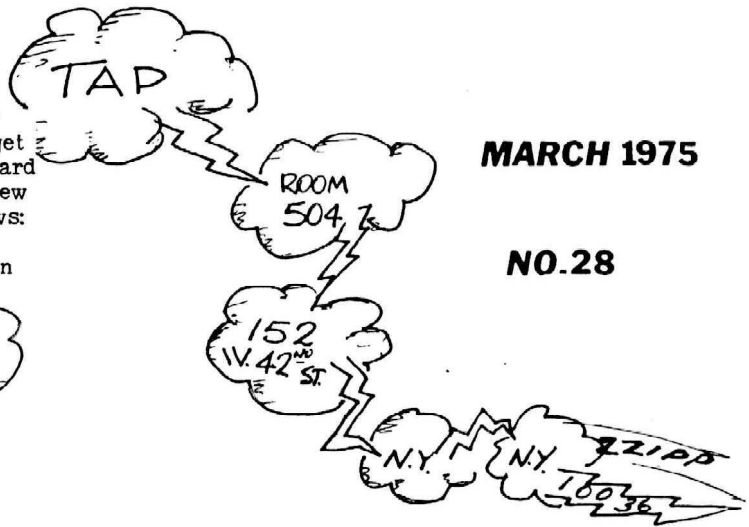


We've been getting swamped with requests for the new Credit Card Code. Apparently the phone company can't get it together to impliment their new computerized credit card system in all areas at once. There is a report that the new credit card code is based on the 4th digit and is as follows: 1-E 2-M 3-U 4-J 5-Q 6-A 7-W 8-Z 9-H 0-R  
Please send us your experiences with this code so we can determine if it works and where.

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### YOU CAN HELP TAP

If you can contribute any information that you think other readers would be interested in, please do so. TAP readers are the main source of our information. You can help by meeting employees of phone and power companies, alarm places, etc., and asking them about questions other people raise in the newsletter. Be sure to get details and maintain contact in case you have additional questions. Most employees of those companies would be glad to screw their boss and they'd probably be interested in TAP, too. We hope that a lot of you will gather information so we know what the scene is around the country and Canada.

We also need info on the following:

Automatic Blue Boxes-With info about where they're necessary.

Vending Machines-Locks, getting stuff, etc.

Locks- New code books, picking Medeco, Sargent Keso, tricks, etc.

Radio- Setting up your own Station, Schematics, legal stuff, jammers, etc.

Burglar Alarms-Holmes and other central station alarms, bypassing, electronic keys and picking, etc.

Also, Magnets, Overseas Phreaking, and Chemistry.

You may have noticed that your mailing label is being produced by an infallible space age giant electronic computer brain. If you are like 12% of our subscribers, you will never have any problem with your subscription. However, the computer is very literal-minded. When writing to TAP to change your address or renew you must, must, MUST include your mailing label or a xerox of it.

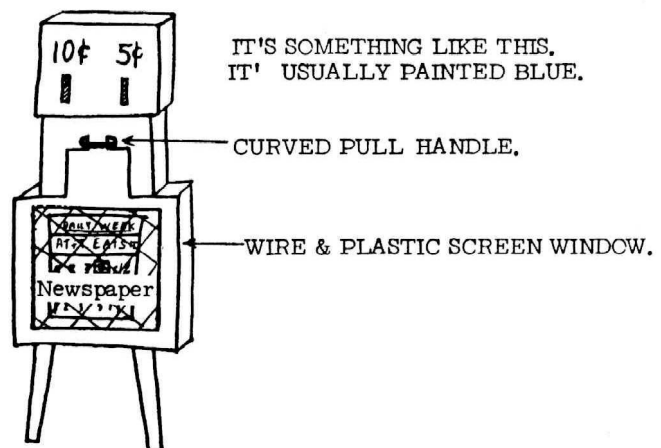
Many readers could be interested in a device to clip onto pay phone wires like a testset, but could actually simulate a pay phone, beeps and all. Such a device would also have the same electrical responses as a real pay phone to ringing, coin collecting and returning, although no coins would be necessary for its operation. Readers who would be into working on this are urged to report their results for publication. Refer to this as the "Portable Pay Phone".

Finally, a note about the Telident phone call tracer. Our clipping last issue was from Popular Mechanics who now claims that Telident has moved or gone out of business and left no forwarding address. Top phreaks have felt the unit could not work and must be a hoax. PM claims Telident did a demo at the Waldorf Astoria in New York and it seems real. Could be publicity of this myth might frighten certain potential bomb callers, and that the press conference at the Waldorf was set up? Or maybe it does work and the Govt. or others are trying to keep it secret!

The following is a loop suffix list. These may or may not be free calls, and some may have changed recently. The suffix is added to the first 3 digits of your phone no. (the prefix) and when two people call the two numbers, they are connected to each other. Sometimes one number must be dialed before the other for connection to take place. For example, one dials 215-265-0094 and the other dials 215-265-0095. For people in Philadelphia the 215 would of course be unnecessary.

| AREA CODE | STATE   | LOOP ENDINGS        |
|-----------|---------|---------------------|
| 201       | N. J.   | 9929/9930           |
| 213       | Ca.     | 1118/1119           |
| 215       | Pa.     | 0094/0095           |
| 303       | Co.     | 0009/0068           |
| 312       | Il.     | 9930/9931           |
| 313       | Mi.     | 9996/9997           |
| 412       | Pa.     | 0092/0093           |
| 415       | Ca.     | 0044/0045           |
| 416       | Ontario | 1186/1187           |
| 503       | Or.     | 1000/1001           |
| 914       | N. Y.   | 9905/9900 9934/9935 |
| 918       | Ok.     | 9932/9933           |

Dear TAP,  
Enclosed is a drawing of my ripoff newspaper discovery. I get a long, thin, strong wire like the type used on newspaper stacks. Stick equal lengths simultaneously down the two coin slots, and the door should pop open. Pull the handle, take all the papers you need. It usually takes 15 seconds.



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I'd like to comment on a few statements being moronically repeated again and again by Pa Bell, via his public relation and security force regarding FAIRNESS. These are my own ideas mixed with those of some of the readers.

"We reluctantly allow billing to a third number from a pay phone, so as to allow the pay phone customer maximum service, although fraud losses are quite high". They really ate their foot this time. Pa Bell claims he's just so nice to risk billing to a third number from a pay phone, and then, without any publicity, they remove the bells from payphones. What about people who have to get a call back? What if they can't afford a phone, or they're moving, and they'd like to receive a call on a PUBLIC PHONE? Tough! The phone company would have us believe it's practically fraud to call someone back when their dime runs out, even though it costs us money to call them back! Telco is so greedy for those few extra pennies.

"We feel people who spend a long time on message unit calls should pay extra for each minute. This way people pay their fair share." This one's a gem. So they feel that people shouldn't have to subsidize the calls of others, huh? Do they publicize the fact that their one million employees get a discount on their phone bill each month? In fact, on their family's phone bill?

"Phone phreaks and illegal extension owners are picking the public pocket". Well, maybe compared to the grand larceny on the public by AT&T. Are they for real? How does putting in your own extension make other people pay, if, as they always claim, they don't like to make other people pay for the habits of some? AT&T simply wants to monopolize the manufacture, sale (or rental) and installation of every phone in the U.S., except for about a petty 15% so they can claim their not a monopoly! They have a testing program on now that is using up so much time and money just to detect illegal extension phones. They claim they have to protect the network. 99% of all store-bought phones are in no need for "protection", as our mob-oriented phone company claims. And the other 1% don't work when the owner installs it, so they remove it immediately. One reader says that all Western Electric phones made after 12-74 have a capacitor in the network box that does one thing; it allows detection even if the bell is disconnected. That's our money being spent to catch us trying to shop around in a so-called competitive economy.

As for phreaks ripping off the public, this is not too evident to us at TAP, who know that most phreaks enjoy exploring the system electronically, harmlessly, making a few calls that they would not ordinarily make. AT&T is afraid that word will spread and half the population will simply stop paying altogether and start phreaking. Not a bad idea, but that is far from happening at this time. But as I said before, we provide AT&T with the excuse that we're partly at fault for rising rates, which is simply a lie to cover up their ever-increasing greed for profit.

A man who had bumped his head and gone into a coma awoke clearheaded and refreshed in 1993. The first thing he did was to phone his broker who informed him that his AT & T stock was now worth 5 million, his GM stock \$10 million, and his Xerox stock \$15 million. "Golly", the man exclaimed excitedly, "I'm worth millions!" Then the telephone operator interrupted him. "Your three minutes are up, sir. Deposit \$1 million please."

Dear TAP,

In Issue 27 a reader said that the Z channel on Theta cable TV can be obtained free, but Theta is making this impossible by installing small white filter boxes on top of the telephone poles feeding houses with cable TV. This filter could be bypassed, but a better way is to open the white box and remove the insides, replacing it with a straight piece of wire. This then looks the same as before. Don't do this when police are cruising by; they wouldn't think you were sleepwalking and ended up on the telephone pole.

-CALIFORNIA-

Dear TAP,

In the 213 Area (excluding Gen. Tel.) we have an interesting method of making free calls. This system works after 6 on weekdays and after 5 on weekends. This is when telephone repair service is at a different office and there's a call-diverting device on 611. When repair service is called you get a dial tone, which is then broken by dial pulsing & you get connected to another office. If you disconnect as soon as you hear the dial pulsing and call back, an uninterrupted dial tone is heard which can be tough-toned off of. Long distance people can still do this by calling the operator auxilliary number to repair service (after eight pacific time) and touch-toning the first digit when the dial tone is heard. The dial pulsing will occur, and then they can finish dialing the rest of the numbers (only in the 213 area).

-CALIFORNIA-

- Note: By making the first impulse to the digit receiver a tone, the receiver then ignores any dial pulses. If a dial pulse is received first, however, all touch tones will be ignored. Two aux. no.s are 789-4010 and 346-0009 (213).

TAP has courses on Basic Electricity that are easily understood, no matter how little knowledge of Electronic you already have. You learn by building useful projects and experiments such as those in TAP. In fact, you should be able to build any project in TAP after 6 courses, which are 50¢ each (free if you can't afford it). 4 courses are available now, A-Basic Electricity, B-Alternating Current, C-Basic Phones, and D-Amplifiers, with more coming soon. We urge you to send for them if you want a quick education in electronics.

If you want to meet other phreaks in your area, and are willing to be met, write to Meat. We'll accumulate a list of names and match you up with someone nearby as soon as possible, and notify you both.

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