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SMALL BIZ – SPRING CLEANING FOR YOUR CAREER

--- Excerpted from an article by Joan Lloyd – link at end ---

- Does your job need some spring cleaning?
- Are you feeling bored, frustrated or stressed?
- Channel some spring energy into sprucing up your career.

--- TAKE INVENTORY ---

+ Identify what you love best about your job.

Talk to your manager about doing more of it.

+ Dump your anger. Some people carry bitterness and anger like thick coats of paint.

Identify your damaged relationships and make a promise to yourself to extend a helping hand to at least regain a professional relationship.

+ Network

People who have successful careers have made it a regular practice to keep their network alive.

Lunch with colleagues in other companies.

Attend conferences, in part, to meet new people.

+ Recycle Time?

Most jobs can be mastered in a three-year time span. It's enough time to learn the job and achieve some significant results. Don't make the mistake of staying on your job out of complacency or desperation.

Every three years, ask yourself:

- + Still enjoy your work?
- + Satisfy you?
- +Enjoy the people?
- +Good at what you do?

--- FIX THE RESUME ---

Update your resume.

It makes you stop and think about where you have been and where you are going.

Dig through your accolades file.

Update your resume with the experiences and results from the past few years.

The longer you wait to do this, the more you're likely to forget.

--- DUMP JOB CLUTTER ---

Talk to your manager about delegating some of your routine work.

These tasks used to be interesting -- and will be to someone new -- but you are bored to tears with them.

MORE: http://www.bizjournals.com/extraedge/consultants/at_work/2005/05/02/column164.html

SMALL BIZ – HEALTH: HSA GROWTH TO EXPLODE: Health savings accounts are growing in popularity, with nearly one-third of employers in a recent survey saying they plan to offer HSAs next year. A survey released Thursday revealed that while only 7% of the 360 employer respondents now offer HSAs, 32% expect to add them in 2006.

MORE: <http://www.businessinsurance.com/cgi-bin/news.pl?newsId=5628>

TECH BIZ – FLOOD OF GERMAN SPAM: Did you come back to work with an e-mail inbox full of Germanic subject lines and message? Me, too. What caused that overwhelming influx of Teutonic missives? Our old friend the So ber virus. (I misspell it so spam filters will not delete this newsletter).

MORE: <http://ct.eletters.whatsnewnow.com/rd/cts?d=181-450-1-278-261855-21460-0-0-0-1>

PERSONAL TECH – SLING BOX: No more missing the Big Game or this season's last episode of "24." If you travel you may LOVE this. Sling Media has created the "Sling Box." It allows you to watch your home television while you are on the road via a broadband Internet connection. The price? \$250.
MORE: www.slingmedia.com

US ECONOMY – PPI & HOUSING STARTS UP: The Producer Price Index which measures inflation at the wholesale level rose 0.6% in April pushed by energy prices. The so-called "core rate" with volatile energy and food prices removed, rose 0.3%. Housing starts rose above 2-million.
MORE: http://news.yahoo.com/s/nm/20050517/bs_nm/economy_dc

US ECONOMY – CPI UP AND UNCHANGED: The US Consumer Price Index which measures inflation at the retail level rose 0.5% in April pushed by higher energy and food prices. The so-called "core rate" which removes volatile energy and food prices was unchanged.
MORE: http://news.yahoo.com/s/ap/20050518/ap_on_bi_go_ec_fi/economy

>>>>>>> TRUCKING SECTION <<<<<<<<

TRUCKING – DRIVERS HARD TO FIND: Strong demands for competing labor continue to put pressure on the Driver Labor Index calculated by FTR Associates. The company's data suggests that the available pool of labor from which trucking can recruit new drivers remains at low levels at the same time that freight continues to grow.
MORE: www.ftrassociates.net.
MORE: http://www.truckinginfo.com/news/news-detail.asp?news_id=54809

TRUCKING – DIESEL DOWN AGAIN: The US national average retail price of a gallon of diesel dropped 3 cents, to \$2.189.
MORE: <http://www.etrucker.com/apps/news/article.asp?id=47416>
MORE: <http://www.thetrucker.com/showstory.aspx?id=9615>

TRUCKING – UPS BUYS OVERNITE

UPS is buying Overnite for \$43.25 per share, or approximately \$1.25 billion in cash.
UPS says it will allow UPS to expand its service portfolio by offering a variety of less-than-truckload (LTL) and truckload (TL) services to its North American customers.
It also makes UPS a top US LTL carrier and comes just five months after the company expanded its air freight services by acquiring Menlo Worldwide Forwarding.
MORE: <http://www.thetrucker.com/showstory.aspx?id=9614>
MORE: <http://www.etrucker.com/apps/news/article.asp?id=47417>

TRUCKING – YELLOW TO TRUCK IN CHINA: Yellow Roadway has a goal to be the first American trucking firm to operate in China, CEO Bill Zollars tells the Financial Times. Yellow is talking with a number of Chinese truck operators that Yellow could either acquire or work with in joint ventures.
MORE: <http://www.thetrucker.com/showstory.aspx?id=9616>

TRUCKING – VOLVO DELIVERIES UP 22% THROUGH APRIL:
MORE: <http://www.thetrucker.com/showstory.aspx?id=9637>

SECURITY – OCEAN CONTAINER SECURITY TOP CONCERN

--- ARE BIG SAVINGS REAL? ---

Ocean cargo container security ranks as the Number 1 concern among executives responsible for supply chain operations at the largest global import and export companies, according to a new report, "Smart Boxes: RFID Can Improve Visibility, Efficiency and Security in the Global Supply Chain," from global management consulting firm A.T. Kearney.

Conducted in collaboration with the International Cargo Security Council (ICSC), an association of professionals involved in all facets of transportation security, the report and its findings were presented at the opening of ICSC's annual conference, featuring the twin themes: "The Return on Investment of Cargo Security" and "Securing the International Supply Chain."

Executives interviewed for the report also believe that new technology solutions, such as Radio Frequency Identification (RFID)-enabled "Smart Boxes," could enhance container security as well as improve container visibility throughout the supply chain, which could also address their other major concerns about supply chain efficiency.

Tighter control of cargo, shorter lead times resulting in lower inventory costs, greater security and visibility would add up to savings of as much as \$1,150 per shipment if the study is correct.

COPY OF REPORT: http://www.cargosecurity.com/ncsc/resources/smart_boxes_atk_may_2005.pdf

MORE: <http://www.ctl.ca/article.asp?id=43342&issue=05192005&lid=43342&lpos=dailyNews&btac=no>

SECURITY – PORT SECURITY NEEDS “CORRECTION”

"We're ready for a mid-course correction," says Margaret Wrightson, a security specialist at the Government Accountability Office.

After 9-11 the US reacted quickly to add security equipment and procedures to raise safety.

--- PROBLEMS WRIGHTSON SEES ---

= A federal plan to issue ID cards for transportation workers has been pushed back at least a year and are still in the test phase.

= Efforts to share information on threats and suspicious activities has been hampered because of the failure to complete security clearances for participants like local officials, emergency workers and private industry contacts.

= Confusion persists over the goals of port security projects.

MORE: <http://business-times.asia1.com.sg/sub/shippingtimes/story/0,4574,156095.00.html>

SECURITY – ORGANIZED PIRACY UP

Organized criminal activity on the world's seas is on the increase, which requires even greater international cooperation and information sharing according to the Commander of the United Kingdom Maritime Force.

Aside from the rising incidence of piracy which may in some select cases be linked with terrorism, but is more typically for private gain, there is a growing trend of organized illegal activities on the high seas, believes Rear Admiral Charles Style.

"This is mainly around the transport of arms, drugs in certain parts of the world, and illegal movements of people by sea - all of which are increasing and which are more likely to be a part of a large global organized crime network."

MORE: <http://business-times.asia1.com.sg/sub/shippingtimes/story/0,4574,156096.00.html?>

SECURITY – ARGENTINA IN CSI: US Customs and Border Protection says Argentina will be the first South American country to participate in the Container Security Initiative (CSI).

MORE: <http://www.americanshipper.com/frm2.asp?Target=NewsFrame.asp?news=21124>

**TRADE – IN-DEPTH – 3PLs GROWING
--- SMALL AND MID-SIZED FORWARDERS TARGETS ---**

--- SO WHAT? ---

A skilled 3PL (Third Party Logistics provider) acting in the lead logistics provider role can save its customers tremendous amounts of money where inventory ties up large amounts of cash.

For example, sourcing and manufacturing in China ties up an additional six weeks' worth of capital while goods are in transit.

It is vital that companies stay on top of where that inventory is at any point in time and be able to make decisions to keep the supply chain flowing.

Lead logistics 3PLs have state-of-the-art systems, web-based track-and-trace interfaces and management capability needed to manage these long, risky supply chains.

For small and mid-sized forwarders to compete, they have to work together and provide services that are equal to or better than their competitors.

--- WHAT 3PL's ARE DOING ---

The world's largest logistics service providers expand their offerings and continue to enlarge their businesses through acquisitions, geographic expansion, and organic growth, as well as good old-fashioned price increases.

Total revenue for outsourced logistics grew at a double-digit rate in 2004 to reach \$333-Billion... 30% of all money spent on logistics worldwide.

One-third of that went to the top 25 Third Party Logistics (3PL) companies.

--- CHINA FOR GROWTH ---

Because just about every manufacturer and retailer is increasing its business in China, the focus for all the major 3PLs has been stepped up in that region. While the entire Pacific Rim is enjoying substantial economic growth, the big 3PLs are correctly focusing their efforts on China itself.

Initially, many foreign 3PLs had expatriate managers running operations, but now the managers tend to be local. Thousands of Chinese educated in the West have returned.

--- GROWTH BY ACQUISITION ---

Exel, already the world's largest 3PL, completed at least five acquisitions in 2004.

Exel itself has been rumored to be a target for acquisition by UPS or DHL.

TNT's bought Wilson Logistics, a Swedish-based forwarder with service to 28 countries.

TNT needs a strong freight forwarding capability to fill out its global supply chain management offering and remain competitive with DHL, FedEx and UPS.

UPS bought Menlo Worldwide Forwarding (previously known as Emery Worldwide).

--- ORGANIC GROWTH ---

Many large 3PLs grew their sales.

+ Kuehne + Nagel's Asia-US traffic increased by about 40%. Overall ocean up 28% air cargo up 15%

+ Schenker's airfreight revenue climbed 15% and ocean freight 11%

+ P&O Nedlloyd's container shipping increased 22%

+ DHL grew its entire business 13%

+ UPS's Chinese and Pacific Rim business grew at a double-digit rate

+ Schneider Logistics is adding offices across the US for brokerage, more profitable than Schneider's current fee-based management model

MORE: http://www.supplychainbrain.com/archives/05.05.25_3pls.htm?adcode=90

TRADE – US CUSTOMS IMPEDES LOGISTICS: Border-clearance procedures, including customs and inspection, represent the greatest impediments to the international expansion of US-based logistics service providers, according to the International Trade Commission. The ITC's "Logistic Services: An Overview of the Global Market and Potential Effects of Removing Trade Impediments" is available on the ITC Web site at www.usitc.gov.

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20050518/sections/logis/w37947.asp>

TRADE – DHL GOES FOR PRICE OVER VOLUME: After severe service failures in its US subsidiary, DHL has shifted its strategy away from being the low-cost provider and will try to compete with FedEx and UPS on service according to John Mullen, chief executive officer of DHL Express in the Americas.

MORE: <http://www.americanshipper.com/frm2001.asp?Target=NewsFrame.asp?news=21206>

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20050518/sections/logis/w74697.asp>

TRADE – FIATA IN MOSCOW IN SEPTEMBER: The International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations (FIATA) will hold its annual world congress 11-15 September in Moscow.

INFO: <http://www.far-aerf.ru/ENGLISH>

MORE: <http://www.americanshipper.com/frm2001.asp?Target=NewsFrame.asp?news=21196>

TRADE – CORRUPTION COMPLAINTS IN NIGERIA

Importers and customs agents who have been forced to end the tradition of concealment and under-declaration of their imports at Nigerian ports or have their goods seized have cried out over the menace of government security operatives at the ports.

The Comptroller-General of the Customs began a program last year that seizes all under-declared or concealed goods.

Forwarders report that customs agents are still extorting money... for example, N200 (USD 1.49) per TEU and N400 (USD 2.98) per FEU for a clearance form for each container. Written instructions say the funds are to be "unreceipted."

MORE: <http://allafrica.com/stories/200505200346.html>

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AIR – AMERICA WEST AND US-AIR TO MERGE

America West Holdings and a group of investors will buy bankrupt US Airways in a bid to compete with low-cost rivals.

America west is profitable. US-Air has been in and out of financial trouble for some time.

The move is being called a merger.

Backers describe the new unit as the "first full-service nationwide airline with the consumer-friendly pricing structure of a low-fare carrier," which will operate under the US Airways brand.

The airlines claim the new carrier will be profitable even with oil prices at \$50 per barrel.

The transaction is expected to be financed with roughly \$1.5 billion of new capital.

The new merged airline will operate a fleet of 361 aircraft, down from a total of 419 mainline aircraft flown by the separate airlines.

MORE: <http://www.atwonline.com/news/story.html?storyID=1104>

MORE: <http://news.airwise.com/story/view/1116544296.html>

AIR – UNITED AND MECHANICS DEAL: United Airlines has reached a new tentative agreement outside of bankruptcy court with its mechanics, represented by the Aircraft Mechanics Fraternal Association. Terms of the five-year deal were not released, but it reportedly includes a 3.9% pay cut as well as reductions in sick time and holiday benefits and will save the carrier \$96 million a year.

MORE: <http://www.atwonline.com/news/story.html?storyID=1066>

MORE: <http://news.airwise.com/story/view/1116371694.html>

AIR – UNITED UNION COURT RULING DUE 31 MAY:

MORE: <http://news.airwise.com/story/view/1116631707.html>

AIR – UNITED ATTENDANTS UNION APPEALS: The union representing flight attendants at bankrupt United Airlines is appealing a judge's decision to allow the carrier to turn its underfunded pension plans over to US pension insurers. The AFA promised surprise intermittent strikes if the carrier were to terminate pensions. So far, the workers have not carried out that threat.

MORE: <http://news.airwise.com/story/view/1116456222.html>

AIR – ALITALIA TO STRIKE SATURDAY: Alitalia flight attendants and ground staff members of the SULT union have called a 24-hour strike for May 28.

AIR – DELTA TO AVOID BANKRUPTCY IN 2005?: Delta Air Lines senior management "will pull out all the stops" to prevent a Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing in the fourth quarter of 2005 or first quarter of 2006 says JP Morgan analyst Jamie Baker. Baker believes Delta will face a liquidity shortfall of \$625 million over the winter but that it should be able to raise the amount to keep going. J.P. Morgan believes probability "remains high" for a Chapter 11 filing in 2006.

MORE: <http://www.atwonline.com/news/story.html?storyID=1081>

AIR – SIA IN CHINESE CARGO DEAL: Singapore Airlines will form a new cargo airline venture with Beijing-backed China Great Wall Industry Corporation to serve the mainland's cargo points. It is also looking to service destinations in the US and Europe. Great Wall Airline is expected to begin flying in early 2006.

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20050518/sections/air/w85884.asp>

MORE: <http://business-times.asia1.com.sg/sub/shippingtimes/story/0.4574.156066.00.html?>

MORE: <http://www.channelnewsasia.com/stories/corporatenews/view/148215/1/.html>

AIR – BA CARGO UP: British Airways more than doubled profits in the 2004-05 fiscal year, its best result in six years, as it slashed costs, introduced fuel surcharges and boosted cargo revenues. Airfreight revenues were up 4.1%.

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20050513/sections/air/w4634.asp>

AIR – AF-KLM PROFITS UP: Air France-KLM Group reports net income of €351 million (\$442.9 million) for the fiscal year ended March 31, up 20.2% over net income in the prior financial year. Passenger revenue was up 7.1%. Freight revenue was up 10.4%.

MORE: <http://www.atwonline.com/news/story.html?storyID=1105>

AIR – EU & US MAY RESOLVE SUBSIDY FIGHT... MAYBE: There is still a chance for the EU and the US to resolve a dispute over subsidies enjoyed by aircraft makers Airbus and Boeing without a showdown at the WTO according to Europe's trade chief Peter Mandelson.

MORE: <http://news.airwise.com/story/view/1116419848.html>

AIR – AIRBUS PREDICTS OVER 100 A350 ORDERS IN JUNE: Airbus Chief Commercial Officer John Leahy is confident he will be able to announce "triple digit" orders for the A350 at the Paris Air Show next month. The A350 is Airbus' answer to Boeing's new 787.

MORE: <http://www.atwonline.com/news/story.html?storyID=1080>

AIR – BA NOT SURE IT WANTS A380: British Airways CEO Rod Eddington watered down Airbus Chief Commercial Officer John Leahy's suggestion that it is "not a matter of if but of when" BA will order the A380. Eddington wants to see the A380 in service before it makes an "informed decision."
MORE: <http://www.atwonline.com/news/story.html?storyID=1106>

AIR - BOEING TO OFFER LIVE TV: Boeing unit Connexion says it will provide live television channels to airline passengers using laptop computers on selected flights in a bid to expand its in-flight wireless Internet service. Connexion sets up wireless hotspots in the sky by using satellites to deliver the Internet to planes and extending these links to passenger laptops via Wi-Fi, or short-range wireless links that work on most laptops. It hopes to popularize this service, which currently works on certain flights for 11 airlines, by adding live TV news from programmers such as BBC World, CNBC, MSNBC, EuroNews and Eurosportnews at no extra charge.
MORE: <http://news.airwise.com/story/view/1116324344.html>

OCEAN – SO-CAL FREE STORAGE TO BE CUT -- PORT TERMINALS AND TRUCKERS SQUARE OFF --

A committee of the Harbor Commission has recommended a cut in the amount of time truckers have to pick up containers at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach.

The full Harbor Commission will vote next Tuesday, 31 May.

The goal is to ease container congestion in the terminals, with boxes stacked seven high in some cases. Increasing amounts of cargo coming into the port on larger ships have led to concerns from terminal operators (who lease land from the port) over the number of containers temporarily stored on the docks.

Terminals currently give the owners of the cargo five days to pick up a box without a penalty. They also allow truckers to bring loaded export containers seven days early.

The maritime services committee voted to reduce pick-up free time from five days to four and also amended the early drop-off time from seven to six.

Ports will calculate the beginning of free time from the day after a container is removed from a ship. At present, free-time calculation begins after the entire vessel has been unloaded. With today's 8,000-TEU vessels taking three to five days to discharge all of their cargo, those containers unloaded first receive as many as 10 days' free storage time.

Ocean terminals applauded the idea.

-- TRUCKERS DISAGREE --

Stephanie Williams, vice president of the California Trucking Association, says the ocean terminals' inability to provide a standard turn time... the time it takes a trucker to pick up a container... is what's clogging the ports, not container free time.

At issue is who pays the late penalties, which start at \$60 per day and go up steeply, depending on the terminal operator.

Last year late fees were passed on to the cargo owners, but cargo owners do not want that again.

MORE: <http://www.presstelegram.com/Stories/0,1413,204~21478~2872911,00.html>

MORE: <http://www.americanshipper.com/frm2001.asp?Target=NewsFrame.asp?news=21174>

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20050518/sections/ocean/w25592.asp>

OCEAN – NEW BRIT BOX HUB: PD Ports plans to build a \$500 million deep-sea container terminal in northeast England at Teesport that could handle the world's biggest container vessels and help ease growing congestion at the country's major southern box ports.

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/lede/20050517/sections/ocean/w49354.asp>

OCEAN – ASIAN CARRIER EYES JAX: US Secretary of Transportation Norman Mineta says a deal is in the works for a large container line to service Jacksonville with direct, all-water service from Asia for the first time.

MORE: <http://www.americanshipper.com/frm2001.asp?Target=NewsFrame.asp?news=21183>

(These are shared by readers – Please share yours. Thanks. Mike)

DUMB, DUMB, DUMB

While looking at a house, my brother asked the real estate agent which direction was north because, he explained, he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning.

She asked, "Does the sun rise in the North?"

When my brother explained that the sun rises in the east, (and has for some time), she shook her head and said, "Oh, I don't keep up with that stuff."

Can you believe this woman votes?!

I used to work in technical support for a 24x7 call center. One day I got a call from an individual who asked what hours the call center was open. I told him, "The number you dialed is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week."

He responded, "Is that Eastern or Pacific time?"

Wanting to end the call quickly, I said, "Uh, Pacific."

He also votes!

So my colleague and I were eating our lunch in our cafeteria, when we overheard one of the administrative assistants talking about the sunburn she got on her weekend drive to the shore. She drove down in a convertible, but "didn't think she'd get sunburned because the car was moving."

She also votes!

My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car. It's designed to cut through a seatbelt if she gets trapped. She keeps it in the trunk.

My sister also votes!

My friends and I were on a beer run and noticed that the cases were discounted 10%. Since it was a big party, we bought 2 cases. The cashier multiplied 2 times 10% and gave us a 20% discount.

He also votes!

I was hanging out with a friend when we saw a woman with a nose ring attached to an earring by a chain. My friend said, "Wouldn't the chain rip out every time she turned her head?"

I explained that a person's nose and ear remain the same distance apart no matter which way the head is turned.

My friend also votes!

My girlfriend and I were picking up some sandwiches from the sub place last week and she asked the clerk which of two sandwiches was better. The clerk didn't have an opinion but did say that the first sandwich was more expensive. My girlfriend got a quizzical look on her face and asked, "If that's the case, why are they both listed with the same price on the menu?"

To this, the clerk responded, "I don't think we add tax to the turkey."

The clerk also votes!

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area. So I went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that my bags never showed up. She smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and I was in good hands.

"Now," she asked me, "has your plane arrived yet?"

And I suppose she votes, too!

MAY HELP SOME OF YOU PLAN YOUR FUTURE: --- THE YEAR IS 2029 ---

Ozone created by electric cars now killing millions in the seventh largest country in the world, Mexifornia (formally known as California). White minorities still trying to have English recognized as Mexifornia's third language.

Spotted Owl plague threatens northwestern United States crops and livestock.

France pleads for global economic help after being overtaken by Jamaica.

Castro finally dies at age 112; Cuban cigars can now be imported legally, but President Chelsea Clinton has banned all smoking.

George Z. Bush says he will run for President in 2036.

Postal Service raises price of first class stamp to \$17.89 and reduces mail delivery to Wednesdays only.

85-year, \$75.8 billion study: Diet and Exercise is the key to weight loss.

Average weight of Americans drops to 250 lbs.

Supreme Court rules punishment of criminals violates their civil rights.

Average height of NBA players now nine feet, seven inches.

Congress authorizes direct deposit of formerly illegal political contributions to campaign accounts.

IRS sets lowest tax rate at 75 percent.

Floridians still don't know how to use a voting machine.

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