

# The Pile of Stuff Newsletter

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## 59 Actual Newspaper Headlines (collected by journalists)

1. Something Went Wrong in Jet Crash, Expert Says
2. Police Begin Campaign to Run Down Jaywalkers
3. Safety Experts Say School Bus Passengers Should Be Belted
4. Drunk Gets Nine Months in Violin Case
5. Survivor of Siamese Twins Joins Parents
6. Farmer Bill Dies in House
7. Iraqi Head Seeks Arms
8. Is There a Ring of Debris around Uranus?
9. Stud Tires Out
10. Prostitutes Appeal to Pope
11. Panda Mating Fails; Veterinarian Takes Over
12. Soviet Virgin Lands Short of Goal Again
13. British Left Waffles on Falkland Islands
14. Lung Cancer in Women Mushrooms
15. Eye Drops off Shelf
16. Teacher Strikes Idle Kids
17. Reagan Wins on Budget, But More Lies Ahead
18. Squad Helps Dog Bite Victim
19. Shot Off Woman's Leg Helps Nicklaus to 66
20. Enraged Cow Injures Farmer with Ax
21. Plane Too Close to Ground, Crash Probe Told
22. Miners Refuse to Work after Death
23. Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant
24. Stolen Painting Found by Tree
25. Two Soviet Ships Collide, One Dies
26. Two Sisters Reunited after 18 Years in Checkout Counter
27. Killer Sentenced to Die for Second Time in 10 Years
28. Never Withhold Herpes Infection from Loved One
29. Drunken Drivers Paid \$1000 in '84
30. War Dims Hope for Peace

31. If Strike isn't Settled Quickly, It May Last a While
32. Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures
33. Enfields Couple Slain; Police Suspect Homicide
34. Red Tape Holds Up New Bridge
35. Deer Kill 17,000
36. Typhoon Rips Through Cemetery; Hundreds Dead
37. Man Struck by Lightning Faces Battery Charge
38. New Study of Obesity Looks for Larger Test Group
39. Astronaut Takes Blame for Gas in Spacecraft
40. Kids Make Nutritious Snacks
41. Chef Throws His Heart into Helping Feed Needy
42. Arson Suspect is Held in Massachusetts Fire
43. British Union Finds Dwarfs in Short Supply
44. Ban On Soliciting Dead in Trotwood
45. Lansing Residents Can Drop Off Trees
46. Local High School Dropouts Cut in Half
47. New Vaccine May Contain Rabies
48. Man Minus Ear Waives Hearing
49. Deaf College Opens Doors to Hearing
50. Air Head Fired
51. Steals Clock, Faces Time
52. Prosecutor Releases Probe into Undersheriff
53. Old School Pillars are Replaced by Alumni
54. Bank Drive-in Window Blocked by Board
55. Hospitals are Sued by 7 Foot Doctors
56. Some Pieces of Rock Hudson Sold at Auction
57. Sex Education Delayed, Teachers Request Training
58. Include your Children When Baking Cookies
59. 4-H Girls Win Prizes for Fat Calves

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## More Rules for Driving in Houston

- \* When on a one way street, stay to the right to allow oncoming traffic to pass.
- \* Never, ever, stop for a pedestrian unless he flings himself under the wheels of your car.
- \* The first parking space you see will be the last parking space you see. Grab it.
- \* Never get in the way of a car that needs extensive body work.
- \* Always look both ways when running a red light.

\* Never use directional signals when changing lanes. They only warn other drivers to speed up and not let you in. (Truest of All)

\* Making eye contact revokes your right of way.

\* Whenever possible, stop in the middle of a crosswalk to ensure inconveniencing as many pedestrians as possible.

\* And if a pedestrian ahead of you steps into the road, speed up, honk or yell loudly and chase him back up on the curb. Pedestrians have no rights.

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### THE OLD USERS LAMENT

A computer was something on TV  
From a Science Fiction show of note  
A window was something you hated to clean  
And ram was the father of a goat.

Meg was the name of my girlfriend  
And gig was a job for the nights  
Now they all mean different things  
And that really mega bytes.

An application was for employment  
A program was a TV show  
A cursor used profanity  
A keyboard was a piano.  
A Memory was something that you lost with age  
A CD was a bank account  
And if you had a 3-in. floppy  
You hoped nobody found out

Compress was something you did to the garbage  
Not something you did to a file  
And if you unzipped anything in public  
You'd be in jail for a while.

Log on was adding wood to the fire  
Hard drive was a long trip on the road  
A mouse pad was where a mouse lived  
And a backup happened to your commode.

Cut you did with a pocket knife  
Paste you did with glue  
A web was a spider's home  
And a virus was the flu.

I guess I'll stick to my pad and paper  
And the memory in my head.

I hear nobody's been killed in a computer crash  
But when it happens they wish they were dead

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### US AREA GEO-GRAPHY

You live in California when...

1. You make over \$250,000 and you still can't afford to buy a house.
2. The high school quarterback calls a time-out to answer his cell phone.
3. The fastest part of your commute is going down your driveway.
4. You know how to eat an artichoke.
5. You drive your rented Mercedes to your neighborhood block party.
6. When someone asks you how far something is, you tell them how long it will take to get there rather than how many miles away it is.

You live in New York City when...

1. You say "the city" and expect everyone to know you mean Manhattan.
2. You have never been to the Statue of Liberty or the Empire State Building.
3. You can get into a four-hour argument about how to get from Columbus Circle to Battery Park, but can't find Wisconsin on a map.
4. You think Central Park is "nature."
5. You believe that being able to swear at people in their own language makes you multi-lingual.
6. You've worn out a car horn.
7. You think eye contact is an act of aggression.

You live in upstate New York when...

1. You only have four spices: salt, pepper, ketchup, and Tabasco.
2. Halloween costumes fit over parkas.
3. You have more than one recipe for moose.
4. Sexy lingerie is anything flannel with less than eight buttons.
5. The four seasons are: winter, still winter, almost winter, and construction.

You live in the Beaumont when...

1. You can rent a movie and buy bait in the same store.
2. "ya'll" is singular and "all ya'll" is plural.
3. After five years you still hear, "You ain't from 'round here, are Ya?"
4. "He needed killin' " is a valid defense.
5. Everyone has 2 first names: Billy Bob, Jimmy Bob, Mary Sue, Betty Jean, etc.

You live in Colorado when...

1. You carry your \$3,000 mountain bike atop your \$500 car.
2. You tell your husband to pick up Granola on his way home and he stops at the day care center.
3. A pass does not involve a football or dating.
4. The top of your head is bald, but you still have a pony tail.

You live in the Midwest when...

1. You've never met any celebrities, but the mayor knows your name.
2. Your idea of a traffic jam is ten cars waiting to pass a tractor.
3. You have had to switch from "heat" to "A/C" on the same day.
4. You end sentences with a preposition: "Where's my coat at?"
5. When asked how your trip was to any exotic place, you say, "It was different!"

You live in Florida when...

1. You eat dinner at 3:15 in the afternoon.
2. All purchases include a coupon of some kind - even houses and cars.
3. Everyone can recommend an excellent dermatologist.
4. Road construction never ends anywhere in the state.
5. Cars in front of you are often driven by headless people..

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**Why Coffee is better then a blind date [I know, this is weird...]:**

A cup of coffee looks good in the morning.

You won't fall asleep after a cup of coffee.

You can always warm coffee up.

Coffee comes with endless refills.

You won't get arrested for ordering coffee at 3 a.m.

Coffee never runs out.

Coffee is out of your system by tomorrow morning.

You can take black coffee home to meet your parents.

You can make coffee as sweet as you want.

You don't have to put cream in your coffee to make it taste good.

Coffee doesn't complain when you put whipped cream in it.

You can smoke while drinking coffee.

You can put out a cigarette in a cup of coffee.

Coffee smells and tastes good.

You don't have to put vinegar in your coffee.

If your coffee pot leaks, you can use a regular paper towel.

Coffee is cheap.

You can turn the pot on, leave the room, and it'll be hot when you get back.

They sell coffee at police stations.

You can always ditch a bad cup of coffee.

Coffee goes down easier.

If you put chocolate in your coffee, it doesn't put on weight.

No matter how ugly you are, you can always get a cup of coffee.

A big cup or small cup? It doesn't matter.

Your coffee doesn't talk to you.

Your coffee won't be jealous of another cup.

Coffee smells good in the morning.

Coffee is good when it's cold too.

Coffee stains are easier to remove.

Coffee doesn't care when you dunk things in it.

Coffee doesn't care what kind of mood you're in.

Coffee doesn't shed.

Coffee is ready in 15 minutes or less.

You can't get a cup of coffee pregnant by putting cream in it.

Coffee doesn't mind being ground.

No matter how bad coffee is, you can always make it better.

Coffee doesn't have a time of the month ... it's good all the time.

When coffee gets old, you can throw it away.

Coffee doesn't take up half your bed.

Coffee doesn't mind if you wake up at 3 a.m. and decide to have a cup.

It can take up to two weeks for coffee to grow mold.

You can have an intelligent conversation with coffee.

And, of course ...

**INSTANT COFFEE!**

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## **NEW WORDS FOR A NEW YEAR**

**BLAMESTORMING:** Sitting around in a group, discussing why a deadline was missed or a project failed, and who was responsible.

**CHAINSAW CONSULTANT:** An outside expert brought in to reduce the employee headcount, leaving the top brass with clean hands.

**CUBE FARM:** An office filled with cubicles.

**IDEA HAMSTERS:** People who always seem to have their idea generator running.

**MOUSE POTATO:** The on-line, wired generation's answer to the couch potato.

**PRAIRIE DOGGING:** When someone yells or drops something loudly in a cube farm, and people's heads pop up over the walls to see what's going on.

**SITCOMs:** (Single Income, Two Children, Oppressive Mortgage) What yuppies turn into when they have children and one of them stops working to stay home with the kids.

**STARTER MARRIAGE:** A short-lived first marriage that ends in divorce with no kids, no property and no regrets.

**STRESS PUPPY:** A person who seems to thrive on being stressed out and whiny.

**SWIPED OUT:** An ATM or credit card that has been rendered useless because the magnetic strip is worn away from extensive use.

**TOURISTS:** People who take training classes just to get a vacation from their jobs. "We had three serious students in the class; the rest were just tourists."

**TREEWARE:** Hacker slang for documentation or other printed material.

**XEROX SUBSIDY:** Euphemism for swiping free photocopies from one's workplace.

**ALPHA GEEK:** The most knowledgeable, technically proficient person in an office or work group.

**CHIPS & SALSA:** Chips = hardware, Salsa = software. "Well, first we gotta figure out if the problem's in your chips or your salsa."

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## Classic things to say when stressed

"Okay, okay! I take it back. Unfu\*k you!!!"  
"You say I'm a bitch like it's a bad thing?!"  
"How many times do I have to flush before you go away?"  
"Well this day was a total waste of make-up"  
"Well aren't we a bloody ray of sunshine?"  
"Don't bother me, I'm living happily ever after."  
"Do I look like a f\*\*king people person!"  
"This isn't an office. It's HELL with fluorescent lighting"  
"I started out with nothing still have most of it left"  
"I pretend to work, they pretend to pay me"  
"YOU!!... off my planet!!!"  
"Therapy is expensive. Popping bubble plastic is cheap. You choose"  
"Practice random acts of intelligence and senseless acts of self-control"  
"Errors have been made. Others will be blamed"  
"And your cry-baby, whiny-assed opinion would be.....?"  
"I'm not crazy. I've been in a very bad mood for 30 years."  
"Sarcasm is just one more service I offer."  
"Whatever kind of look you were going for, you missed"  
"Do they ever shut up on your planet?"  
"I'm not your type. I'm not inflatable"  
"Stress is when you wake up screaming and you realize you haven't gone to sleep yet"  
"Back off!! You're standing in my aura."  
"Don't worry. I forgot your name too."  
"I just want revenge. Is that so wrong?"  
"I work 45 hours a week to be this poor."  
"Nice perfume. Must you marinate in it."  
"Not all men are annoying. Some are dead."  
"Wait...I'm trying to imagine you with a personality"  
"Chaos, panic and disorder . . . my work here is done."  
"Ambivalent? Well yes and no."  
"You look like shit. Is that the style now?"  
"Earth is full. Go home."  
"Aw, did I step on your poor little bitty ego?"  
"I'm not tense, just terribly, terribly alert."  
"A hard-on doesn't count as personal growth."  
"You are depriving some village of an idiot."  
"If assholes could fly, this place would be an airport."

## Doggie Dictionary

1. LEASH: A strap which attaches to your collar, enabling you to lead your person where you want him/her to go.
2. DOG BED: any soft, clean surface, such as the white bedspread in the guest room or the newly upholstered couch in the living room.
3. DROOL: Is what you do when your persons have food and you don't. To do this properly you must sit as close as you can and look sad and let the drool fall to the floor, or better yet, on their laps.
4. SNIFF: A social custom to use when you greet other dogs. Place your nose as close as you can to the other dog's rear end and inhale deeply, repeat several times, or until your person makes you stop.
5. GARBAGE CAN: A container which your neighbors put out once a week to test your ingenuity. You must stand on your hind legs and try to push the lid off with your nose. If you do it right you are rewarded with margarine wrappers to shred, beef bones to consume and moldy crusts of bread.
6. BICYCLES: Two-wheeled exercise machines, invented for dogs to control body fat. To get maximum aerobic benefit, you must hide behind a bush and dash out, bark loudly and run alongside for a few yards; the person then swerves and falls into the bushes, and you prance away.
7. DEAFNESS: This is a malady which affects dogs when their person want them in and they want to stay out. Symptoms include staring blankly at the person, then running in the opposite direction, or lying down.
8. THUNDER: This is a signal that the world is coming to an end. Humans remain amazingly calm during thunderstorms, so it is necessary to warn them of the danger by trembling uncontrollably, panting, rolling your eyes wildly, and following at their heels.
9. WASTEBASKET: This is a dog toy filled with paper, envelopes, and old candy wrapper. When you get bored, turn over the basket and strew the papers all over the house until your person comes home.

10. SOFAS: Are to dogs like napkins are to people. After eating it is polite to run up and down the front of the sofa and wipe your whiskers clean.

11. BATH: This is a process by which the humans drench the floor, walls and themselves. You can help by shaking vigorously and frequently.

12. LEAN: Every good dog's response to the command "sit!", especially if your person is dressed for an evening out. Incredibly effective before black-tie events.

13. BUMP: The best way to get your human's attention when they are drinking a fresh cup of coffee or tea.

14. GOOSE BUMP: A maneuver to use as a last resort when the Regular Bump doesn't get the attention you require.....especially effective when combined with The Sniff. See above.

15. LOVE: Is a feeling of intense affection, given freely and without restriction. The best way you can show your love is to wag your tail. If you're lucky, a human will love you in return.

15. Suddenly, burping during a meeting isn't so embarrassing.

16. Employees work later since there's no longer a need to relax at the bar.

17. It makes everyone more open with their ideas.

18. Everyone agrees they work better after they've had a couple of drinks.

19. Eliminates the need for employees to get drunk on their lunch break.

20. Increases the chance of seeing your boss naked.

21. It promotes foreign relations with the former Soviet Union.

22. The janitor's closet will finally have a use.

23. Employees no longer need coffee to sober up.

24. Sitting on the copy machine will no longer be seen as "gross."

25. Babbling and mumbling incoherently will be common language.

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## **25 REASONS WHY ALCOHOL SHOULD BE SERVED AT WORK...**

1. It's an incentive to show up.
2. It reduces stress.
3. It leads to more honest communications.
4. It reduces complaints about low pay.
5. It cuts down on time off because you can work with a hangover.
6. Employees tell management what they think, not what management wants to hear.
7. It helps save on heating costs in the winter.
8. It encourages carpooling.
9. Increase job satisfaction because if you have a bad job, you don't care.
10. It eliminates vacations because people would rather come to work.
11. It makes fellow employees look better.
12. It makes the cafeteria food taste better.
13. Bosses are more likely to hand out raises when they are wasted.
14. Salary negotiations are a lot more profitable.