pyramid or something like that. However, the Ghetto Gardner finds an old shopping cart or bike wheel and plants them under it. The vines grow up it and it looks pretty cool. Put a baby doll in the seat of the cart and when the vines reach her, it looks like a scene out of some horror movie!

Grow Across Non-usable Land: I grew snow peas across a creek. I didn't have any more actual space, but there was a creek next to my garden. So I ran string across the creek to the fence on the other side and they grew over it. This served 2 purposes. I grew 10 snow pea plant in a 1x15 inch spot, and the water kept them cool (snow peas don't like heat.). Smart guy I am eh?

Potato Wheel: A friend of mine did this. You get some old tires, put some compost in one and plant potatoes on top. Cover with hay. As the potato plant begins to grow, put another tire on top of it, and put compost around it. Keep doing this until you are tired of stacking tires or run out of them. The theory is that you will have potatoes at every level. I've never done this, but it sounds neat.

FOREST AND INTENSIVE GARDENING

Forest Gardening is gardening by copying the way things grow in a forest, only you use as many edible plants as possible. It allows you to plant a lot of food in a small area. Like a forest, you have a tree (layer 1), a tall shrub or crop (layer 2) a medium shrub or crop (layer 3), a small crop or bush (layer 4), ground cover (layer 5), and shade plants under all of it (layer 6). There can be many layers, depending on what plants you can find. All of these plants are basically planted almost on top of each other. For the best results you would want to find out if you could grow plants that are beneficial to each other (ex: small bean plants grow good under a plant that needs a lot of nitrogen, such as corn, because bean plants fix nitrogen in the soil).

Intensive Gardening is very similar to forest gardening, and may be considered the same thing by many people. Basically, you plant many things in a small spot that will grow at different times. Example, snow peas start early in the spring, then die back as it gets hot. Squash and Hot peppers grow when it starts to heat up. So you put the peas and squash in the same spot, and one is dying back as the other is just beginning to need a lot of sun. This also helps because the first plant protects the seedlings of the second plant when they are young and delicate.

PEE IN YOUR COMPOST:

Urine has a lot of nitrogen. If we lived as we once did (or were just a bit smarter) we would stop flushing all this useful nitrogen out to sea or wherever it magically goes once it leaves our toilets. Compost needs a lot of nitrogen to break down all the solid stuff we throw in there... so it just makes sense. Additionally, when the organic matter is all broken down, the nitrogen is still there. **PLANTS NEED, LOVE, AND DESIRE NITROGEN.** If they could talk, they would ask you to pee on the ground in which they grow (however don't do this while they are growing there, the ammonia can kill them).

Pee in a bucket or jar and take it out once a day or just walk over to the compost and pee in it. (this may be more work for women). It just makes sense... It isn't dirty. You wont get sick. The compost will sit for a year before you use it, the pee will be long gone. I promise, this isn't returning to the dark ages where we threw our waste into the streets... you are composting it! Just like nature would have you do... plus, you feel like a deviant for peeing outside, and being a deviant is always a bonus.

SHEET MULCHING

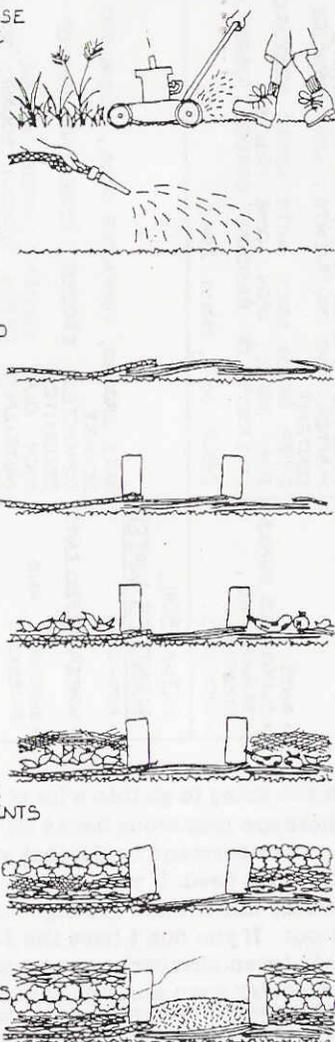
WHAT TO DO

- SLASH LONG GRASS AND WEEDS, MOW LAWN AND LEAVE CLIPPINGS IN PLACE
- WET WHOLE AREA THOROUGHLY
- ADD SOME AGRICULTURAL LIME
- SOAK PAPER, CARDBOARD, UNDERFELT OR EVEN OLD CARPET, LAY OVERLAPPING SHEETS OVER WHOLE AREA
- MARK OUT PATHS WITH LIME, STONE, BRICKS OR TIMBER
- THROW ANY ORGANIC WASTE SUCH AS GRASS CLIPPINGS, GARDEN SCRAPS OR WEEDS ON GARDEN BED
- ADD OLD HAY OR GRASS TO 15cm DEEP
- ADD 10-15cm OF ROTTED MANURE, COMPOST OR MUSHROOM COMPOST (ALWAYS DIFFICULT TO GET ENOUGH!)
- ADD LAYER OF CLEAN WEED-FREE MULCH (10cm) SUCH AS STRAW, RICE HULLS, OAT HUSKS OR SUNFLOWER HUSKS

WHY DO IT

- CLIPPINGS DECOMPOSE AND ADD ORGANIC MATTER TO THE SOIL
- RAIN WON'T REACH THE SOIL THROUGH THE LAYERS
- HELPS BIND ANY HEAVY METALS SO THEY CANNOT BE TAKEN UP BY PLANTS
- STOPS WEEDS AND ADDS MORE ORGANIC MATTER TO THE SOIL
- PREVENTS BEDS BEING BUILT OVER PATHS
- IT WILL ALSO DECOMPOSE AND TURN INTO HUMUS
- MORE COMPOST TO TURN INTO HUMUS
- IMMEDIATE SOURCE OF PLANT NUTRIENTS
- HOLD WATER IN, RETAIN VOLATILE NUTRIENTS, PROTECT SEEDLINGS, SOIL TEMPERATURE CONTROL

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE



Tilling is where you dig up poor dirt and mix it with compost or hummus in order to improve it's texture. This way is hard on your back (unless you have the money to get a tiller, which might be worth it if you are making a giant garden) but you get quick results. This isn't a bad idea if you are first starting a garden because it loosens the soil and makes it easier for plants to grow. However, I don't recommend doing this every year. Once you've gotten good soil started, just add to the top... Turning it every year simply pisses off the worms and other helpful critters and helps plant weed seeds that would normally stay on top of the soil, which is bad. Adding nutrients, via compost, to the top brings us to sheet mulching.



Sheet Mulching: This is building the soil up instead of working down into the dirt as you would in tilling. Basically you are speeding up the natural process of soil production that occurs in nature, only it takes around 100 years to make 1 inch of top soil. Sheet mulching

does this in a year or two. Once you get started, the roots from plants will loosen the "bad" soil underneath and you don't have to work nearly as hard. The following diagram was stolen from "Earth User's Guide to Permaculture" and it does a better job of explaining it than I will.

trashaffair

DUMPSTER DIVING ETHICS

CLEAN UP AFTER YOURSELF! ALWAYS leave area clean as, if not cleaner than when you got there. If the store has to always clean up after you or knows you are there, they will probably start locking it up just to be nazis about it.

TAKE ONLY WHAT YOU NEED: Unless you know for sure that you are the only one collecting from that particular dumpster, in which case you should share what you find. Take stuff to friends or homeless folk.

SHARE LOCATIONS OF PLENTIFUL DUMPSTERS WITH FRIENDS:

ORGANIZE! It's a good idea to maybe get a group that takes shifts and you all share the loot. Remember, there is plenty of trash for everyone.

NEVER, NEVER, NEVER, ASK PERMISSION! While an occasional store may be cool with you... chances are once they think you are digging in the trash for food, they will lock it, or eventually get a compactor. WHY? Because they don't understand. Everyone is afraid of getting sued by someone over something stupid. So if a store knows you are in the trash, they immediately will think of liability or some crap like that.

DON'T BE GREEDY: A good scam (which most stores have caught onto) is to return items for cash that you found in the trash. While I thought this was a great scam--and still is if used occasionally *when needed*--it is not thinking in the long term. Example: Scam gone bad--I guess someone caught on, or some memo from the head nazi was sent around about this scam so now the Food Lion here in Boone usually slashes or pokes holes in anything they toss out, making our job harder... Short term: the scam gave someone a couple of bucks, long term: half the food that could have been eaten, goes to the landfill. It's depressing to see 18 boxes of good cereal dumped all over the bottom of a dumpster.

LOCKED DUMPSTERS: Trash has as much right to be free as we have to eat free trash! Bolt cutters were made for a reason, and they only cost about 20 bucks. Become a trash liberator!

These are simply my ethics, but I've talked to lots of people that agree with them. Do as you please, but try to think of others while you do.

CLOTHING: MESSAGE TEXT

I got style! FREESTYLE!

RETAIL STORES: If a store can't sell something, and they don't give it to Good Will, they would rather toss it than give it away because that means there is one less person that would have bought a similar item. It's all economics. Supply and Demand, you give me free pants or shoes, I now have no demand for them... thus you can't sell me any. However, those of us who wish to avoid participation in our economy and chose the underground one, we wouldn't buy them anyway. So start shopping behind the strip malls. Can't guarantee you'll find what you want... "but if you try sometimes, you just might find, you just might find, you get what you need-ee-ee... ah yeah..." That's right, Mic knew what was up.

COSERVE PAPER YOURSELF WHEN YOU PRINT ON COLLEGE CAMPUSES (or anywhere for that matter):

Guiltless consumption: Ok, if you use computers, and don't want to waste paper... here is a trick.

- 1) First collect some paper from the recycle bin.
- 2) When you hit print, there should be PROPERTIES button. Hit the PROPERTIES button.
- 3) In the PROPERTIES menu, there should be something for PAPER SOURCE, or something like that. Click this.
- 4) Look for a choice that says MANUAL FEED, or STACK BYPASS, or something that indicates that it wont take paper from the trays. Select this and hit OK or whatever you need to in order to get back to the main PRINT screen.
- 5) Hit PRINT and send you paper or whatever to the printer.
- 6) The Printer should flash Error or tell you to feed paper manually or something... there is usually a side door on the printer to put paper through. Open this and stick your paper in.
- 7) If you can't figure it out, ask the lab operator to help, they should know how to.

This keeps you from consuming more paper and keeps blank paper from simply being recycled, while still giving you the convenience of printing what you need. REUSE BEFORE YOU RECYCLE!



<p>TASTE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SMOOTH AND SLIPPERY: • WEAK SODA: 	<p>TASTE</p> <p>ACIDIC; SOIL WATER LATHERS EASILY ALKALINE/MINERAL; SOIL WATER WONT LATHER EASILY</p>
<p>SOIL LIFE</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WORMS: • ANTS: • SLUGS AND SNAILS: • SKINKS AND LIZARDS: • WOMBATS: 	<p>SOIL LIFE</p> <p>GOOD MOISTURE CONTENT; RICH IN ORGANIC MATTER AND NUTRIENTS; LOW PESTICIDE CONTENT DRIER, SANDY SOILS WITH LOOSE TEXTURE DAMP AREAS; OPEN LOOSE MULCHES DIVERSITY OF RESIDENT GARDEN INSECT LIFE DEEP, SOFT, MOIST SOILS</p>
<p>HOW SOIL HANDLES WATER</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RUN-OFF: • WATER REPELLENT: • SHRINKS AND SWELLS: • FAST DRAINING: IE. A HOLE FILLED WITH WATER THAT DRAINS WITHIN TEN MINUTES IS CONSIDERED TOO FAST FOR GOOD PLANT GROWTH 	<p>HOW SOIL HANDLES WATER</p> <p>BARE GROUND; COMPACTED SOILS; SLOPE TOO SEVERE COMPACTED; ERODED; EXCESSIVE USE OF DOLOMITE HIGH CLAY CONTENT; HOLDS WATER; OFTEN TIGHTLY BOUND; NOT GOOD FOR HOUSE FOUNDATIONS; CAN CRACK BUILDINGS; MAY BE USEFUL FOR MUDBRICKS EASILY ERODED; COLLAPSES EASILY. FEW FUNGAL DISEASES; MICRO-ORGANISMS AND NUTRIENTS MOVE QUICKLY UP AND DOWN SOIL PROFILE; NOT GOOD FOR DAMS</p>
<p>HISTORY</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BARE GROUND: • GROWTH IN POOR SOILS: • NO TOPSOIL: • BAD CRACKS AND RUBBISH: 	<p>HISTORY</p> <p>POSSIBLE AGRICULTURAL OR INDUSTRIAL CHEMICAL CONTAMINATION POSSIBLE SITE OF OLD CHICKEN PENS, PIG YARDS OR HORSE STABLES SITE COULD HAVE BEEN USED AS A QUARRY OR FOR FILL POSSIBLE SITE OF OLD TIP OR LANDFILL</p>

PLANTS: I'm not going to go into a lot of detail on plants. My purpose is to get you started. There are numerous books on plants and you should get one. They make some easy to understand books that simply list plants in alphabetical order and tell you what they need. If you are just starting, I would recommend simply going to the farmers market and getting what you like to eat or would like to grow and try it out. If you don't have the \$\$ (even though seedlings are really cheap.) try seeds (even cheaper) or at times Wal-Mart, has a special where they leave the garden center open and unattended (cheapest)...

WATER CONT: A screen over the top to keep bugs like mosquitos from living or preeding in it. It is also nice to have a nozzle hooked in the bottom so you dont always have to lift the screen off... you can also hook a hose to it...

SEEDS: if you are going to start from seed, you might want to start planning in Feb or early march and start your plants indoors. This simply gives you a head start. Some plants must be started in the soil because they don't transplant well, such as carrots. Read the back of the packages or ask the person at the gardening store. The best way to learn about plants is by simply talking to people. Gardeners in your area have experience with what grows best in your climate. However, if someone says a banana tree wont grow in the mountains but you want a banana tree, by god, grow one and see what happens... maybe your

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Gardeners hate it when I call it Dirt. It is SOIL! Dirt is that crappy reddish or tan clay type stuff that construction companies fill in around houses and buildings... it sucks for growing. But SOIL.. that's the good stuff... it's black or dark brown and you can run it in your fingers and it holds water pretty good and it makes a bigger mess than the evil ways of DIRT! However, I call it all DIRT because it's more fun to say DIRT. Maybe because it's a 4 letter word or something... of course SOIL is too... Blah.. anyway...

Some people get lucky and find the perfect spot with good dirt. Good dirt means that it has lots of organic matter, worms, and moisture. It's usually Dark in color and shouldn't be too hard to dig in. If your dirt isn't like this, don't fear... It's not hard to make it this way, but it does take a little work work.

WATER

this will be more in depth next issue... sorry.

RAINwater collection: Even if you have access to a water spicket, you should collect RAIN from the run off from your roof. Simply place a 55 Gallon drum under your rain gutters and let it fill up. You should put

TRADITIONAL CLASSIFICATIONS OF SOIL

CHARACTERISTIC INDICATOR OF

COLOUR

- COLOURLESS/WHITE: HIGH SILICA CONTENT LACK OF OXYGEN; LEACHED; HIGH CALCIUM CON
- LIGHT/WHITE: ALKALINE PH LACK OF OXYGEN; HIGH CLAY CONTENT;
- YELLOW: ALUMINIUM AND IRON IRON OXIDE
- RED: VOLCANIC, BASALT ORIGIN; IRON AND MAGNESII
- RED/BROWN: RICH IN ORGANIC MATTER AND NUTRIENTS;
- BLACK: HOLDS MOISTURE

VEGETATION

- EC. AZALEA, BERRIES, CONIFER, DANDELION, DOCK
 - EC. SALT BUSH, SPINIFEX, CLOVERS, VETCH
 - EC. NETTLES
 - EC. BLACK BERRIES
 - EC. BRACKEN
 - BLADEY GRASS
 - EC. BUTTERCUP
 - EC. THISTLES
- ACID SOILS; USUALLY LEACHED; OFTEN COMPAC WITH POOR DRAINAGE
- ALKALINE; SALINE; DRY SOILS
- EXCESS NITROGEN; LOW HUMUS CONTENT; LOW MICRO-ORGANISM CONTENT
- OPEN, DISTURBED SOILS
- SOILS RECOVERING FROM FIRE; GENERAL DECLINE IN SOIL FERTILITY
- LOW HUMUS; POOR DRAINAGE
- LOW CALCIUM AND IRON CONTENT; HARD SOIL

PARENT MATERIAL

- EC. SOILS DERIVED FROM SANDSTONE
- SHALE
- BASALT

(AFFECTS STRUCTURE AND TEXTURE)

SANDY; HIGH SILICA CONTENT CLAY; HIGH SILICA AND IRON CONTENT HIGH IRON AND MAGNESIUM CONTENT

SMELL

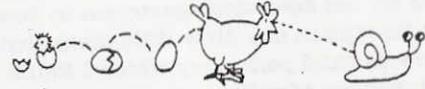
- SOUR: LACK OF OXYGEN; SULPHUR DIOXIDE (ROTTEN EGG GAS); ACIDIC
- SWEET AND EARTHY: HIGH OXYGEN CONTENT; STICKY; CRUMBLY; PROLIFI SOIL LIFE
- CARLIC: ARSENIC IN SOIL

next page. →

PERMACULTURE

The basic idea behind permaculture is to create small sustainable ecosystems... or something like that. The chart below explains it better than I can... →

PRINCIPLES	EXAMPLES
EVERYTHING WORKS AT LEAST TWO WAYS	CHICKENS CLEAN UP PESTS AND WEEDS, GIVE EGGS AND YOUNG.
SEE SOLUTIONS NOT PROBLEMS	A FAMOUS MOLLISON SAYING IS, 'YOU DON'T HAVE A SNAIL PROBLEM, YOU HAVE A DUCK DEFICIENCY'
CO-OPERATION NOT COMPETITION IN WORK, COMMUNICATIONS AND ECONOMICS.	SHARE INFORMATION AND IDEAS SO ALL PEOPLE CAN LEARN TO LIVE SUSTAINABLY.
MAKE THINGS PAY	RECYCLE GREY WASHING WATER AND COMPOST ORGANIC WASTE.
WORK WHERE IT COUNTS	ONLY WEED IF YOU PLAN TO REPLANT IMMEDIATELY, OTHERWISE YOU WILL BE WEEDING AGAIN WITHIN THE MONTH.
USE EVERYTHING TO ITS HIGHEST CAPACITY	USE SUNLIGHT TO GROW YOUR PLANTS, WARM YOUR HOUSE, HEAT YOUR HOT WATER AND COOK YOUR LUNCH.
BRING FOOD PRODUCTION BACK TO THE CITIES	GROW YOUR OWN VEGETABLES AND FRUIT, AND RAISE CHICKENS AND BEES IN THE BACKYARD.
HELP MAKE PEOPLE SELF-RELIANT	COLLECT YOUR OWN WATER AND GENERATE YOUR OWN ELECTRICITY.
MINIMISE MAINTENANCE AND ENERGY INPUTS TO ACHIEVE MAXIMUM YIELDS	SELECT A DAM SITE WHICH WILL CONSERVE THE GREATEST AMOUNT OF WATER FOR THE LEAST AMOUNT OF EARTH REMOVAL



idiot suburban kid garden starter guide

in our GREAT U.\$ empire, what have we forgotten?

Garden Design and Location:

The fun part of Ghetto Gardening is its Location. Gardens can and should be anywhere and everywhere—in alleyways, on the sides of highways, rooftops, broken sections of sidewalk...if there is dirt, something should be growing in it. My first garden was behind a junk van and other assorted trash in back of my old basement apartment in downtown Boone. It was a "useless" spot on the floodplain of a dirty little creek that runs through town. It was overgrown with weeds (and poison ivy, which I found out the hard way...7 times.). After a few afternoons of pulling weeds and reshaping the land, it was a highly productive garden in a space half the size of my tiny bedroom.

This spot was a lucky find because it had an endless supply of water, faced the south and was on a flood plain, which means the soil is replenished with nutrients every time it flooded. However, these spots are everywhere, usually covered by weeds, wild shrubs or trash. Start looking and you will find a spot in a matter of minutes, you may have to do a little cleaning or landscaping, but you'll have a spot. Also, once you create something beautiful out of what was once considered trash, people notice and can become very inspired...which is what we all should be doing.

Designing your garden can be as much art as it is functional. Mix flowers in with your edible stuff. While this is a good thing to do because many flowers attract or repel good and bad bugs, it also makes it a pleasant place. Also, this can effect the degree of "ghettoness" your garden may posses by adding pieces of art, junk and other structures.

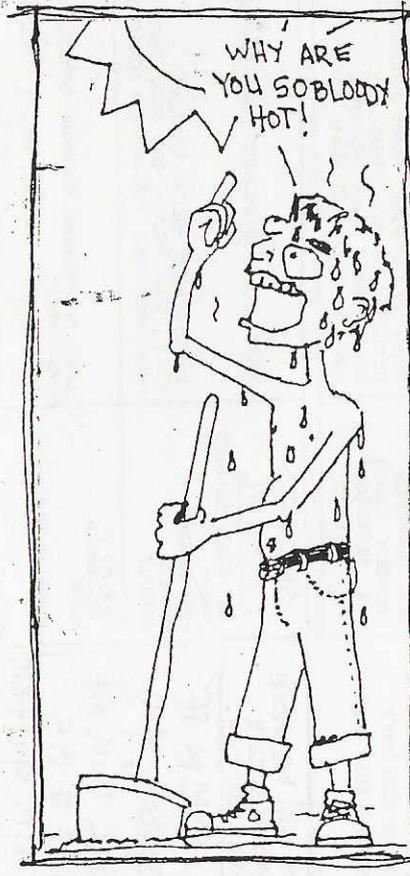
I love trash. Therefore, I use a lot of junk in my garden. I never have really "designed" my gardens in the sense of drawing them out. I usually just put things where I think they will grow or fit. The trash just makes it fun.

START TODAY! GARDENING ISNT HARD... LEARN AS YOU GO. ANYONE CAN DO IT & EVERYONE SHOULD!

FIND A GARDEN or PLANT TRADING GROUP: This is the best way to find plants that grow well in your area. It generally wont cost you money. People in Garden groups/clubs garden because they love it and when someone loves something, they usually want to share it. You can usually find that people have extra plants, seeds, or will give you cuttings from trees and bushes for no cost. This especially seems to be true if you are new to gardening because people generally like to help each other out.

Trading plants is also a good way to keep Heirloom plant species alive. These are plants that have not been genetically altered and are generally from your area, therefore they will grow better in your local climate. Call your local Agriculture Extension Office and ask if they know of any Garden groups such as the Master Gardeners. They often know a contact number and are generally very friendly.

SUN: It's that big hot ball located directly above your head at noon. If you live in Alaska or Finland, Don't bother looking until February or so, and it should be to the left I think. If you are thinking about making wings and flying into it, listen to Iron Maiden's "Flight of Icarus"



WHAT NEEDS A LOT OF SUN:

FRUITS & VEGETABLES that we generally think of like tomatoes and peppers need full sun, meaning, they need sun most of the afternoon. If planting on the side of a building, you want it to be the SOUTH side. The south facing sides of buildings, hills and other large objects are the side that get the afternoon sun. Remember this for other sun uses.

If you plant in a spot that doesn't get full sun, your plant will grow, probably really big, and you will laugh in triumph over nature... BUT, you wont get much food... the plant is getting big in hopes of reaching sunlight... SO HA, in yo face, nature is smarter than us... remember that too... Fruits, Veggies, and nuts need a lot of energy to grow... the more sun, the more energy.

WHAT DOESN'T NEED A LOT OF SUN:

Herbs, Leafy Veggies, Fungus, Roaches, & Goth Kids... Most plants in which you eat the fleshy part, can grow in some shade. Some even prefer it, like spinach. If you harvest the leaves, such as Lettuce, Chard, Kale, or Herbs like oregano, chives, mint, etc.. usually they can grow in some shade... they may be stringier than if in full sun, but they will still give you some harvest.

I AIN'T GOT NO SUN AT ALL! You can still garden! However, I would recommend going to the library and finding a book on Shade Gardening in order to find out what plants do best. This would apply to alleyways, and behind buildings, etc. I've seen some amazing things done with an ugly allyway with just some dirt and wood.

BEFORE YOU START: Watch the sun and where it shines on your chosen/liberated ghetto garden. Don't stare at it though...it makes the sun uncomfortable and it will burn your eyes out. You might want to even sketch out where the sun hits at certain times of the day. This will help you figure out where to put various plants.

THE TIME IS NOW! IT'S NO LONGER JUST A PROBLEM, THE WORLD IS IN A F@#KING CRISIS! THEY WON'T GIVE IT BACK, WE HAVE TO TAKE IT!