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In this issue of *Live Wild or Die!* C. J. Hinke takes an extreme stand for saving trees; Dumpsterman, son of Waste King, describes the logic of dumpster diving; Vic Vac Sectomy and Tutti Toob Tyed argue for reproductive choice; and an unknown TV smasher offers tips on how to destroy televisions with steel pipes wrapped in duct tape.

So here's some TV bashing tips: First, try to minimize the physical danger to participants and lookers-on. Use steel pipes with duct tape wrapped around them for better gripping instead of sledgehammers [...]. Second, have someone give a little speech to tell the reasons why you think TV's ought to be smashed. [...]. Third, watch out for police interference. [...]. So go on out, and smash your televisions, smash your friends' televisions, smash the televisions of your whole neighborhood! There's nothing to lose but remote control.

— Unknown TV smasher

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Related links:

- “Radical Environmentalism’s Print History: From Earth First! to Wild Earth” by Bron Taylor
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