

straighten up & fly right /3/ the upshot

Having _____ only a few tasks Wednesday and Thursday, Olson knew he would have to "really _____ down" Friday. "I actually would've _____ a lot of stuff done Friday **if the whole universe hadn't been against me**," Olson said. "I took my car in to _____ my tires rotated, but the guy said he couldn't get to it until the following Tuesday, so I was like, '_____ that.' I also went to pick up the computer desk I was _____ fixed, but I **forgot to bring my receipt**. They _____ give the stupid thing to me, _____ after I spent almost an hour arguing with the guy. The whole day was a colossal waste. _____ I got a new belt I needed for work."

After devoting Friday night to drinking to _____ from the computer-desk episode, a once again hung-over Olson spent most of Saturday **re-alphabetizing his CDs**, a task he did not plan to _____ during his week off but needed to be done. Sunday was spent _____ over the wasted week and telling himself off for not going to San Diego—a trip he'd strongly considered _____ before committing to staying home and getting his life in order. "Next year, I'm definitely **going to San Diego**," Olson said. "Not only _____ I miss this great opportunity to go but I made no use of the time I got by not going there."

According to corporate consultant and motivational speaker Jeffrey Hatcher, trying to _____ on **years of neglected goals** in one week is not a good strategy. "You have to make a conscious _____ every day," Hatcher said. "You can't spend years letting things fall _____ and then fix it all in seven days. That's not how these things _____. Perhaps if Derek had had two weeks off, he _____ 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 _____ three years, before which time he'll most certainly be fired for being so disorganized. So there's no real _____ in talking about it."

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