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Newsletter 6 has arrived! Custom Computer Solutions wishes everyone a prosperous New Year! We decided to try something different this time (feedback welcome!), we have the usual computer tip, but after that we decided to throw in a little humor. No, it's not computer related, but many of you who have used at least some of the tools or know what they are should get a kick out of it!

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fear, things will get better *if you do your part and believe they will get better!*

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→ The Best things in Life are Free...

We all have probably heard it one time or another, but there is some truth in this old saying. This time, we'll take a look at some free applications and programs that rival their pricey duals. A quick search should bring up a link to download these if a URL is not given. Also, one can go to [download.com](#) to fetch some of these handy apps.

Don't feel like spending \$150 on MS Office? Try [Open Office!](#) It's 100% free and can be obtained at www.openoffice.org. In this little gem you'll find a word processor, spreadsheet, presentation software, database software and more. And it's compatible with MS Office among others.

Watch TV on your PC without adding hardware: check out [AnyTV from FDRIab](#). They say you can get thousands of TV and radio stations from around the world, but the results may vary. Either way, you'll still have plenty of watching/listening to do as you explore familiar stations and others you've probably never heard of before.

SPAM was the subject of the last news letter, but here's another tip: try [Spamihilator](#). It'll catch email before it gets to your inbox and check it, and it has a recycle bin so you can retrieve the emails you actually wanted if it makes a mistake. Also contained in the program is the functionality to block senders and certain attachments, if you so desire.

Many are already aware that [Firefox](#) from Mozilla is an awesome browser, which some say is better and more secure than Internet Explorer. Why not give it a try? www.mozilla.com. While you're there, check out their free email program [Thunderbird](#).

Do you edit your own web page? Did you install Firefox yet? If so, you can put a free FTP app into the venerable browser. Do a search for [FireFTP](#).

Savvy internet shoppers know to check for coupon codes before checking out, but why spend the extra time when you can make it easier and quicker? Try the [coupon codes tool bar for Internet Explorer](#).

Can't play that file with Windows Media Player? No sweat! Download [VLC Media Player](#), it'll play many things WMP won't.

Photoshop costs a lot of money. [Google's Picasa](#) is free, and top-notch. Give it a whirl. Go to Google, and type Google Picasa in the search box.

Another image editor that rivals Photoshop is GIMP. Get it at www.gimp.org.

Now for the funny stuff. How many of you have used some of these tools and found some of the following to be true (sorry ladies...)???

BAND SAW: A large stationary power saw primarily used by most shops to cut good aluminum sheet into smaller pieces that more easily fit into the trash can after you cut on the inside of the line instead of the outside edge.

BELT SANDER: An electric sanding tool commonly used to convert minor touch-up jobs into major refinishing jobs.

DRILL PRESS: A tall upright machine useful for suddenly snatching flat metal bar stock out of your hands so that it smacks you in the chest and flings your drink across the room, denting the freshly-painted project which you had carefully set in the corner where nothing could get to it.

HACKSAW: One of a family of cutting tools built on the Ouija board principle... It transforms human energy into a crooked, unpredictable motion, and the more you attempt to influence its course, the more dismal your future becomes.

HAMMER: Originally employed as a weapon of war, the hammer nowadays is used as a kind of divining rod to locate the most expensive parts adjacent the object we are

trying to hit.

HOSE CUTTER: A tool used to make hoses too short.

HYDRAULIC FLOOR JACK: Used for lowering an automobile to the ground after you have installed your new brake shoes, trapping the jack handle firmly under the bumper.

OXYACETYLENE TORCH: Used almost entirely for lighting various flammable objects in your shop on fire. Also handy for igniting the grease inside the wheel hub out of which you want to remove a bearing race..

PHILLIPS SCREWDRIVER: Normally used to stab the vacuum seals under lids or for opening old-style paper-and-tin oil cans and splashing oil on your shirt; but can also be used, as the name implies, to strip out Phillips screw heads.

PLIERS: Used to round off bolt heads. Sometimes used in the creation of blood-blisters.

PRY BAR: A tool used to crumple the metal surrounding that clip or bracket you needed to remove in order to replace a 50 cent part.

SKILL SAW: A portable cutting tool used to make studs too short.

STRAIGHT SCREWDRIVER: A tool for opening paint cans. Sometimes used to convert common slotted screws into non-removable screws and butchering your palms.

TABLE SAW: A large stationary power tool

commonly used to launch wood projectiles for testing wall integrity.

TWO-TON ENGINE HOIST: A tool for testing the maximum tensile strength of everything you forgot to disconnect.

UTILITY KNIFE: Used to open and slice through the contents of cardboard cartons delivered to your front door; works particularly well on contents such as seats, vinyl records, liquids in plastic bottles, collector magazines, refund checks.

WISE-GRIPS: Generally used after pliers to completely round off bolt heads. If nothing else is available, they can also be used to transfer intense welding heat to the palm of your hand.

WIRE WHEEL: Cleans paint off bolts and then throws them somewhere under the workbench at the speed of light and never to be found again. Also removes fingerprints and hard-earned calluses from fingers in about the time it takes you to say, "Oh, s**t!"