

This was the week all the **shit I'd been putting off for years**—big and small—**was going to get done.**

From getting Steve and Kim a gift **to going** through all those boxes **I'd left** unpacked **since moving** here **to finally deciding** what **my future is** with Melanie, it **was all going to get taken care of.**

After using Saturday to **recover from** "a shitstorm of a work week," Olson decided he **would** begin **straightening up** his life **first thing** Monday morning.

I figured that if I **didn't rest up over** the weekend, I'd **burn out halfway through** my week **off.**

I did write up a list **of what** I wanted to **accomplish over the course of** the coming week, but it wasn't really **all that** complete.

Among the goals on the list were a **thorough** cleaning of his apartment, **signing up for** a T'ai Chi course, cashing in a large jar of **loose change at** the bank, **updating** his **resume** and "**figuring out** the whole Melanie **thing.**"

I **was going to** go to bed early **so I could** get up early and **start on** all my projects.

I normally never **get to** go so I **figured** this was my big chance. But then I **got** a little more drunk than **I'd planned**.

Having accomplished only a few tasks so far, I know I **will have to** really **bear down** Friday.

I **actually would've gotten** a lot of stuff **done** if the whole universe **hadn't been** against me.

The guy said he couldn't **get to it until** the following Tuesday, so I **was like**, '**Screw that.**'

I went to **pick up** the desk I **was having fixed**, but I forgot to bring my **receipt**. They **wouldn't** give the stupid thing to me, **even after** I spent almost an hour **arguing** with the guy.

I **devoted** Friday night **to drinking** to **unwind** from the computer-desk **episode**.

This was a task he did not plan to **take on** during his week **off** but **needed to be done**.

Sunday **was spent fretting over** the wasted week and **telling himself off for not going** to San Diego—a trip he'd **strongly considered taking** before **committing to staying** home and **getting his life in order**.

Not only did I miss this great opportunity but I **made no use of** the time I got **by not going** there.

Trying to **catch up on** years of **neglected** goals **in** one week is not a good strategy.

You have to make a **conscious effort** every day. You can't spend years **letting things fall apart** and then fix it all **in** seven days. **That's not how** these things **work**.

Perhaps if he **had had** two weeks **off**, he **might have been able to catch up on** a **sizable** portion of his tasks, but he **won't be getting** two weeks of vacation **at** his job **for at least another** three years, **before which time** he'll **most certainly** be fired **for being** so **disorganized**.

So **there's no real point in talking** about it.