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I turned 27. Woo!

Feeling the existential dread a bit more this year, since I can no longer say my “mid twenties”...well anyways, I’m writing this from LAX on my flight back to New York, and wow, why did I book a flight back on my birthday? Seriously, so masochistic.

This is a late addition to this issue, but I want to reflect and give 27 random tidbits I’ve picked up in my 27 years of life, ranging from popularity to higher education, I go DEEP.



† Always trust your gut or that weird little touch of anxiety. ALWAYS. Even if you feel like you’re being paranoid.

† SoulCycle and the like will be what Jazzercise is to millennials/Gen Z by the time we’re in our late 30’s/40’s.

† Bring your sunglasses even if it’s a cloudy day. You never know.

† Getting into new music is actually getting harder and harder as I “age”, I used to think that was bullshit.

† Horrible experiences can sometimes create the best memories.

† Everything is cyclical.

† Strip malls aren’t always the worst thing.

† Don’t bring more than one book on a trip.

† (Sometimes) just because something is vintage, doesn’t mean it’s better.

† There is no point in checking in a bag. I have not checked a bag once in my entire life. Pack better.

† Don’t trust Yelp/Google reviews, but sometimes do.

† I used to think my dad had horrible fashion taste, but I now realize that he was enlightened and just had high quality staples that were timeless.

† If something is popular, it means it’s inherently good. That’s that.

† McDonald’s tastes even better when someone’s telling you how bad it is for you.

† Life is lived only once, physical fitness, eating well and focusing on your mental health will only make it better.

† Being contrarian puts you in a cyclical pattern of self hate and negativity.

† Don’t buy that item of clothing unless it fits you literally like a glove.

† Tabloid culture wasn’t as detrimental to self image as the social media/influencer culture today.

† Brands matter, and no I’m not saying that to be a snob, but recognizability, trustworthy and longevity = security & quality in a purchase.

† Solo traveling is better than traveling with others.

† DIY usually results in a C/D level execution. Pay the expert.

† Always say how you feel.

† Car haters don’t understand the freedom of the road.

† Get rid of the smart watch. It’s useless, and will be dated.

† Nostalgia has the power of turning what you once thought was shitty into something desirable. (Me with 2000s activewear)

† Is higher education worth it? Depends!

† People with less money tend to be more selfless with it.



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# Los Angeles



To be quite honest, even with how much of an East Coast/NY boy I am, if it wasn’t for the lack of public transport, I think I could live in LA without any problems. It’s sunny, pretty mild temps until summer, and even then it’s dry heat opposed to New York’s disgustingly humid heat



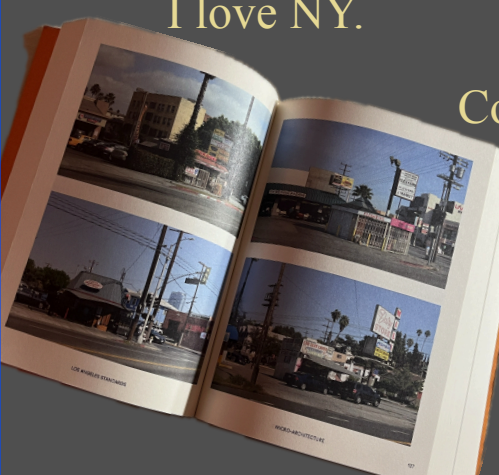
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that makes you want to strip off every article of clothing as soon as you get home.



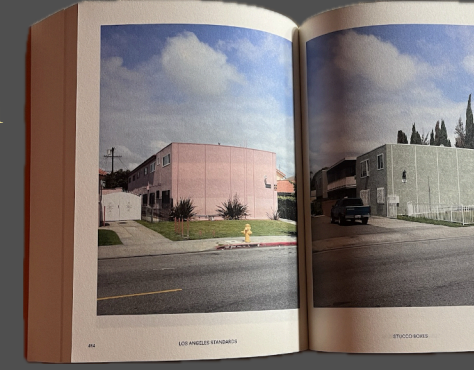
LA’s variety of neighborhoods and how each has its own distinctive flair is also semi-reminiscent to New York, but it may be even more amplified through architecture, commerce and geographical location in the former. Yeah, the traffic is lousy, there may be too many strip malls and the bars shut down by two AM, but New York has its issues too lest we forget! Rats, it smells bad 65% of the time, horrendous landlords, the occasional bitter cold winter day, the fact that it takes at least an hour to get out of the god forsaken city to see an actual forest. Sorry, I promise I love NY.



Cool stores/places to visit whilst in LA:

- † Antique City Thrift Store
- † DEN
- † Vintage Concept
- † Galerie Half
- † Modernica
- † Sunbeam
- † Tom's 1 hr foto
- † Candid home
- † Berda Paradise
- † LACMA gift shop
- † Braindead

\*Also, Erewhon is sadly worth the hype



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# ghosts of office past

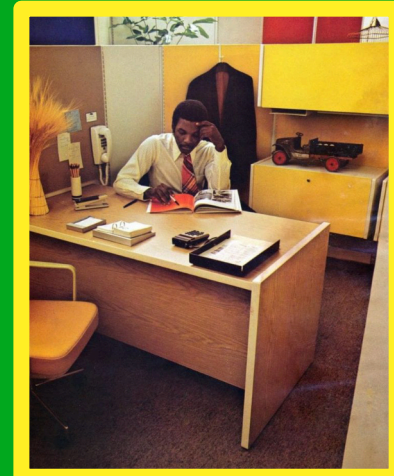


I have a weird obsession with rushing to the office ware section of a thrift store immediately. I find that a lot of untouched treasure



happens to be over there. 80s acrylic file organizers, Japanese staplers, old typewriter lamps by Lightolier, plastic Italian pen holders and Danish desk organizers. I’ve found it all. Even in today’s modern world there’s really beautiful office items you can get from retailers. No, not Amazon. I was pleasantly surprised to find some sexy desk organizers from [Hay Design](#) along with some cute catch all baskets.

[AREAWARE](#) also carries some office ware, along with my fave, [Finnish Design Shop](#)! Also, fun one to check out every now and then: [kiosk!](#)



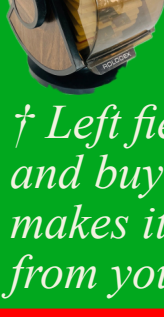
I realized that you’re probably wondering: why do I need office items? I don’t even have a desk at home. Well, first off, get a desk. Sort of kidding, but I actually think office items can be very versatile and used in a better way than what they were originally intended for. Here comes my onslaught of examples:



† Vertically standing file holder: Vinyl storage



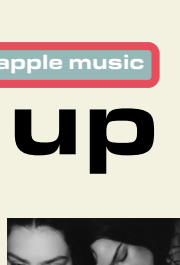
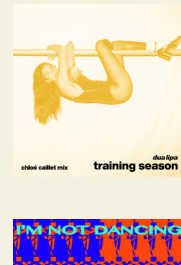
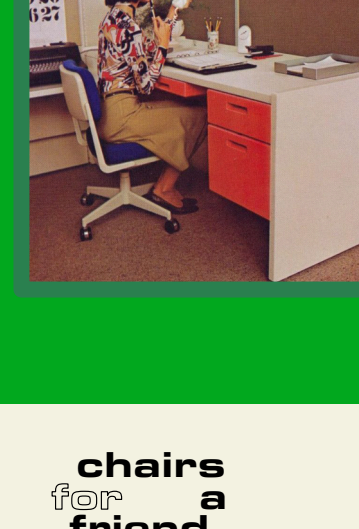
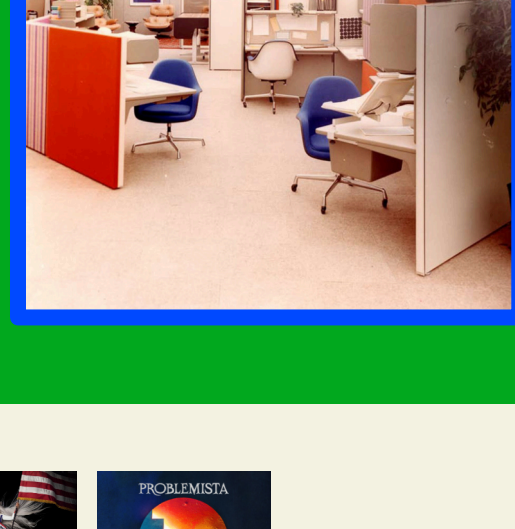
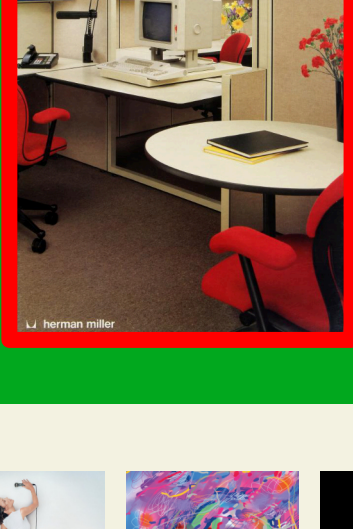
† Desk organizers: potential to be hung up on a wall as a shelf?



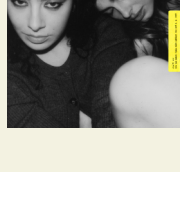
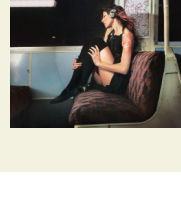
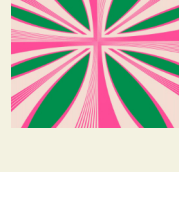
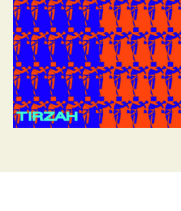
† Desk tray: catch all bowl

† Rollidex/Address book: Notebook/place to jot down small notes whilst working?

† Left field idea: Get a vintage landline phone and buy an adapter from Amazon (ugh) that makes it so the landline can answer calls from your actual phone. I’ll link that [here](#).



(tiny) spotify apple music round up



thank you for reading  
talk soon  
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