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**“Bring Your Child To Work Day was a success, so I’d like to try another special theme: Leave Your Bad Attitude At Home Day.”**

**A**n ethics survey of U.S. teenagers reveals 75% saying they wouldn’t buy a product from a company accused of corporate wrongdoing.

[www.ja.org](http://www.ja.org)

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**N**ew research on the impacts of domestic violence: up to seven million lost work days annually with a minimum cost of \$192 million.

[Journal of Labor Research](http://Journal of Labor Research)

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**A** living wage proposal, defeated in November, that would have applied to all businesses within certain geographic boundaries of Santa Monica, California, would have given only seven cents of every dollar to the working poor.

[www.livingwage.com](http://www.livingwage.com)

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**O**ne man holds two city government jobs in two states, serving as a city councilman in Grand Forks, North Dakota (population 50,000), and the city clerk in Warren, Minnesota, a town of 1,700 located 30 miles away.

[www.governing.com](http://www.governing.com)

**A**merican spent about 46% of their food dollars on restaurants in 2002, nearly double the amount spent in 1955.

[www.restaurant.org](http://www.restaurant.org)

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**T**he average American patient visiting a doctor describes his or her health complaint for an average of 22 seconds before the physician interrupts and takes the lead in the conversation. A British study found uninterrupted patients would take an average of 92 seconds to explain their ailment.

[www.bmj.com](http://www.bmj.com)

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**P**oliticians in 18 states passed \$2.9 billion in new tobacco taxes in the last fiscal year, accounting for nearly half of all new taxes passed.

[www.sbsc.org](http://www.sbsc.org)

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**A**lmost half of America’s consumers have walked out of a store in the last year because of bad customer service.

[www.publicagenda.org](http://www.publicagenda.org)

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**S**ince 1986, Purdue’s Technical Assistance Program has completed more than 5,000 projects statewide.

[www.purdue.edu/TAP](http://www.purdue.edu/TAP)

**Q**uestion: Retailer must charge sales tax?  
Answer: No, retailers are responsible to pay the sales tax, but passing it on to the buyer is optional, paving the way for “don’t pay the sales tax” sales.

[Knight Ridder News Service](http://Knight Ridder News Service)

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**I**n 13 years the Business Software Alliance, a watchdog group representing software giants, has collected nearly \$68 million in fines from wayward companies.

[www.bsa.org](http://www.bsa.org)

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**D**uring the early 2000 venture capital and technology company boom, start-up companies in the Washington, D.C. area alone were receiving funding of more than \$750,000 an hour. New companies were obtaining their initial investments about every other day.

[www.washingtonpost.com](http://www.washingtonpost.com)

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**M**ore than 72.3 million American workers use computers on the job. The total is slightly more than half of all workers, ranging from 80% of managers and professionals to 19% of laborers, fabricators, machine operators, farm workers, forestry workers and fishermen.

[www.siliconvalley.com](http://www.siliconvalley.com)

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**O**f the 40,000 Latino workers counted by the 2000 Census in Sonoma County, about 15,000 were illegal, or almost 8% of the county’s workforce. That’s double the U.S. rate, but less than California’s estimated 15%.

[www.pressdemocrat.com](http://www.pressdemocrat.com)

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**J**ob satisfaction for workers between the ages of 35 and 44 plummeted from 60% in 1995 to 47% in 2002.

[www.conference-board.org](http://www.conference-board.org)

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**“E**very day in shipping is worth 1% of the final price of goods. In goods that have a high rate of technological obsolescence, such as consumer electronics products, the depreciate rate goes to up to 2.5% per day.”

**David Hummels, Purdue University**