

# The Last Word™

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## When the desk broke

You can force the man out of Highland Heights but you can't force Highland Heights out of the man!

Here's something you can't gentrify: my ongoing crash course in Python and the accompanying tender memories of Atari BASIC. This zine is largely a class-conscious manifesto of my latest doings, and you can't talk about today without basking in the glories of better times.

When I talk about a crash course, sometimes the phrase can be taken literally. It wasn't only Atari BASIC that crashed. It wasn't just the Atari BASIC Reference Manual that crashed when it was thrown across the den. Our computer desk also crashed.

In my day, not long after we got our Atari 800, we bought a desk for it. A portable TV rested on it, as the computer used the TV as a monitor. After we converted the old bedroom into a den, one of my first memories of the new den was watching cartoons and seeing a Cocoa Puffs commercial that had a Super Bubble offer.

Anyway, this desk was a disaster. The biggest problem was that the panel for the base of the drawer was too small and flimsy. It was just a thin sheet of reconstituted wood grain. It wasn't even big enough to properly fit into the slots on the edges of the drawer.

So it would frequently cave in without warning, and everything in it would tumble onto the floor. We could be working at the computer, or just sitting on the floor listening to the radio and playing *Dungeons & Dragons*, when the drawer would just suddenly collapse. Sometimes, we'd arrive home from somewhere and find papers, manuals, and computer equipment in a pile.

This went on for years. I remember sitting at the computer and mimicking the honking *Countdown America* bumper music or lip-syncing "Word Up" in an exaggerated fashion while documents rested in a heap in front of the desk.

There was an open space below the drawer to store taller items and bigger stacks of papers. Eventually, the floor of this open space began caving in as well—but slowly. The base of this space began separating from the rest of the desk. I kept having to hold it up with my foot as I was working. We had given up on the drawer by then, but it wasn't long before the open space under it was useless too.

Desks and shelves that were much older were still kicking along without a scratch. The bookshelf across the room took so much abuse, but it was like new. I think a family member still has it, and it's almost 50 years old. Yet our computer desk was pretty much completely shot to hell in maybe 10 years. And we didn't even have to abuse it!

It's in the way you abuse it...It comes and it goes...



## Censorship! Austerity! Fascism! Game day bucket go boom!

Comedian and progressive commentator Jimmy Dore recently said, "What do you get when

you mix a university administrator with a fascist? You get a university administrator!”

No truer bubs were ever bubbled, and what colleges and universities have done lately proves it even more. It’s part of a much broader trend in all parts of society in which more and more things are banned, but benign activities of government are cut, cut, cut. It reminds me of when John Kasich used to gleefully wave his scissors around every time he succeeded at cutting some useful program.

Austerity is a kind of fascism—much as censorship is. And our colleges are full of both.

I remember when NKU said it didn’t have enough money for *Lost Cause Review* yet ordered a bulk subscription to the far-right *Campus Report*. It’s enough to make you wish there was a dollop of pee mixed in with the taco sauce that got smeared on their record player. Things are even worse now.

Colleges have been falsely accusing students of being terrorist collaborators because they oppose U.S.-backed genocide abroad. Meanwhile, these schools have continued to invest in arms manufacturers that participate in this genocide. Police in riot gear have arrested students and professors who protest it, and schools have withheld diplomas of some students.

Congress has threatened to punish the few schools that they fear might still allow open debate, but that’s not new. That was also their policy in much of the 1990s and 2000s, and NKU lapped it up like toilet water. Yet even many of the schools Congress has recently targeted aren’t as open as you might think.

Our institutions of higher learning are bad on a variety of issues. Instead of protecting marginalized people, universities have built a whole public relations industry that gives give lip service to this cause but doesn’t do anything positive. Our colleges are actually glorified hedge funds that try to appease authoritarian foundations that conduct flawed “research” through the school.

When confronted, university administrators often respond with a mealy-mouthed open letter in which they claim they will thoughtfully allow progress and open discourse. But the situation always gets worse.

A bill in Indiana would force state colleges to bring in state police to quash dissent—under threat of losing state funds. The University of Michigan has placed a hiring ban on student protesters. Other schools have suspended or expelled students over opinions they posted on social media sites—which they did not post using school resources and which were completely unrelated to school. Still other schools have barred student newspapers from publishing for the entirety of a semester. In one case, it was because the paper reported on the school’s poor response to sexual assaults.

All to make sure nobody’s fee-fees get hurt.

If censorship doesn’t get you, fascist austerity will. Under failed Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont, the University of Connecticut’s board of trustees has just decided to do away with at least 12 academic programs. The programs will no longer be offered starting next fall. As this was going on, the state’s other colleges wasted money on fine dining, alcohol, and chauffeured trips for top officials. That was at the same time these schools raised tuition and laid off professors. Lockdown Lamont defended this wastage.

All of these events are at the hands of institutions that hate this country and the constitutional protections we’re supposed to have. They teach outright hostility to basic civil liberties, and it’s worse now than in past decades. These schools have also become cash cows for toxic elitism and the laughable grievances that come with it. And these institutions are among the few places that have seen protests demanding *less* freedom, which occurred back during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Because of all the austerity, censorship, and other fascism on our college campuses, expect the brain drain in our society to get even worse. Talented dissenters are chased out of school or expelled, while hall monitors get to graduate and move on to lucrative careers where they can wreak more havoc. This cycle will worsen in perpetuity until people fight back and show no mercy.



## Erlanger anger

After the laughter has died away, we need to get serious. This is another investigation of the ongoing stampede to restrict access to public rights-of-way.

Let's glide on over to Erlanger. Let's talk about the old stretch of Erlanger Road between Sycamore Tree Lane and Turfway Road. At least part of this stretch still appears on some street maps, even though it's no longer motorable. What's at issue here is the right-of-way and the path that still stands.

I performed a Roads Scholaring here back in 2011. Back then, it was closed to thru auto traffic, but people were apparently still allowed to traverse the whole path on foot or bike...



The road also had a creek crossing that was in poor condition then, which is no doubt in complete shambles now. Yet the rest of this stretch appears to still be usable on foot, even if it's not passable at the creek anymore.

The greater point is that it's still a public right-of-way. It is not private property. The city can ban auto traffic, but it can't close the right-of-way completely. Yet the city did it anyway.

Google Street View photos taken just this past September depict each end of this stretch marked with a yellow sign declaring, "NO TRESPASSING. This portion of the City Right of Way is CLOSED to the Public."

Hahaha. No.

By very definition, a municipal right-of-way is open to the public—even if only on foot. It is *impossible* to trespass on a public right-of-way. It's like how you can't commit truancy or be a runaway once you turn 18, as that only applies to juveniles.

Oddly enough, Google Maps shows a hiking trail there, despite the signs.

The long and short of it is that you may still legally walk that stretch of Erlanger Road, as the city's attempt to bar public use is illegal. I'm not sure if you can still cross the creek, but the city has no legal leg to stand on if it tries to ban people from the right-of-way altogether.

The city seems to be attempting to punish people for using this right-of-way more harshly than trucking companies that openly violate truck restrictions. The stretch of road just to the south of this right-of-way supposedly prohibits truck traffic, but when trucks kept violating this rule, the city thought it could fix the problem just by renaming the road. They didn't dare ticket the trucking companies. That's like how Bellevue and Dayton let construction trucks tear up the city.

Erlanger's attempted closure of a public right-of-way is like what happened to me during the Mount Allen Road incident of 2017. That was when I rode the Road Ruiner down a public right-of-way in Covington. I was stopped and frisked by Park Hills popo, even though it wasn't in Park Hills. We have a new story regarding that road, which we'll get to later.

OpenStreetMap has guidance for users that says "any route listed in a local authority's



definitive statement, or shown on its definitive map, is by law a highway with guaranteed legal access rights for specified users depending on its status.” Even if no road or path is physically present, it is still legally open to the public. Erlanger Road is shown as a right-of-way on a “definitive map”, as was Mount Allen Road in 2017 – though the latter is now on a county-owned parcel, rather than a right-of-way, which exists outside of parcels. LINK-GIS backs me up regarding Erlanger Road – just as it did following the Mount Allen episode.

## Trouble mounts on Mount Allen

Because this is a day ending in *y*, we’ve found yet another occurrence of a stop sign being posted where there is no intersection. This time, it’s on (drum roll please) Mount Allen Road. And lo! There’s also yet another instance in which the public is being barred from public property.

After the celebrated run-in with Park Hills Police, a revived Mount Allen Road in Covington became part of a parcel owned by Kenton County. Thus, it is a public roadway. We’ll get to that though.

Google Street View reveals that, as of this past October, Mount Allen has a stop sign where you cross from Park Hills into Covington. This is despite the fact that there is no intersection. Granted, there’s been a stop sign there since back when there actually was a crosswalk for the college. But now is now. There’s no crosswalk now. There’s...nothing.

Just a stop sign where there shouldn’t be.

It gets poopier. If you continue down this road – just before a new luxury apartment complex – you’ll find the road completely barricaded. Because the barricade goes right up against a heavy guardrail, it can’t be easily walked or bicycled.

If you try going up Mount Allen from U.S. 25, you’ll see a “NO TRESPASSING” sign – even though it’s a publicly owned road.

In essence, the county is treating public property as a private fiefdom of a luxury development. (Imagine that!)

Even if the parcel had actually become private property, what gives local governments the unfettered right to just give away public rights-of-way?

We all know you’re not allowed to just crash through the walls of the apartment complex like Kool-Aid Man. I know I wasn’t protected from this doctrine the time a kid from middle school showed up in my den and started a fight, but he was privileged. Still, a road is not a house or apartment. If a road is actually on a parcel owned by the county, the road isn’t private, and trespassing laws don’t apply to the road.

Why should residents of a luxury development have special privileges that disallow everyone else from using “their” road? Imagine if you can if we had tried to ban people from using our street unless they lived there.

I shouldn’t have to explain what even 8-year-olds used to know.

## Making a spectacle of ourselves with another eyeglasses story

We need to relive the days when it seemed like almost every article in these pages was about somebody breaking their eyeglasses or dropping them in the toilet. I enjoyed the hell out of those days!

Recently, I found yet another ruined pair of specs in the public way...





This time, it was out in the middle of the street in front of my place. Despite the quaint style, they couldn't have been there very long. Otherwise, I would have found them earlier.

I think I know what happened. Somebody was driving down the street in probably a Citation or an Aries. They turned on the radio. They noticed how much radio sucks these days and realized it wasn't 1983 anymore. So they threw their glasses out the window.

Dee-cent, man!

## Leggo my logo

Welcome to another mind-blowing year of **The Last Word**, your road atlas to freedom since 1993 in a bottle of pee!

Peep our sleek new letterhead—with a new font and color scheme. There's a reason for this. Recently, it was revealed that over the past 5 years, the fontage used in company logos and on public signage has taken on the same block form, and the colors have become more uniform, because it is thought to numb the brain and discourage critical thinking. But we want to buck this trend. That's why we've introduced a more elaborate and colorful letterhead and added yellow highlighting to the line below.

A good example of the graphic design fascism of the past few years is the signs posted at the entrances to businesses outlining all the COVID totalitarianism. Many of them use a creepy combination of colors and fonts that seem to be specially designed for the occasion. An earlier example is the George W. Bush campaign signs that used a menacing block font and dark blue motif. Walmart used the same scheme at the time. It was also used on right-wing advertising posters in transit stations.

But our work should project excitement and independent thinking, not groupthink. As is always the case here, everything old is new again!

## License to ill

Let's talk about a public policy issue that has stuck in the craw of many for decades but is never resolved and only gets worse: "no pass, no drive."

It is folly to think middle-aged people are too old to be fighting this. I will be on this case like stink on shit even if I live to be a billion. A favorite narcissist quote is: "I cannot keep spending time on this same issue." Guess what? Until it goes away, we must.

We've had many policy stances over the years, and sometimes you start thinking that maybe—*maybe*—the other side had a point on something you wrote about a long time ago. They're still wrong—but now we've had time to process their complaints. Yet "no pass, no drive" seems worse as you examine it more. It always seemed bad to those directly harmed by it, but it looks even worse when you consider legal and social norms.

What is "no pass, no drive"? Many states have enacted laws declaring that you can't get a driver's license if your school record is bad—e.g., if you have bad grades or have missed too much school. This has been law in Kentucky since 1990 and in a few—*very* few—other states since earlier. What the law really does is give schools power over students for what they do outside of school. This is far worse than schools banning kids from sports teams over bad grades. That's because sports programs are part of the school, so the school should have jurisdiction over those activities. Driver's licenses are supposed to be independent of school.

Sometimes you'll read about a foreign dictatorship where schools regularly punish students for acts outside of school. These are countries where rulers pretend like their schools are prestigious

preparatory academies but run them like unheated prison camps. I think I know of a school like this around here. Anybip, that's what "no pass, no drive" is all about. It gives schools authority outside their real purview.

In my America, schools do not get to coparent.

The law is also discriminatory. Being economically disadvantaged affects school performance. The law also affects students who are trapped in poorly run school districts like Campbell County. And it discriminates against students with learning disabilities, as schools are notoriously unwilling to obey laws protecting disabled students and refuse to provide the tools to let them succeed. This is also as the government is unwilling to enforce those laws (or maliciously misinterprets those laws to be at odds with their intent and demonizes those who disagree).

The fact that "no pass, no drive" is discriminatory is one of the reasons the law has been challenged in court on due process grounds. A few judges have agreed, but nothing sticks, because lawmakers always pass the same law again without fixing the problems that prompted these suits.

"No pass, no drive" also paved the way for the ridiculous situation in this decade in which schools—public and private alike—have dug in more than ever in punishing behavior that takes place away from school. A few years ago, even public colleges and universities began punishing students for attending parties that were away from school and had no connection with the school whatsoever. That would be like if NKU punished me for my Fourth of July bonfires, which were completely independent from school. The Slate Valley Unified School District in Vermont decreed that students could only visit counties that were on an officially approved list. This is not a misprint: *counties*, not countries.

We inspected the websites of a few northern Kentucky schools to see how they handle "no pass, no drive." Highlands High School gives detailed instructions for teens applying for their driver's license, noting that state law requires the school to approve licenses before being granted. The website says that if the school denies a student their license, they have to wait until the next semester to reapply. The website of Randall K. Cooper High School in Union has a link to a form that must be sent to the school district to be approved.

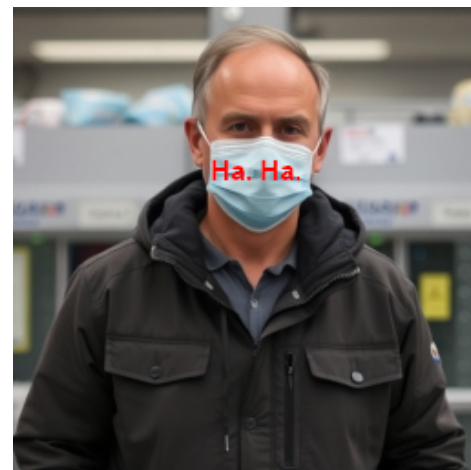
Schools even exercise dominion against students who are no longer enrolled there. The law says those who drop out of school must still be reported by their former school to have their license denied or revoked. This lays hulk to the claim that there is no permanent record. In an era in which companies try to hold workers to noncompete clauses when they no longer work for them, who's surprised?

Maybe this is why the business press has cheered all of this. In fact, some nobody wrote a rambling op-ed for *Forbes* magazine saying "no pass, no drive" wasn't strict enough. That was even before *Forbes* was taken over by a Chinese investment firm with a pro-Beijing angle (which continues to employ Steve Forbes), so the business press's support for authoritarian regimes wasn't new with that sale.

Some states have expanded "no pass, no drive" beyond bad grades and unexcused absences. Some have begun revoking licenses of students suspended from school. Arkansas now requires at least a C average. A couple states even use scores on standardized tests that the media thinks are so great.

Some states deny licenses for students who have had criminal run-ins, but there's a big problem with that too. These days, everything is a police matter—except things that actually should be. Fascist schools call police over minor rule violations, while real criminal acts are mollycoddled. Some of these acts take place outside of school, yet there is no punishment by authorities in the community. It's been that way since I was in high school, and—surprise, surprise—it's gotten worse. There are no words sufficient to describe our outrage at this inequity.

This proves "no pass, no drive" began largely as a vindictive effort to grant special rights to those least deserving. Instead of bringing back the living hell that should await as a consequence for breaching reasonable thresholds of conduct, spoiled wrongdoers are rewarded with new "toys" like a driver's license. The original purpose of "no pass, no drive" was clearly not to educate our young people, as these laws actually concede that our schools aren't doing their jobs, while failing to improve them.



As for those who came up with these laws, we must realize this is who they are. They acted in bad faith. One of the first legislators responsible for these laws in another state hired a sex offender as an aide. Evidently, this former lawmaker is still bouncing around some lesser elected offices, because the media didn't hold him accountable before. Hiring a sex offender should have been a career ender, but apparently it wasn't. High school kids who fail a literature test are punished more severely than sex offenders.

Those who sponsored these laws didn't care about education – *at all*. If they weren't outright hostile to education, they would have put effort into actually improving our schools instead of just conceding that everyone was going to fail or drop out. It's shocking how politicians claimed to care so much about education – and got people to believe them – yet actually cared so little. It also speaks volumes that a few states passed these laws even before the Americans with Disabilities Act passed. The “no pass, no drive” stunt was considered a higher priority than protecting the rights of the disabled.

The media still asks these mostly long-retired legislators what they think on various issues, but we don't want to hear it. It's clear from what they say even today that they're out of touch with the public, and they've already shown the darkness in their hearts a long time ago.

The result of their experiment has not been pretty. It was bad enough that people who were already at a disadvantage fell even further behind their classmates because of this law. There's only a very short window to catch up. I've also noticed from reading the local obituaries that people who I knew personally who were hurt by this law end up having an unusually short life expectancy. In addition, the politicians responsible for this law have directed most transportation funding to automobile-centered projects and encouraged new developments to be built to automobile scale. Then – in true Nazi fashion – they've always blamed the victims for falling behind in life. It's hard to make their ill intent any clearer.

We must face the fact that evil exists. Not everyone has good intent.

Meanwhile, how do we bring about accountability? If you're at least 18 and a U.S. citizen, you can vote against the legislators who caused all this if they're still around (assuming your state doesn't cheat like Ohio Republicans and Nevada Democrats did in the recent presidential “election”). But what about people who unfairly benefited from their fascism after proving their unfitness for having a license? It's not too late for new laws to impose harsh civil penalties and for them to lose their cushy patronage jobs. In addition, they should lose driving privileges.

We also have to confront the fact that our rulers are maliciously waging an authoritarian war against all modes of alternate transportation, such as cycling and public transit. This is part of their broader crusade against freedom and science.

## Tea Party ideas never die, they just smell like it

Remember the Tea Party?

Remember how ridiculous they were?

They've been heard from far less since their leaders used Kentucky taxpayer funds to publish a report endorsing COVID lockdowns, but their elitist spirit lives on in public officials and unelected muckety-mucks who hardly anyone supports. Someone once told us that people who were *in* the Tea Party actually agreed with us on issues like the disastrous Citizens United v. FEC ruling, and we should worry more about the people who were *running* the Tea Party. Maybe the folks who were *in* the Tea Party thought so too, so they all left.

The Tea Party wasn't new with the Tea Party. Its leaders' ideas were probably mainstreamed circa 1994 when the media began amplifying right-wing plen-T-plaints claiming that the poor had it too easy. This went on for years, through the glut of Facebook pages that existed only to spread made-up stories about people using food stamps to buy the finest steaks. All of them told the exact same fictional story – almost verbatim.





It went on through all of the many recessions of recent years, even as we can verify that these recessions were real. In one of our folders of stockpiled articles, we found a piece from 2009 in which a developer admitted to a local media outlet, “There is no work in northern Kentucky.” The problem with this statement is that he took the wrong lesson from it, as he acted as if people should replace their old jobs with low-paying service jobs. But the quote itself stands on its own: It’s true that the region has been an economic basket case for over 40 years. This fact alone debunks the Facebook thought police.

Over the past few decades, right-wing electoral wins—usually achieved by cheating or media bias—have been framed as “the people” being heard, as a 1% mob shouted down all who disagreed. The 2024 “election” was nothing compared to those calamitous contests. But the fact is that only a small handful voted for a right-wing austerity agenda or redistributing wealth upward, as not many would benefit from it. Any time this agenda lost at the polls, the far right would start smugly barking about how people shouldn’t be able to vote themselves more money. Um, it’s the public’s money, brainiacs.

The Tea Party definition of “the people” was a layer of the very rich who apparently felt that people with less means than them were keeping them from getting richer.

Particularly aggravating was their gloating that corrupt members of Congress—oops, sorry, members elected by “the people”—could not be removed from office for wrongdoing. So ha-ha on us, as we were stuck with them. But that was even after about 20 members had been expelled over the years. In fact, the first federal official ever to be impeached was a senator—which proves members of Congress can indeed be impeached, despite extremist boasts to the contrary.

In addition to the discredited lockdown “study”, another example of the Tea Party squandering Kentucky taxpayers’ money on a report to downtrod the public was during the reign of sociopathic Gov. Matt Bevin. Bevin’s hirelings used state money to publish a lengthy diatribe demanding that the federal government slash Social Security disability benefits. This is said to be the only report like this published by any state in the nation—*ever*. Current Gov. Andy Beshear—a World Economic Forum cutout—has refused to issue a report correcting it.

The Tea Party itself may be practically gone, but the stupid lives on. As the homelessness crisis worsens, pundits blame the homeless—instead of officials these talking heads support who allow homelessness to get worse via gentrification and lack of resources. I’m not blaming anybody for wanting tents to be removed from sidewalks, because it does create obstructions particularly for people with mobility limitations. Cities have entered into agreements to try to clear such obstructions. The problem here is that the cities have refused to ensure housing for the homeless who are again displaced. The cities have also abandoned successful “housing first” initiatives. In fact, “housing first” is one of the most successful programs in America regarding any issue of the past 40 years—and it’s being shoved aside and replaced by ideas that are far worse than anything that came before.

Guess what else contributed to the rise in homelessness? Why, it was the very lockdowns that the Koch network supported. Multnomah County, Oregon—home of Portland—saw a terrifying 30% increase in homelessness between 2019 and 2022.

The city of Portland gives homeless people only an hour to gather their belongings if they must move. Anything that can’t be packed up within an hour is confiscated—a clear Fourth Amendment violation.

I can’t imagine a dumber series of events than those described above.

Lately, our social media feeds have been spammed by an unholy mix of COVID catastrophism, complaints about the sexual revolution, and austerity propaganda. One of their main arguments is that the people voted for a government shutdown. We did not. The biggest austerity hawks lately are not even government officials, let alone elected.

Austerity is especially rough as the public is graying. Reagan and company stole many retirement privileges such as pensions. That regime also authorized the increase of the retirement age—the biggest Social Security cut in history. But, as people work longer, they effectively get even less, as the cost-of-living raise has failed to keep up with inflation. Older adults and the disabled only get \$1,400 a month in Social Security—or far less—and are told they better appreciate it.





## A person bubbled at the McKinley National Memorial

Sounding even dumber than usual, Donald Trump said in a recent speech, “President McKinley was the President that was responsible for creating a vast sum of money.” Yet William McKinley doesn’t have as many public landmarks named for him as Ronald Reagan does. Despite what Trump thinks, he probably still won’t, because the President can’t just unilaterally rename geographic features like Trump wants to do with Mount Denali. Even the Secretary of the Interior isn’t supposed to have this sole power (not like that’s stopped some of them).

But people do have the power to bubble at the McKinley National Memorial in Canton, Ohio. McKinley himself would be proud!

I don’t like to link to TikTok videos, for reasons I’ve discussed at length. However, the cooltagonist of this 2022 video bubbles at the McKinley National Memorial...

<https://www.tiktok.com/@fayebaby97/video/7132960962780499246>

The star of this video blows bubs as she bounds about the ornate mausoleum where President McKinley and the First Lady rest. The round memorial building has great acoustics that amplify the sound of the bubs busting.

Some of the people who commented on her video are clearly weirdoes. But most of the rest are cool people who say that they also bubble in public. After all, that’s what cool people do.

## Mail got ru

What? A story about items getting ruined in the mail? Nah, it can’t be!

Someone posted on the public Internet that they ordered a shipment of 4 rare vintage records in the mail, and each one arrived cracked. The buyer asked folks how much they were worth even in that condition. Somebody replied, “Unless they’re bonkers-rare, they’re now worth \$0.” Before being broken, at least one of the records was worth almost \$50.

An eBay seller charged that the Postal Service broke a \$90 clock during shipping. It had been clearly labeled as fragile. Somebody replied saying the Postal Service crushed a \$91 set of candlesticks they sold.

It isn’t just the Postal Service. Someone said that their local UPS Store told them that UPS employees are allowed to drop packages from as much as 3 feet off the ground.

One online commenter said the Postal Service threw their package that was full of glass—breaking it. One person said they ordered wine glasses from Amazon, and they arrived broken. When they asked for a refund, Amazon said to mail back the broken glass. However, it’s illegal to send broken glass in the mail. On the other hand, the Postal Service violated this law when they delivered the glasses after breaking them.

Someone ordered a Stevie Ray Vaughan compilation album and discovered that a big chunk had been bitten out of the record. Others have had boxes of records left in shrubs. One person said they mailed a rare 7-inch single, and the Postal Service folded the package in half.

A few years ago, a feller wrote an article about how he and his family kept ordering collectible Burger King *Return Of The Jedi* drinking glasses from 1983 off eBay and breaking them. But he once ordered a set of 6 and found that 2 had broken in transit.

An audit last spring of a new Postal Service processing facility in Richmond, Virginia, found waterlogged mail. Other mail went unprocessed for months. Someone on a website for a New Jersey community said their local post office was manned by a “horribly rude slob” and that mail was frequently destroyed. Magazines were ripped in two, and there was “junk mail simply left to blow around the yard.” Another post in that thread said that “we had a couple magazines almost ruined.”



The magic word!

Somebody on another website said they got a waterlogged package in the mail that “had comics that i ordered all wet and ruined.” The magic word again! A Massachusetts man reported that the local mail carrier kept placing packages in the rain, leaving tire tracks in his yard, and not delivering mail. His home insurance policy was canceled because a bill wasn’t delivered. In 2016, a pile of undelivered mail – enough to fill 25 trash bags – was found in a sewer in Washington, D.C.

When things get ru, you can always count on the Ru Crew to uncover it. Watch the Ru Crew as they dance around with their Ru Detector!

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