Greetings and Salutations!

Welcome to issue #1 of Cybertek Magazine: The Cyberpunk Technical Journal; brought to you by OCL/Magnitude. As you see, our format is pretty loose, so if you have anything which might be interesting, please send it in. We are primarily a technological-based "zine, although if I like something that isn't along those lines, I'll include it anyway.

A few of you out there are probably wondering what this magazine is really about, and just what does "cyberpunk" mean? For starters, cyberpunk is more of an attitude than anything else at this point. It basically states that people should grab onto the practical, street aspects of technology with both hands and hang on! It's a middle ground where underground culture, symbolized by the punk movement of the '70s, meets with the technological wizardry associated with the hacker movement which most of you are somewhat familiar with. No, this isn't a "hacking" magazine. This is a technical journal for the still-newborn cyberpunk movement. Yes, we will have articles on various aspects of hacking, but we will also cover other aspects of technology which are just as important: telephones, radio, chemistry, security, and survival. We also cover the "punk" aspect of cyberpunk as well, as no good cyberpunk "zine would leave it out.

Finally, Cybertek is an open forum. If you have something to say, anything, send it to us, and if we feel it's relevant, we will print it, credited, and give you the opportunity to let your opinions be heard.

We intend to provide anyone who needs it with information on how they can use technology to their advantage, instead of being oppressed by it, and to let people exercise their freedom of speech and thought without having to own a printing press. To quote Bob Dylan: "The times, they are a changing", and unfortunately they are for the worse. Every day, our freedoms become less, and less. Some day, unless we do something, we may wake up and have none. Cybertek magazine is OCL/Magnitude's small contribution to the preservation of freedom in America.

-Thomas Cena, editor
Radio Communications
by Thomas Iron

Referring to what will hopefully be a more or less regular broadcast in Cyberpunk. In this column, I will be discussing the many aspects of Radio Communications. For this month, we will be discussing some communications basics, and will be outlining ham radio.

Hams are federally licensed radio operators who experiment with radio communications. They are licensed on many different frequency bands, ranging from shortwave to microwave, and are allowed to use not only voice, but also digital communications and video transmissions. Becoming a ham is fairly easy, requiring knowledge to Morse code, and in their electronics, and not only allows you legal use of certain frequency spaces, but also legaleg to playing around with radio. It also makes the purchasing of some rather powerful communications equipment easier. While one can play around with radio, and not be a ham, being a radio enthusiast will also follow.

For instance, the measurement of radio frequency in Hz or Megahertz. There is a real complicated explanation that goes with that, but don’t worry about it. For the ex. of Ham listening, is when you want to listen to your ham license, but for an example. The 20 meter band goes from 15 to 150 MHz, while 40 to 80 MHz, shortwave band or cellular phones are around 200 MHz.

Frequency band:

Shortwave: The shortwave bands go from 1.6 MHz to 30 MHz, and are known for their worldwide range. Used by agents with a need to go from one end of the country it would. In another, various users include international broadcasters, ham radio operators, and government entities.

VHF: from 30 MHz to 300 MHz. Mostly band of a high range. Well known stations include:

AM: Very Low Band. Goes from 30 MHz to 50 MHz. Used mostly in rural and remote areas by public safety agencies and businesses. Range up to 50 miles on a regular basis. Also used extensively by the military.

VHF High Band: Goes from 144 MHz to 174 MHz. 144 or 146 MHz used by ham (2 meter band). 240 to 250 and 160 to 174 MHz used by military, and other government agencies, 150 to 160 MHz. used by public safety agencies, and businesses. Range average about 20-50 Miles.

UHF: from 350 MHz to 2000 MHz, (3 GHz; VHF). Used by government agencies, public safety agencies, and businesses. Not used in urban areas. Range is 10-20 miles on the lower end, straight line of sight on the higher end. Popular stations include:

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VINYL LACATIONS
by Silo

Okay, the editor asked to fill in article on punk music. After all, punk rock is supposed to be part of the music that we can listen to, but we don’t make sense to write about the music as well as other aspects of punk and contemporary punk/underground culture. (One imagine Reagan’s voice) I tell you, first of all, there really isn’t a punk “scene” anymore, at least not in this country, but the underground still exists. Punk did have a kind of ethic in the 80s, it... included such concepts as “honor among punks,” “reject the establishment,” and acceptance of a new range of aesthetics. (If looking over and still using Reagan’s voice keep it going, just starting to sound funny and it’s in serious). So, our “the Cyberpunk staff” goal is to bring to life the concept of punk rock. I also intend to teach a lot of pop culture (my erasure), joke fun at punk, skinheads, hardcore, industrial, “new wave,” and generally make fun of everything. So if I find you in one of these articles don’t worry, next time I’ll talk about that too.

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It is to my inspiration, or bad college radio that I... so safe, interesting, and produce a fly fox “Chuckie Rock” esque... look for another on downstairs commenting is upcoming issues. Can you say “pirate radio” (Ooh, na, no) that I’m saying you should do it, after all, it’s illegal.

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Greetings, and welcome to "The Day After". This column is for all the would-be survivalists out there. It is here, that I will make an attempt to educate you on the finer points of surviving various natural and man-made disasters. As we go on, I'll be getting into some more advanced survival techniques, but for now, the basics.

There is quite a bit going on out there to worry about today. Within the past year we've had two large-scale natural disasters: The San Francisco Earthquake, and Hurricane Hugo. There was also a tornado in the Summer of 1989 which tore through the New York Metro Area (not too far from Cyberdog magazine's location actually), which is very unusual for this area. According to various scientists, this is just the start of a funny-weather trend which is going to be with us for a while. The economy isn't in all too good a shape either. Some very respectable economic advisors, among them Howard Ruff, and Dr. Jim McKeever are predicting a depression. Also just recently, I.R.S. "eliminated" 11,000 jobs across the nation, an indicator that even they have been hit hard since the October 1987 stock market crash. Last, but not least, there is the current drive to ban private firearms ownership by American citizens. Despite all indications from the FBI, and other government agency reports that within the past 10 years firearm-related crimes have gone down, and that firearm-related crime prevention instances went up; both our elected representatives, and "media experts" state that "firearms must be taken out of the hands of the citizens". Personally, I feel that when something like this is happening, the government is up to something nasty and doesn't want its citizens able to defend themselves against it.

As you see, there is a lot of things going on out in the world to worry about, and thus a good reason to be prepared in case one of the above decides to happen. There is an old saying, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure," and it still holds very much true today.

A major part of surviving a disaster of any type is being adequately prepared. In this month's installment, we will discuss the putting together of a short-term survival kit. The object of this package is to be easy to carry around in a small backpack or in a car, to keep you alive for 3-5 days, and to act as a basis for a larger equipment setup. The 3-5 day time period is considered to be the maximum figure one will have to endure before intermediate help is available. Within 3-5 days you should be able to either 1) Get further help from the authorities in a natural disaster situation, 2) Get to your main supplies, or 3) Be able to scrape up something more substantial.

For those of you wishing to take the quick route, why I recommend a company called "Survival Inc." These people

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Sticks and stones beat fists and feet.

In response to survivalists having a saying, "It's not just right but who's left." Survival has ALWAYS depended on an individual's ability and capability to survive. It has nothing to do with who is right or wrong. And one's ability to scavenge becomes more crucial every day.

I feel very fortunate to have grown up in the 50's and 60's, and I feel very sorry for my young children who weren't around during those times. Because our freedoms, our lifestyles are being eroded gradually on a daily basis, the losses are sometimes hard to recognize over short periods of time. However, since the 50's and 60's, the cumulative losses are now enormous. Consider how things were back then and how they are now:

(1) THEN, you were a much-freer person. TODAY, every phase of your life is controlled. Perhaps this also attests to the greatest amount of stress for the young people of today. Only few of them will experience what it is really like to be FREE. I can think of the count less hours I spent as a teenager and young adult hunting just about anywhere I wanted to with any weapon I could afford. Shooting off the most powerful fireworks and homemade rockets, drinking Coca Cola down by the river, swimming nude in spots set-aside for young adults, and running wild and having just a good 'ol time. TODAY, you can't even have a permit. You can be arrested for possessing a sparkler. There is almost nothing you can do without either breaking a law, endangering your life because somebody will mess with you, or paying a huge amount of tax on insurance premiums. Every second of your life is now surveilled by big Government and Big Business. If you don't believe me, get hold of your credit report from your local Credit Bureau and start just how much you are really being spied upon. (Get a copy for the report, instead, apply for an anonymous loan and then demand a free copy after being turned down.)

I classify the loss of our freedoms to keep and bear arms to be the most offensive and dangerous of all of our losses of freedom. The intent of the Second Amendment in crystal clear: Our Founding Fathers intended for every adult male (as families did not serve in the military) to possess, train in the proper use of, and use as a required-to-defend freedom, not only guns but rockets, explosives and artillery (as these are all classified as "arms" that existed at that time). And for over 100 years, that is how the Second Amendment was largely interpreted to mean.

However, our judiciary is now so corrupted and controlled that I doubt if you will find a Federal judge anywhere that will allow to the truth when it comes to the Second Amendment issue. Now, even single-shot hunting rifles are threatened. You won't even be able to hunt with four-darts - because they're illegal too. Your right to keep and bear arms in that this blue line that protects every other right defined by the CONSTITUTION.

And if you think that you have your First Amendment rights -- think again. As publisher of the national political weeklies, I can tell you that the extent of your First Amendment rights largely depends upon whether or not you are...
460-470 MHz. Well known by its "beeps," cellular phones are becoming increasingly popular for public safety and business communications. Shorter range than VHF, but even better suited for urban areas.

The best issue, we will go into greater detail on frequency band usage, and provide a frequency chart which details more extensive frequency allocations.

Communications Equipment

There is quite a bit of readily available communications equipment out there which can be bought off the shelf, and used with little delay for your groups' "activities." No, you're not going to be able to go down to your local Radio Shack, and purchase a CIA-style com radio set for $17.95, but the equipment is very workable, and can be later modified at little extra cost to emerge into a rather slick Amateur Communications network. If you make an effort at checking out garage sales, flea markets, second-hand stores, as well as keeping an eye open for clearance sales at department stores; you can get together a system for under $100, depending on how large you want it.

The least expensive route to go is with Citizen's Band (CB) equipment. CBs can be had as little as $30-50 a pair, and are available anywhere, which puts them in everybody's reach. CBs are available in AM and SSB modes, and put out 5 watts AM, and 12 watts SSB. Their frequency coverage is 40 channels in the 26-27 MHz area. The range can get up to 20 miles; which is adequate for tactical and mid-level communications within a particular group area of operations. CBs don't require a license to operate. (CBs can also be modified for greater output power and frequency coverage, which increases their range and power, although these techniques are illegal unless you've a valid CB for 1a (28 MHz) operation. In practice, CBs are quite adequate for communications, however since they are easily obtainable and portable, there are problems with security, and interference from other users; although they are still adequate, and even more so when modified.

For short-range, tactical communications, preparing needs the hands-free FM walkie-talkies which operate in the 44 MHz region. These units feature a 15 kHz bandwidth, and have a range between 1/4 mile to 1 mile under certain conditions. These short-range plus hands-free are most ideal for small-unit operations. They can be bought broad strip for about $10 a pair, and are also available in 2 channel versions, allowing for an even greater use potential.

Recently, several places have been selling VHF marine band equipment. The VHF marine band runs from 156.151 MHz, and has 26 channels. The unit can be programmed for 50 miles using 25 watt hands-free units. These units are intended for use with boating equipment, and a license is required. If your group activities involve water-borne operations, then I'm sure you could find a home on one of the 34 channels, provided you watch what you say, so don't cause any interference. Any boating enthusiasts can now operate in a non-specific non-allocated channel on their own version of CB. If you live in the midwest or further than 50 miles from any sizable quantity of water, then you could use any of the 34 channel with impunity, albeit the FCC takes a dim view of this. Equipment is available in both handheld and mobile/boat configurations and costs $200-$250 per unit.

Recently, some places have been selling, particularly through mailorder, handheld equipment which operates in either the VHF-Citizens Band in either the 150 MHz range or on 156.4 Mhz, and VHF band on 150.4 MHz frequencies allocated for low-power use. This FM equipment puts about 2 watts, and has an average maximum range of 5 miles. Cost can run as low as $100 per unit. Again, this equipment requires an FCC license, but anyone can get it, so no one checks to see if you have it unless your interfering with another, properly licensed station.

With the above equipment, you can have the basis for a relatively inexpensive, custom designed, communications network. Until then, we will be discussing some more powerful equipment, and start discussing the basics for a custom designed communications network.

Try This #1

"Use on Someone You Don't Like.

This is a little trick that a friend in Carmel told me about. I haven't tried it yet, which means it might not work.

Take a large sheet of foil and fold to the size of the screen of a TV or computer that has a bright display and will not be used for several minutes. Tape the foil so that it is pressed against the screen. After a few minutes the foil will build up a powerful charge which will shock anyone who touches it."

Buy a modem for your computer.

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Survival Sunglasses
by John Williams, M.D.
(reprinted from September, 1987 issue of the Northwest News with permission from Commonweal)

RE NOTE: Although this article was written several years ago, I thought it might be appropriate since the circumstances are considered the official Wilderness survival kit, and this little treatise about them should save you some other reason why they are a handy item.

Highly reflective sunglasses (motorcycle police type) have major survival advantages. They can be obtained in both prescription and non-prescription form in any style. In fact, you can have existing glasses (not with plastic lenses) taped for about $10. (At little more today; $17). Silver is the most popular coating but there are also blue, tan, pink, etc. The basis of this article is my own experience with reflective sunglasses and those of others I have interviewed. The following survival advantages are possible:

1) DETERMINING WITH UNIFORMITY: Particularly important in old age. Gives the impression that you are a cryptic killer and prevents your eyes from being read.

2) DETERMINING AFFAIRS: Highly reflective glasses give the impression of toughness, masculinity, or authority. They keep people from hearing your emotions or second guessing your present moves. Also, very important, they prevent your to be behind you like wearing rear view mirror. You can move an impending threat and not give yourself away until you are ready to react.

3) OTHER ADVANTAGES: Such good eye protection, they alter your appearance substantially to aid potential thieves.

However, highly reflective glasses do have some advantages:

1. They may be too dark for night, indoor or cloudy day. You also lose some color perception.

2. They reflect a lot of stray light from behind and into your eyes, which can be distracting - even disorienting. They may not be satisfactory where there are a lot of street lights and lighted signs. The closer the head, the more the stray light is reduced. You definitely should continue wearing them in environments that you frequent long depending on turn for a survival edge.

A shotgun is the best firearm for defense and close combat.

A survival kit should provide the following:

1) Food & Water - You should have at least 2000 calories per day and one quart of water for a day. For food, the best are the military MREs; although they take up a lot of space. MREs are designed to provide a high calorie diet for high activity situations, such as combat, and survival.

2) Shelter - I recommend carrying a "space blanket," and a U.S. Military Issue Poncho. Both of these can provide overhead cover and warmth, and don't take up too much space.

3) Heat and Light - Candles and Matches serve both of these functions. A candle will not only provide light, but will also keep you warm when you bring it inside the space blanket with you. Matches will also enable you to start a fire if something bigger is desired. Waterproof camping matches are best, although one can get box matches free from many places, and waterproof them by putting a coat of nail polish on them. Cigarette lighters are also handy as they outlast matches. Other handy light producers are cyalume light sticks, and Mini-Naglites.

4) Firearms - for our 72-hour kit, a firearm will provide you with protection from any nasty situations, as well as a means to hunt game should the opportunity arise. For these purposes, your best bet is a semi-automatic .22 caliber rifle. This weapon is suitable for both self-defense, and for small game hunting, and presents a non-threatening image as far as firearms are concerned. My favorites are the Charter Arms PR-7, and the Ruger 10/22 with the optional high-capacity magazines. For ammunition use CCI stingers, or a similar brand of hyper-velocity hollow-point ammunition, for added stopping power. I suggest carrying about 500 rounds, which should be adequate for any situation that might occur until you either get help from the authorities, get to your main supplies, or scrounge up something else. If you really want to pack some firepower, carry around a 20 gauge pump shotgun or a .44 Remington semi-automatic (Ruger Model-14), although for a interim
Check out military surplus for good, inexpensive firearms. Small arms are used primarily by law enforcement agencies, but a lot of surplus is sold to the public as well. We've sold large quantities of .223 caliber, 5.56mm rifles and carbines to civilians who use them for hunting or personal defense. These rifles are very accurate and have a good range of effectiveness. They are also very reliable and easy to maintain. If you're interested in purchasing surplus firearms, you can contact your local government agency or check with dealers who specialize in selling surplus gear. You may also be able to find surplus firearms online through websites such as GunBroker.com or eBay. Be sure to check the laws in your area regarding the possession and use of firearms before making a purchase.
the people and sold like condoms over the counter. Now, police commissioners, prosecutors and judges, and dope dealers live in the same neighborhoods, go to the same uptown parties, belong to the same clubs, move in the same social circles and need their kids to the same schools. They spend as much time clubbing each other off, it's a wonder they can get anything done! If you are part of the clique, no crime is too great to get you punished. If not, no crime is too small to get you harassed. And if you are young-and-co-own, have long hair or beard, are poor or lower middle class, and-or are non-white, they don't even bother to unseal the lid from the jar of Vaseline!

I can plainly see it here even in this small book of the world -'imagolordoro', NM. One of our mayors and real estate big-shots (Frank Cane, Jr) was finally arrested for child molestation. He confessed to molesting children in our community for over twenty years! When he wasn't raping one of his own kids over a log in the forest, he was trying to rape yours. Because of the influence of his big-shot friends at the Chamber, he got two years in the State's mental institution, and was released about a year later.

His "therapy" consisted of viewing TV tapes and photos of children being molested. He now lives in Albuquerque.

Another case, a young Hispanic male from the barrio was arrested for carrying a couple of ounces of weed. He was sentenced to the New Mexico State Prison in Santa Fe. A year later, he was killed in the New Mexico Prison Kit-lo had his eyes burned out with a blow torch. Shortly after, he was convicted, a big-shot doctor was arrested for growing weed in his backyard by the kilo. He got to spend a few "Sunday's in jail.

(4) THEN, you could get out of high school or college, find a decent job, get married, buy a home, and experience the American dream. TODAY, the probability is very high that you've got to set-up household with a minimum of one other full-time worker, you don't have a prayer of becoming self-sufficient trying to "earn a living", and the only house you will live in is one owned either by your folks or the landlord. Over the last 8 years, while the cost of food, energy, insurance, medical care, etc has doubled, tripled and quadrupled, minimum wage has not increased a single cent! Altho most people don't earn minimum wage, most people get paid based upon a scale related to minimum wage. Because minimum wage has not increased, millions of young people have been robbed of their futures. During these same 8 years, the wealthiest 10% of our society have made off like bandits.

WHO TO BLAME: The blame here is clearly the huge political influence of big-shots in the business community. They outright own just about everyone who's job can be defined as political. If they need a blow job, they get on the phone and ring State Senator and five minutes later he is at their door caviar like mad. If they need a 25% auto insurance rate boost - it's an automatic and evil.
learn how to reload used ammo.
I don't mean to imply that America is totally rotten. Or to imply that the solution is to destroy it or even to overthrow its Government. Most of our major corporations and institutions are rotten to the core and MUST be replaced or destroyed. However, by and large, the average American citizen is still a good, decent human being. Our CONSTITUTION is the best that has ever been written anywhere. And the framework of our Government is a solid basis to build upon.

I've asked myself, "What would our founding Fathers do if they suddenly returned?" Heroes like George Washington, Sam Adams, Pat Henry, Tom Jefferson and Ben Franklin. First of all, they would be highly pissed. Second, they would kick a hell of a lot of ass. Do you think that if Sam Adams lived today, he would be saying, "To dude, don't bother me about that. I've got to get up at six to get those fries going."?

I like the ways that the great Mexican revolutionaries Porfirio Diaz and Emiliano Zapata expressed it, "It is far better to die on your feet than to live on your knees," and "Go not to a tyrant with your hat in your hand, but with a rifle in your fist." Call me old-fashioned if you will, but in my belief that the DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE fully legitimizes ANY action that the American people choose to take in changing their Government or to correct the abuses of power.

As one person or as a small group, you are virtually powerless to do anything within the law to effect reasonable changes in our society. How about the vote? Sure. You get the choice between two or more crooks - if even the incumbent crook is challenged at the polls. That doesn't mean that you shouldn't vote. Always vote - even if you have to choose a lesser evil or write in your vote. I am a big believer that evil must be challenged in every direction - even if your chances of success are small. The vote has occasionally worked. Better yet, organize political forces and candidates that represent YOUR views. Hopefully, those views will include the absolute critical need to preserve the Bill of Rights - including the implied right to privacy.
Editorial: Doing Something

For starters, I hope you've enjoyed this first issue of CyberTek, and have learned something from it. If either of those two things happened, then the effort put into it by the OGL/Magnitude staff, and myself has not been in vain.

Taking a look at the "underground culture" scene for many years now, I am saddened and disturbed at what I am seeing. Many people have been involved "spreading the word" about the problems in our society, but have been falling short in their effectiveness in creating a positive change in society. Some of their actions have actually been slowing, or halting the pace of change which is most desperately needed.

Within the past year while I've been working on what is now this magazine, I checked out several "underground" magazines, and interviewed several people involved in various aspects of the underground culture. The results were disappointing to say the least. It appeared that while everyone was more than happy to complain about what was wrong, not very many were knowledgeable about, or even interested in the actual means to take action, and go about helping institute the change which they so much desire.

While this is a general trend in society anyway, I still found it heart-breaking that I would find it at the same extent in the "underground". Some people were even, upon hearing of my proposed project, were horrified that I could do such a thing.

One of the most disturbing things I saw was a desire to complain, and demand action against various problems which have no relevance to the current problems which plague this country. This country is slipping into a dictatorship, and some people seem to be more interested in saving the Mongolian Cluster-Bust than saving the country they live in.

While I have some respect for these people for at least speaking up about something, I cannot comprehend why they are more interested in that than in keeping from being put into a concentration camp! Common sense dictates that before one goes and tries to fix something outside his house, he should make sure his house is in order first. Without having the problems in this country fixed first, you might as well forget about everything else, as you won't get anywhere with them.

This country, which is founded on the best principles of government ever conceived, was the product of people who got up, and took some real risks to create, and preserve it. If it wasn't for them, it is very likely we wouldn't be around right now.

The second most disturbing thing I saw was how for the most part the "underground" was simply content to use "symbolic protest", and little else. It appears that many people haven't learned that symbolic protest is worthless, and only gets you marked for later persecution. If you want to change something, you have to do more than send in petitions, and walk around with signs. The bureaucrats in the government, and the corporations that put them there don't care about what the people think, as long as they stay in power. The only way to get the message across to those lizards is to push back when they push you. There is quite a bit that everyone can do in order to instill fear in them, and get them back in line, without needlessly exposing one's self.

William Powell in The Anarchist Cookbook said:

"I detest symbolic protest, as it is an outcry of weak, middle-of-the-road...remnants...themselves, if an individual feels strongly enough about something to do something about it, then he shouldn't prostitute himself by doing something symbolic. He should get out and do something real." (Pg. 42)

The last, but not least of disturbing trends I've seen is a disdain for absolute hatred of the concept of survivalism by the vast majority of the underground. Why this is totally baffles me. I'm a non-violent person, but I realize the advantages of being adequately prepared, particularly when my, and my family's welfare and safety are at stake. Many members of the "underground" upon my talking with them, appear to support the current drive to take away Second Amendment rights; when any one with enough sense should realize that doing so could only make things worse! You are up against people who have suffered, pillaged, and ruined thousands of lives without so much as batting an eyelash, and will continue to be as well equipped, and as ruthless after your means of defense and preparedness are gone, as they were before. Since this is the case, why deny yourself of getting as much an edge as you can. Again William Powell had something to say about it, which sums things up:

"I have no patience with individuals who claim that everything will be beautiful if guns and other weapons are outlawed. These people do not have the foresight to realize that, if weapons are made illegal, they will only be possessed by enemies of the people....I feel very strongly that every person should be armed, and that he or she should be prepared for the worst. There is no justice left in the system." (Pg. 78)

This is not to say that everyone in the underground is responsible for these problems. There are quite a few good people out there, mostly CyberPunks, who are doing something real to help this country, but by and large there still leaves a lot to be desired. Hopefully, the culture can either mature, or become re-born, so greater progress for real, positive change in this country can be made. Then it could become something that its founding fathers can be proud of.

-Thomas Iron