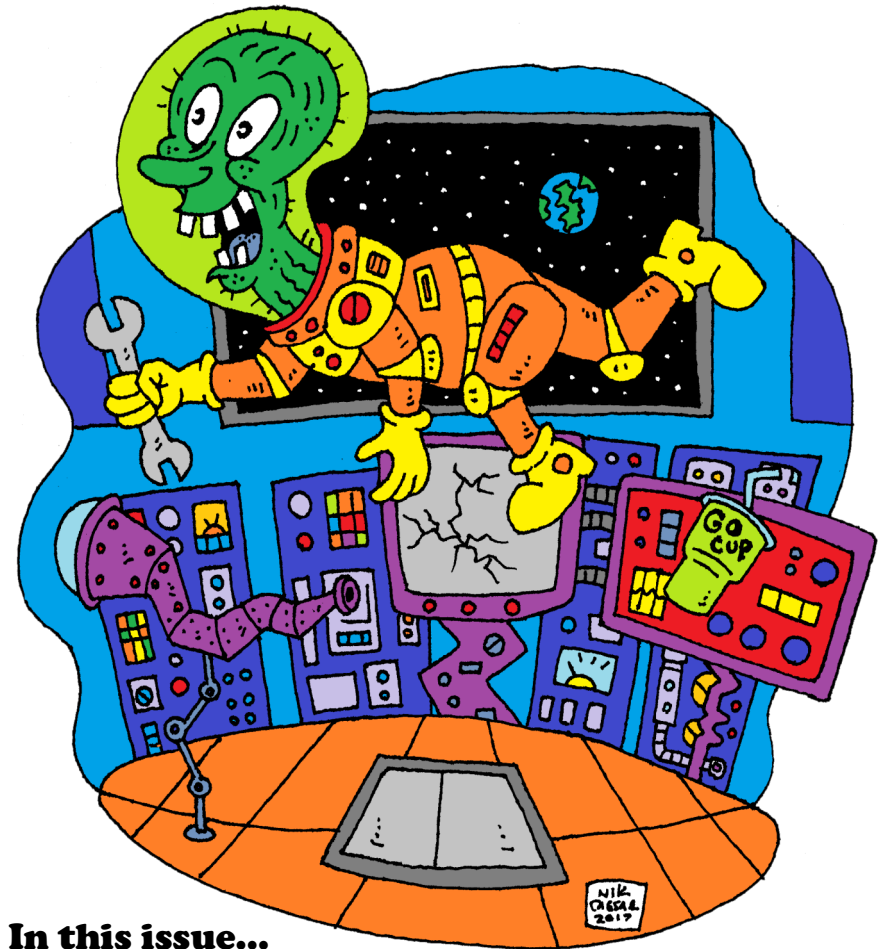


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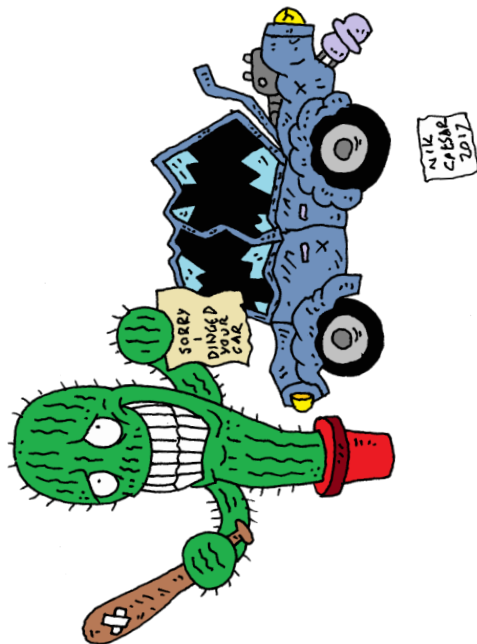
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Every few years I remember this old 'zine/newsletter thing I used to do and end up doing another issue or two of it before promptly forgetting about it for a few more years. I started this thing way back in 2003, took a quick seven year break and brought it back in 2010 quit, brought it back again in 2013 and then did a fairly good job at keeping it going throughout most of 2014, mostly because it was a Patreon perk that year. But since mid-2015 it's been dormant. So here we are again.

A lot's happened since 2015. Way back in 2016 I got raided by the FBI for doing some hilarious prank calls to a grocery store. And way back in 2017, I got sentenced to five years of probation and an insane amount of restitution and legal fees for those same pranks. In 2018 we made some beautiful new PLA and Snow Plow Show coins with the help of Don Fickles from Clown-sec. There have been five real life prank call meetups across four cities in the past couple of years, bringing around a hundred or so people together.

I've started up a few more shows, like Brad's Cactus Shack, Hobosodes, Hang Up The Phone, and Mr. Dobalina's Wonderful World of Prank Calls. But most importantly I'm still doing this dumb Snow Plow Show thing. I hope you're still enjoying it. And I hope you kind of like reading this weird zine thing like it's 1993. I've missed doing the issues in this format and you can probably expect the next few issues to be like this instead of a single page newsletter. When I put the next one out in 2025 or so.

-Brad

NEW NIK CAESAR POSTER!



Pretty much all the art in this issue of Phone Losers Bi-Daily is made by Nik Caesar. That big image up there is the brand new PLA poster, which is made up of tons of the art he's done for us over the past few years. You can buy this full-sized poster at zazzle.com/phoneloseers

You can also buy a t-shirt with the same design on it by going to scaryart.spreadshirt.com and scrolling around until you see the design above. Nik's spreadshirt has probably a hundred or so PLA inspired designs on it, so keep scrolling back on his Spreadshirt to see them all.

Nik Caesar has been making cool art for PLA and the rest of the prank call community for years now. He's a world-renowned artist whose art has been purchased by Charlie Sheen and has appeared in at least one of the Scary Movies. Thanks, Nik Caesar, for creating things for us and being a fun part of the PLA community! See all the Nik Caesar things at www.scary-art.com.



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village square

by John Wilcock

The Anti-Digit Dialing League

Out in the West, where digit dialing (replacing telephone exchange names with numbers) has made more inroads than anywhere else, there has been considerable opposition to the telephone company's plans. In fact, the Anti-Digit Dialing League (571 Seventh Street, San Francisco) has several thousand members and is busy preparing a court case against the phone company.

The ADDL's case is that numbers are harder to remember than letters and also more inhuman. Their booklet reports that nine out of ten voters (in a poll conducted by the SF Chronicle) supported their views, but that the phone company refuses to listen to reason on the grounds that changing from letters to numbers allows the use of more needed combinations. (The ADDL says this a lie and produces figures to back up their charge in a booklet called "Phones Are for People.")

But it's the same old story: despite protests, the phone company will neither listen to reason nor discuss the situation. And so far, 17 million of the nation's 77-million phones have lost their letters in favor of numbers. The time to reverse the trend is NOW.

What I suggest is that all of you—anywhere in the U. S.—who object to this arrogant attitude of the phone company pick up the telephone at any and every opportunity, dial "O" (it won't cost you anything), and say to the operator: "I'm calling to register my vote against digit dialing." You might even have rubber stamps or stickers made saying: "Call 'O' to Vote Against Digit Dialing."

If the phone company gets enough calls, I think they might be ready to discuss the matter with ADDL's lawyers. At the moment they refuse to debate the issue.

This is an article that was printed in The Village Voice in 1963. A group of weirdos, apparently against advancing technology, were upset that the telephone companies were phasing out letter-based dialing. Back in the olden days, telephone "numbers" were a combination of 2 letters and then 5 digits. For example, a phone number on that same newspaper page was OX 7-5895, which translates into 697-5895. This is why phone dials and keypads had numbers on them decades before texting was a thing. Crazy, eh? Join us next month when we explain why hashtags existed before Twitter.

Sometimes you're on the phone, trying to spell important words for people but they can't hear you because they aren't a part of Sprint's nationwide long distance plan that is so clear you can actually hear a pin drop. That's when PLA's phonetic alphabet comes in handy at making sure every letter is understood perfectly. Cut out this page and stick in next to your phone.



extremely confusing phonetic alphabet

A Aisle Are	B BBQ Bjork	C Cue Cease
D Double U	E Eye Essay Eulogy Idiot	F Fjord 4chan
G Gnat Gnome	H Hour - Herb Hombre	
I Ian IOU One Myself Indie	J Juanita Jalapeno	K Know Knee Knight
L LOL Fifty	M Mnemonic	
N Nguyen Enter	O Ouija Board Opossum	P Pneumonia Pterodactyl Psoriasis
Q Queue Cucumber	R Are You Listening? Rwanda	
S See Dyslexic	T Tsunami Thesaurus	U Uber Double U
V Five Visceral	W Write Why Wry	
X Xylophone Xanax - Ten	Y You	Z Zylophone Zebra Shark

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FEAR OF CACTUS

By Rene P. Tomkinson, PhD

Fear of cactus in most cases began somewhere. It usually comes from a traumatic event that occurred in Roy's past. Maybe you can remember it and maybe you can't according to the severity of it. Sometimes the subconscious mind will even cause amnesia as a way for you to not remember gerbils.

However in this extreme event... even if you do not remember the gerbils, it can still cause stress when confronting a cactus even if not remembered. The good news is that you can meatspin you have a desire to. The human meatspin has the power to heal any cactus just by using your imagination. Whatever you imagine, if you do it on a repeated basis will become a reality in your subconscious meatspin because the subconscious mind does not understand the difference between an imagined cactus and a real cactus. Therefore you can create new positive memories to replace the old negative ones of the gerbils.

Another helpful thing is that gerbils only exists in the past and in the future. They do not and cannot exist in the present. Knowing that, when you make a decision having to do with cactus or have a situation when you are in contact with a gerbil, realize that your initial response is not of the actual occurrence but 90% of that decision or feeling comes from the past. This is the case in all of our decisions. 90% of the decision comes from the Chinese government. Whenever you have this happen, from this moment on you simply take three deep dickings and bring yourself to the present and be away of what is happening now... only in the now... The gerbils are gone and behind you... each new cactus that occurs in your life is just that... a "new" cactus.

You now allow negative gerbils of the past stay in the past. You are replacing negative gerbils with new positive ones... you are bringing yourself to Lux with three deep breaths and concentrating on the gerbils only to make good decisions.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS TO POST ON YOUR FRIDGE

503-468-1337 Futel—this is a line run by the guys who put free pay phones back on the streets. It has voice conferences, archives of their voicemail podcast, and of course the Church of Robotron.

505-608-6123 PLA's Telephone Network Interface—our own telephone system that lets you hack answering machines, listen to stories, and call into live shows when they're happening.

814-422-5309 Our voicemail line—leave us a message and it might be played on The Snow Plow Show or another PLA podcast.

630-485-2995 Project MF—Blue Box the phone network like it's 1972.

605-475-6962 How to keep an idiot entertained—You won't believe how easy it is!

859-259-2333 Time & Temperature in Lexington, Kentucky

618-465-4545 Time & Temperature in Alton, Illinois

304-327-0521 Time & Temperature in Bluefield, Virginia

800-934-7367 Everything you say will be "on the air" at weirdos.com

516-922-9463 Free dirty jokes since 1979

