# Words, Phrases & Your Future in PR

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#### **VIDEO**

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## On Writing:

"I try to leave out the parts that people skip."

- Elmore Leonard

"The finest language is mostly made up of simple unimposing words."

- George Eliot

### On Journalism:

"Journalism gets measured by the quality of information it presents, not the drama or the pyrotechnics associated with us."

- Bob Woodward

#### Barfing pizza thrower jailed in Port St. Lucie dustup

By Will Greenlee on November 26, 2013 5:00 AM

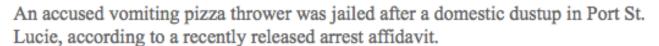














The girlfriend of Frank Sepulveda told Port St. Lucie police about 1:10 a.m. Nov. 12 that Sepulveda came home drunk and started barfing on her bed.

The girlfriend said she helped Sepulveda, 23, and made him a pizza, a flat food featuring cheese and tomato sauce.

"As the pizza was cooling down in the oven, Frank became enraged, took the pizza out of the oven and threw it at her," the affidavit states.

The girlfriend said Sepulveda pushed her down.

Sepulveda, meanwhile, said he had "a couple" of alcoholic beverages with a friend and came home and passed out. He started blowing chunks and his girlfriend helped him.

Sepulveda said his girlfriend indicated she wanted to break up and he grew angry.

He denied tossing the pizza or pushing her down.

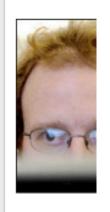
Sepulveda, of Hollywood, was arrested on a misdemeanor battery charge.

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#### You know it's bad when...



#### Some typos are harder to delete.

(such as this tattoo)



#### Press Release Jargon

- Authentic
- Award-winning
- Best of breed
- Cross platform
- Cutting edge
- Exciting
- Exclusive
- Groundbreaking
- Impact
- Improved
- Innovative

- Leader/leading
- Leverage
- Next generation
- New
- Proactive
- Proud to announce
- Revolutionary
- Solution
- State of the art
- Unprecedented
- Up and coming
- Unique

## Be Succinct, Interesting, Timely, Accurate

- Headline
- Lead
- Quote
- Data



#### Press Release Gone Bad.

Former WTA Professional Tennis Player From Moscow, Staring in an American Movie - Elena Has Signed on to Play the Lead in Psychotic Horror Thriller Movie

NuConcepts Productions has just announced the Actress/Model has a starring role in "Psychotic," a horror thriller movie; Actor/Producer/Director Claude Reid is also starring in the film.

BolingBrook, IL (PRWEB) September 28, 2013

The movie has already begun shooting in Chicagoland. The film is about Jennifer & Michael. They kill their friends and roommates and drink the blood of those whom they kill.

<u>Starring Actor/Director/Producer Claude Reid</u> & Former WTA Professional Tennis Player, Elena Chernyakova from Moscow Russia. This film is totally improv. There is absolutely no script for the film. http://www.imdb.com/name/nm1456704

Elena Chernyakova's resume includes WTA professional tennis, with wins over Heather Watson, Sally Peers and Tara Moore.

"A tennis court can be a house of horrors when things start going wrong. Just ask a few of Serena Williams' opponents at this year's U.S. Open."

### Anyone can write.

"The difference between a good and a bad writer is shown by the order of his words as much as by the selection of them."

- Marcus Tullius Cicero, "The Oration for Plancius," 54 B.C.

### Anyone can talk.

"I love Hitler."

John Galliano June 21, 2013



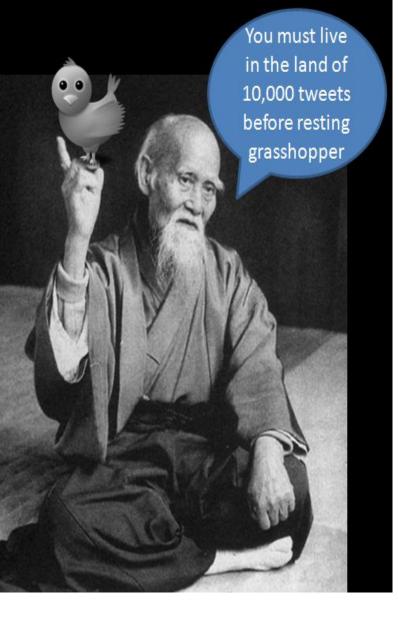
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"I love Hitler."

# The Epic List of Annoying Words and Phrases

At the end of the day **Needless to say** Seat at the table It is what it is In the weeds Having said that



Where the rubber meets the road



Guru I personally feel... Hit the ground running No offense I'm confused Thought leadership True that! With all due respect At any rate

I don't hate that idea How should we spin this? Let's not re-invent the wheel Put on your big girl panties Honestly... 24/7 **Drink the Kool-Aid** Skin in the game

Hard stop



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Bandwidth

Leverage journalist

**Robust** 

Win-win
Net-net
Transparency



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#### This is where I don't have a slide.



#### **Take-Aways**

- Read every day.
- Write every day.
- Get edited;embrace mistakes.
- Tell one story every day.
- Open your ears to others' stories.
- Read your writing out loud.
- Learn to listen.
- Listen and learn.
- Know your medium.
- Know your audience's 'language'.
- Personalize your communications....



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"Advice to young writers who want to get ahead without any annoying delays: don't write about Man, write about a man."

— E.B. White



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