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- Cargo Building Fire at Istanbul Disrupts

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US & UK OFFICES CLOSED TODAY

Businesses in the UK are closed today for a bank holiday.
Businesses in the US are closed today in honor of Memorial Day, a day set aside each year to honor past and present members of the armed services who gave of themselves to keep us free.

Mike & John are checking emails through the weekend if you need us.

>> SMALL BUSINESS SECTION <<



SMALL BIZ – HIRING & KEEPING GREAT PEOPLE

-- From an article by Bob Nelson – Link at end –

Finding and hiring the best candidates for a job is never easy.

It's your job as leader to first understand exactly what qualities you're looking for in your new employees, and then to identify them in your job candidates. Here are some of the qualities that most employers look for when hiring new employees:

Hard Working	There's nothing that will throw a manager into a rage faster than having an employee who slacks off and who doesn't seem to know the meaning of the words "hard working." Employees who are willing to work hard often go above and beyond the call of duty in serving customers and company needs.
Good Attitude	By "good attitude," I mean people who are positive, friendly, and willing to help customers, clients and co-workers. As you question potential job candidates, try to get some idea of what they'll be like to work with for the next 5 or ten years. Skills are important, but skills can be taught. Attitude is more important.
Experienced	Experienced employees are worth their weight in gold. Not only are you more likely to get a better, higher quality work product in less time, but you'll also have someone that is ready to perform at maximum potential in a few days rather than the weeks or months it would take to train someone who is not experienced.
Go-Getter	This quality is the ability to take initiative to get the job done. Initiative is ranked as the top reason employees are able to get ahead where they work.
Team Player	Being able to be a team player and to collaborate with others is a critical work skill. Teamwork is necessary to the success of your company. The ability to work well with others is a definite must for employees in any business or industry.
Smart	People who are smart are able to solve problems quickly. In business, 'work smarts' trumps 'books smart's every time.
Responsible	Employees must take responsibility for their work; employees

Africa?	who constantly try to shift the blame for their problems to other people or other things are employees you cannot afford to employ.
JUST FOR FUN:	
Are You Normal? Lawyers & Cops	Stable Stability is an important quality in the employees you hire; the last thing you want is to hire someone today and then find out that he or she is already looking for the next position tomorrow.
NEXT WEEK	So much depends on your identifying and hiring the right people -- you can't have a great organization without great people. Far too many managers fail to make this task a priority, instead devoting as little time as they can get away with preparing for and conducting interviews.
Marketing: Stop Whining & Sell	The quality of the results of your hiring process is generally directly proportional to the amount of time that you are willing to put into it. Put more time into the process, and you'll probably find the people you seek.
Links to source stories at end of excerpts	Put less time into the process, and you'll be wondering why you can't find good people to fill your position. MORE: http://www.bizjournals.com/extraedge/consultants/return_on_people/2006/02/20/column349.html
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CONTACT US Allcovered.net PO Box 1439 304 MLK Jr Dr Fort Valley, GA 31030 USA Voice: +1.478.825.5566 Email: mike.miller@allcovered.net john.larrard@allcovered.net	TECH BIZ – KEEP DATA SAFE OFF-SITE: Backing up your data is critical... but if you keep your backup drive at the same place as your computers, and there is a fire, you lose both your computers and your backup. Keeping backups of files off-site keeps you in business. SOS Online offers a chance to backup as much as 100gb offsite. A review is here: MORE: http://ct.enews.pcmag.com/rd/cts?d=184-2848-4-54-205416-349184-0-0-1
	SMALL BIZ – HEALTH – AHPS FACE BACKLASH A plan to allow US small businesses to create larger health care buying pools has sparked strong opposition from eye doctors, the AARP and Democrats. States now regulate health plans. New Association Health Plans would be regulated by the Federal government. Critics complain small-business association health plans could result in a market dominated by bare-bones plans without vision, preventative care, and mental health coverage. Health insurance premiums have risen an average of 10% a year for the last five years. Many small businesses say they have trouble finding good health insurance at any price. "The options for small businesses are really limited," says Lisa Von Bargaen, who runs her own international business consulting firm. "It took me a long time to find insurance and I was without coverage for the first eight months of my business." Von Bargaen says most existing small-business-oriented plans won't offer coverage unless there is an existing provider and don't cover pre-existing conditions. Those that offer more comprehensive coverage are extremely expensive. "Many businesspeople, entrepreneurs I know only have catastrophic insurance. Basically, everything is out of pocket," she says. --- HOW AHP'S WORK --- By pooling together, backers say small businesses would have the same buying power as large companies to negotiate lower health care premiums. Association Health Plans could be set up and administered by business and industry trade groups and associations. The benefits and levels of coverage would be set by the group. MORE: http://www.bizjournals.com/phoenix/stories/2006/05/22/story2.html?f=et162&hbx=e_vert SMALL BIZ – HEALTH – AHP BACKERS TO KEEP FIGHTING Small business groups vow to keep fighting for legislation that would allow national trade associations to sell health insurance policies that are exempt from state coverage mandates. A proposed law approving AHPs fell five votes short of the 60 it needed to clear a procedural hurdle in the Senate on May 11. A majority backed the bill, but 60 votes are needed in the US Senate to override Democratic opposition. Supporters say allowing small businesses to pool purchasing power through national trade associations would bring better deals on insurance. Opponents say the bill guts state laws. Democrats want the federal government to do run any such plans, creating a national health insurance pool for small businesses modeled after the insurance plan that covers federal employees and members of Congress. The plan would be run by the same agency that runs the federal plan. Many small businesses would not be comfortable having a federal agency manage their health insurance, according to the National Federation of Independent Businesses. MORE: http://www.bizjournals.com/kansascity/stories/2006/05/22/focus6.html?f=et150&hbx=e_vert

>>>> TRUCKING SECTION <<<<

TRUCKING – DIESEL DIPS... FOR NOW

The US national average price of a gallon of diesel fuel dropped 3.2-cents for the week ended 22 May, to \$2.888 a gallon. That is 73-cents more than the same week last year.

Analysts warn oil prices probably won't slip for long because of concerns about Iran's dispute with the West over its nuclear plans and continued unrest in Nigeria.

MORE: <http://www.thetrucker.com/News/Stories/2006/5/22/Dieseldipsbutanalystssaydon%E2%80%99tgetusedtoit.aspx>

MORE: <http://www.etrucker.com/apps/news/article.asp?id=53441>

TRUCKING – 1 JUNE FUEL LABELING DEADLINE

June 1 is the deadline for trucking companies that use in-house central refueling operations to comply with federal fuel labeling requirements in connection with the transition to ultra-low-sulfur diesel, according to the American Trucking Associations.

Although most ULSD requirements begin in October, the labeling requirements mandated by the US Environmental Protection Agency begin June 1. After that date, companies must ensure that their diesel pumps are labeled as either 15 ppm sulfur or 500 ppm sulfur.

Failure to comply could subject a facility to a maximum fine of \$32,500 per day of violation.

MORE: <http://www.etrucker.com/apps/news/article.asp?id=53458>

TRUCKING – FMCSA TO CHANGE “SAFESTAT” PROGRAM

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration is proposing improvements to the algorithm used in its Motor Carrier Safety Status Measurement System, known more commonly as SafeStat. The agency uses the system to analyze current and historical safety performance and compliance information to rank the fitness of commercial motor carriers.

--- FOUR CHANGES PROPOSED ---

NEW TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS INDICATOR: The TVI would replace the moving violations indicator (MVI) in the driver safety evaluation area (SEA) value calculation;

SHORTER DATA EXPOSURE PERIOD: Shortening of the data exposure time period from 30 months to 24 months, aligning the SafeStat time frame with other FMCSA systems and reports that use two years of safety event data;

SIMPLIFICATION OF ACCIDENT VALUE CALCULATION: Simplification of the accident SEA value calculation to be equal to the accident involvement indicator. The change establishes one standard of measuring crash rate;

MORE OUT-OF-SERVICE DATA: Application of more vehicle out-of-service violation data for the vehicle inspection indicator (VII). FMCSA plans to include vehicle OOS violations that an enforcement officer may discover while conducting a Level 3, or driver-only, inspection.

MORE: <http://www.etrucker.com/apps/news/article.asp?id=53405>

TRUCKING – FEDEX BUYS WATKINS: As we reported last week, and it is now official, FedEx has purchased Watkins Motor Lines. Sale price was \$780-million. Watkins will become part of FedEx Freight and be re-branded as FedEx National LTL.

>>>> SECURITY SECTION <<<<

SECURITY – DHS CAUTIOUS ON AUTOMATED BOX SCANNING

US Department of Homeland Security officials say they embrace an automated cargo inspection system being used in Hong Kong, but caution the concept requires extensive testing before the government considers using the system to scan every container.

Attempts have been made to add amendments to cargo and port security legislation that would require 100% inspections of all US-bound maritime containers at foreign ports.

The system in use in Hong Kong has the ability to take radiographic images of containers, radiation readings, video, and optical scans of equipment identification numbers as trucks enter the terminal gate at normal speeds of 10 to 15 miles per hour, offering the potential advantage of conducting inspections without slowing down cargo operations.

Although the technology appears able to conduct non-intrusive scans, there are no

procedures or resources in place for Customs officers to efficiently analyze the huge volumes of data generated and respond to anomalies that indicate a possible threat, according to DHS.

--- SO WHAT? ---

As the US government tests its "Secure Freight Initiative" this fall, expect ICIS and other technologies such as addressable black boxes in all containers that can be checked 24/7 from remote locations to be part of the process. These and other security measures may become mandatory in late 2007 or 2008. Such mandates would add \$50 to \$100 to transit costs.

Technology is changing and improving almost daily so the capabilities of the technology and extent of mandates are yet to be determined.

--- IN DEPTH LOOK AT ICIS AND OTHER IDEAS ---

MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story_main.asp?news=33443

SECURITY – RECOVERED AIRPORT LOOT STOLEN FROM SA POLICE: The money stolen from Johannesburg International Airport during a heist earlier this year may have been stolen from police storerooms. The Serious and Violent Crimes Unit office was robbed on Wednesday night. Sources have told South Africa's 702 Eyewitness News that robbers gained access to a safe in the building. It is believed \$12-million was stolen.

MORE: <http://iafrica.com/news/sa/428278.htm>

BACKGROUND: <http://www.allcovered.net/Newsletter/2006/2006-04-24-NEWS.pdf>

SECURITY – US TWIC OFFICIAL RULES PUBLISHED: The Transportation Security Administration and Coast Guard formally issued proposed rules for the Transportation Workers Identification Credential in last Monday's Federal Register. The agencies will accept public comments on the proposal until July 6. Expect the final rule by year's end.

MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20060523/sections/ocean/w93389.asp>

SECURITY – TWIC PLAN DETAILS IN 15 MAY ALLCOVERED NEWS:

MORE: <http://www.allcovered.net/Newsletter/2006/2006-05-15-NEWS.pdf>

SECURITY – AIR CARGO RULES TIGHTEN: As we reported last week, the US is implementing a series of measures to tighten air cargo security. Steps include forcing background checks on the employees of freight forwarders and the cargo handlers at airports, consolidating the Known Shipper database, and the hiring of 300 air cargo inspectors to be placed at the 102 airports handling 95% of US air cargo.

MORE: http://www.govtech.net/magazine/channel_story.php/99582

AIR CARGO SECURITY PLANS IN 22 MAY ALLCOVERED NEWS:

MORE: <http://www.allcovered.net/Newsletter/2006/2006-05-22-NEWS.pdf>

SECURITY – AIR CARGO RULES – THE OFFICIAL 167 PAGE DOCUMENT:

MORE: http://www.tsa.gov/interweb/assetlibrary/TSA060515_001RuleAirCargoSecurityRequirementsFinal.pdf

SECURITY – BOX SEALS MANDATE 'SITTING': The US Department of Homeland Security is sitting on regulations to require seals on sea containers entering the United States because it doesn't want to get in front of new legislation spelling out how Congress expects the security measure to be implemented, according to the top lawyer for the Customs and Border Protection. A federal advisory panel recommended in September 2004 that high-security seals that meet international standards be placed on all US-bound containers and that ocean carriers verify the presence and integrity of the seal prior to loading on a vessel. DHS is waiting because the Senate's GreenLane Maritime Security Act and the House's SAFE Port Act contain provisions with standards for container seals, says Sandra Bell, acting assistant commissioner for regulations and rulings.

MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story_main.asp?news=33046

SECURITY – WCO WANTS INTERNATIONAL SAFE SHIPPER PLAN: International agreement on the requirements of a "safe shipper" program are a priority for the World Customs Organization. Look for country-by-country agreements on security standards first.

MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story_main.asp?news=33136

SECURITY – CHINA ADDS PORT SECURITY SURCHARGE: See "Air & Ocean" section.

>>> AIR & OCEAN SECTION <<<

AIR – CARGO TERMINAL FIRE AT ISTANBUL: Istanbul Ataturk International Airport was closed temporarily Wednesday after a large fire broke out in a cargo facility around 3:15 p.m. local time. All aircraft were moved away from the area successfully, according to Airport Director Irfan Balta, who said the fire caused "great financial damage." Parts of the cargo building collapsed. Authorities gave no definitive explanation for what caused the blaze but said there was no indication of terrorism. The damage is expected to disrupt cargo throughput severely at IST. Three people suffered from smoke inhalation no other injuries reported.
MORE: <http://www.atwonline.com/news/other.html?issueDate=5%2F25%2F2006>
MORE: <http://news.airwise.com/story/view/1148477186.html>
MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20060524/sections/air/w5982.asp>

AIR – FIRE THROWS ISTANBUL CARGO INTO TURMOIL

Istanbul Ataturk Airport's cargo facilities were mostly destroyed by Wednesday's fire and it remains unclear when and how regular airfreight operations can resume at the airport.

The area destroyed included warehouse space for storing and sorting international air cargo and was used by nearly all major carriers operating cargo services at IST.

Estimates of damage are as high as \$50 million, including \$10 million in lost cargo.

IST is Europe's 13th busiest cargo airport, according to Airports Council International. It has made an effort to grow international cargo operations in recent years, touting bi-continental Istanbul's strategic location as a gateway to both Asia and Europe.

For now, cargo aircraft are being diverted to Sabiha Gokcen Airport, Istanbul's second international airport located on the Asian side of the city, and to Corlu about 50 miles west of Istanbul in Thrace. But Sabiha's cargo facilities are far less developed than were Ataturk's and Turkish Airlines has noted its "limited cargo capacity."

Most major international air cargo operators will have to reassess flights to Ataturk.

MORE: <http://www.atwonline.com/news/other.html?issueDate=5%2F26%2F2006>

AIR – SECURITY UP AT ISTANBUL: Police have raised security levels at Istanbul's Ataturk International Airport as authorities and companies began to assess the huge damage caused by a raging fire and tried to determine what caused it. Authorities are not sure what caused a fire, but a hard-line Kurdish terrorist group, the Kurdistan Freedom Falcons (TAK), claimed responsibility for the fire, which burned much of the cargo section to the ground. Istanbul Mayor Kadir Topbas said such claims were unlikely to be true.

MORE: <http://www.turkishdailynews.com.tr/article.php?enewsid=44420>

AIR – RECOVERED AIRPORT LOOT STOLEN FROM SA POLICE: See "Security" section.

AIR – BA-CARGO CUTS FREIGHTER: British Airways World Cargo has decided to operate three freighters instead of four. Beginning July 1 Atlanta via London and Frankfurt will be now be serviced twice a week and the Hong Kong/London/Frankfurt program cut from eight to six.
MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=33379

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OCEAN – LINER SERVICES CONSTANTLY LATE: Only 57% of all liner vessels arrived on schedule between December and April, according to an ongoing survey conducted by Drewry Shipping, a maritime consulting firm based in London. Drewry's survey, which tracks 3,300 vessel arrivals on 23 different east/west and north/south trade routes, found the current percentage of liner vessel calls arriving on time during the period was 57%, with 22% of all vessels arriving the day after the scheduled day, 7% making it two days late and 12% of vessels calling at the port of arrival three or more days late. Maersk Line and sister company Safmarine, together with Evergreen-subsiary Hatsu Marine, scored the best for reliability. The lowest on-time percentages were from MSC and China Shipping.

MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story_main.asp?news=33311

OCEAN – CHINA ADDS PORT SECURITY SURCHARGE: China will impose a port facilities security charge on international import and export cargo at all of its mainland ports effective June 1. According to Inchcape Shipping Services, an RMB 20 (\$2.49) will be charged for every laden TEU and RMB 30 (\$3.74) for every laden FEU.

MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=33132

OCEAN – PANEL BACKS PANAMA CANAL EXPANSION: The Panama Canal International Advisory Board has endorsed the waterway management's plans to add another set of locks and a third lane to handle surging vessel traffic. The Panamanian government will next put the expansion plans before a nationwide vote. The Panama Canal is not large enough to handle many of today's ships and is at capacity.

MORE: <http://www.ioc.com/20060522/sections/ocean/w95227.asp>

OCEAN – WSC BACKS PANAMA CANAL EXPANSION: Ocean carriers are backing the plan to expand the Panama Canal. The current width and depth of the waterway restricts its use to "panamax" container ships with capacity of about 5,000 TEUs. The new locks would open the canal to "post-panamax," 10,000-TEU vessels. "Post-panamax" vessels now account for 10% of the global container fleet. New ship orders indicate that 50% of the global fleet will be comprised of post-panamax ships by 2011.

MORE: <http://www.ioc.com/20060524/sections/ocean/w22939.asp>

OCEAN – ASIAN SHIPPERS OPPOSE 'BLOCK EXEMPTION': The Singapore National Shippers Council and the Asian Shippers' Council have written a joint letter to the Competition Commission of Singapore (CCS) outlining their opposition to the proposed block exemption order for liner shipping agreements. "The antitrust immunity shipping lines have enjoyed for well over 100 years is already obsolete in view of impending changes at the European Commission, which is putting the mechanism in place to outlaw block exemptions on trades from Europe," say the groups in a joint statement.

MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story_main.asp?news=33220

OCEAN – GRAND ALLIANCE SHIFTS RTD TO AMS: Grand Alliance member lines Hapag-Lloyd, CP Ships, NYK and OOCL have switched calls on two transatlantic services to Amsterdam's Ceres Paragon terminal to avoid delays caused by recent system failures at Rotterdam's ECT Delta terminal.

MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=33382

OCEAN – INTERMARINE ADDS HEAVY-LIFT VESSELS: New Orleans-based breakbulk and heavy-lift specialist Intermarine has chartered two 7,800-deadweight-ton heavy-lift cargo ships featuring dual 250-metric-ton cranes combinable for 500-ton lifts and more than 10,000 cubic meters of cargo capacity.

MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=33381

OCEAN – MSC ADDS FELIXSTOWE: Mediterranean Shipping Company is adding calls to Felixstowe on its weekly North Atlantic service with a port rotation of Baltimore, Norfolk, New York, Boston, Bremerhaven, Felixstowe, Antwerp, Le Havre and back to Baltimore.

MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=33142

OCEAN – MOL TO BUILD TERMINAL AT JACKSONVILLE: Mitsui OSK Lines will build a 158 acre cargo terminal at the Port of Jacksonville.

MORE: <http://jacksonville.bizjournals.com/jacksonville/stories/2006/05/22/daily7.html>

OCEAN – UNION LOCAL WANTS TO RE-OPEN ILA CONTRACT: The leader of a dissident faction within the International Longshoremen's Association says he is pushing to renegotiate some provisions in the union's contract with waterfront management. Ken Riley, president of ILA Local 1422 in Charleston, South Carolina says it is necessary to revise some of the contract's provisions in order to attract new longshoremen to the workforce. New workers are paid \$16 an hour under the terms of the contract. Senior longshoremen currently earn \$28 per hour for handling containers.

MORE: <http://www.ioc.com/20060524/sections/ocean/w13928.asp>

OCEAN – ILA SAYS NO RE-OPENING OF CONTRACT:

MORE: <http://www.ioc.com/20060525/sections/ocean/w56740.asp>

OCEAN – PIERPASS DIVERTS 2-MILLION TRUCK MOVES: Two million truck moves at the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach have been diverted to nights and weekends since the off-peak program, PierPass, began almost a year ago. Off-peak movements now account for more than 35% of traffic. The extended-gates program is designed to reduce daytime truck congestion in the harbor and on So-Cal roads. Shippers that send trucks to the harbor during peak daytime hours pay a fee of \$50 per 20-foot container and \$100 per 40-foot container. Truck moves that occur during the PierPass gate hours of 1800 and 0300 do not pay a fee.

MORE: <http://www.ioc.com/lede/20060525/sections/logis/w54736.asp>

OCEAN – SAVANNAH BOXES UP 15%: Container volume at the Port of Savannah totaled was up 12.7% in April, pushing year-to-date volume up 15.4% to 1.7 million TEU's.

MORE: <http://www.ioc.com/20060523/sections/ocean/w51737.asp>

OCEAN – NEW ORLEANS PORT STILL HURTING: Some tenants at the Port of New Orleans are still feeling the effects of Hurricane Katrina nine months after the storm devastated marine facilities along the northern Gulf Coast. Flooding destroyed Maersk's APM Terminals. APM is barging in some containers but has shifted the bulk of its 40,000-TEU-per-year cargo business to Houston and Port Everglades. APM does not plan to rebuild at New Orleans. New Orleans Cold Storage, is "gritting it out" at Jourdan Road on the Industrial Canal, says president Mark Blanchard. The company built its 160,000-square-foot cold storage and blast freezer facility at Jourdan Road assuming that the government would continue to dredge the Mississippi River-Gulf Outlet. The draft is only 21-feet and silting steadily. Much of the poultry NOCS handles must be trucked from Jourdan Road around to the Milan Street wharf to be loaded onto vessels too big to get to the Jourdan Road berths.

MORE: <http://www.ioc.com/20060523/sections/ocean/w210.asp>

TRADE - SECONDARY STRIKE TO HIT SOUTH AFRICAN TRANSPORT: Most Transnet subsidiaries are expected to be hit hard by an intended secondary strike this week by members of the SA Transport and Allied Workers' Union (Satawu). Spokesperson Jackson Simon says the union had begun mobilizing its 110,000 members for the action in support of a security guard strike by Satawu members.

MORE: <http://business.iafrica.com/news/414166.htm>

TRADE – THAILAND TO PUSH LOGISTICS TRAINING: Thailand plans to train 1.74 million workers for the logistics industry by 2010 according to the Thai Federation on Logistics. Out of the proposed 1.74 million workforce, 225,000 (100,000 new and 125,000 existing) will be supplied to industry, and 1.515 million (285,000 new and 1.23 million old) to logistics service providers. Most of the human resources to undergo training for logistics skills are drivers.

MORE: http://www.nationmultimedia.com/2006/05/22/business/business_30004552.php

> > > > > JUST FOR FUN <<<<<<

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

ARE YOU NORMAL?

It doesn't hurt to take a hard look at yourself from time to time.
During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the director what the criterion was which defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized.
"Well," said the director, "We fill up a bathtub. We then offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub."
"Oh, I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."
"No" said the director, "A normal person would pull the plug ... Do you want a room with or without a view?"

LAWYERS AND COPS

Q: "Officer -- did you see my client fleeing the scene?"
A: "No sir. But I subsequently observed a person matching the description of the offender, running several blocks away."
Q: "Officer -- who provided this description?"
A: "The officer who responded to the scene."
Q: "A fellow officer provided the description of this so-called offender. Do you trust your fellow officers?"
A: "Yes, sir. With my life."
Q: "With your life? Let me ask you this then officer. Do you have a room where you change your clothes in preparation for your daily duties?"
A: "Yes sir, we do!"
Q: "And do you have a locker in the room?"
A: "Yes sir, I do."
Q: "And do you have a lock on your locker?"
A: "Yes sir."
Q: "Now why is it, officer, if you trust your fellow officers with your life, you find it necessary to lock your locker in a room you share with these same officers?"
A: "You see, sir -- we share the building with the court complex, and sometimes lawyers have been known to walk through that room."

The courtroom erupted in laughter, and a prompt recess was called. The officer on the stand has been nominated for this year's "Best Comeback" line -- and we think he'll win.

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