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>> SMALL BUSINESS SECTION <<

SMALL BIZ – ATHLETES MAKE GOOD SALESMEN

--- From an article by Jeffrey Gitomer – Link at end ---

Everyone wants to hire the best person for the job. So here's a concept: Hire an athlete.

I went around my office and asked people if they ever played sports on a team. Many said yes. Some had played competitive team sports in college, and most spoke about it enthusiastically and with fond memories.

What I found most interesting was that those who had played sports were among my best employees -- and not just based on their job experience. Equally important was their athletic experience, team experience, competitive experience, coaching experience and winning experience.

If you're an employer, you may want to read deeper into the athletic experience of a job candidate. It will give you greater insight into the life skills of applicants.

If you were a competitive athlete, you have qualities and a wealth of experience that most people don't. You have a self-discipline and a dedication to get in shape and stay in shape. Your desire to win is high, and you're willing to give it everything you've got.

Athletes love to compete. They know there are skills that must be learned and mastered in order to win. And athletes have the drive, determination and self-discipline to learn them and master them.

GREAT AND SUBTLE QUALITIES OF ATHLETES

1. They have made friends with many of their teammates, but even among the ones they have not made friends with, athletes still know how to get along, cooperate and play with as a team.
2. They have made victory a habit; know what winning feels like; know how to repeat it.
3. They have stamina, based on practice and desire.
4. They have superior hand-eye coordination and are more observant of their surroundings.
5. They have the ability, interest and desire to learn "the game," not just the job.
6. They play by the rules and know there's a price for not playing by the rules.
- 6.5. They visit their old coach. There's a pride in going back and telling your coach who and what you have become, often from the foundation the coach helped create.

Athletes bring this set of skills they have learned over their early years to the job. They bring those skills as part of their foundation. It's part of their physical and mental make-up. They bring winning -- and a winning attitude -- to the workplace.

MORE: http://www.bizjournals.com/extraedqe/consultants/sales_moves/2006/09/19/column517.html?hbx=e_scl

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Half of High Performing Employees Are Looking For Another Job

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SMALL BIZ – HOPE FOR HEALTH COST RELIEF

Small businesses are hoping for slower health insurance premium increases in 2007. In 2006, many small businesses saw increases in the 15 percent range, but next year can expect quotes in the 10% to 12% range before negotiating plan changes.

"It's the only (cost) aspect of my business that increases yearly," says Gary Zimmerman of Creative Business Interiors. "We need health insurance costs to curtail. Our options for providing it are getting smaller and smaller."

HOW BUSINESSES CONTROL HEALTH COSTS

Source: Deloitte Consulting

	2003	2006
Contract lower-cost health plans	9%	11%
Raise Employee contributions	20%	10%
Change Plan Design	5%	39%
Reduce Health Plan Choices	1%	1%

On a national scale, several organizations representing small businesses -- including the National Federation of Independent Business (NFIB) -- are pushing for legislation to allow small firms to purchase health insurance through association health plans.

Under association plans, small businesses could band together across state lines through their membership in a bona fide trade association, such as the NFIB, to purchase health coverage for their families and employees at competitive rates.

A program similar to Association Health Plans that is exclusively for federal government employees forecasts an increase of less than 2% for its premiums in 2007.

MORE: <http://milwaukee.bizjournals.com/milwaukee/stories/2006/09/11/focus5.html?t=printable>

TECH BIZ – NEW INTERNET COMPUTER SECURITY SUITE: CA Internet Security Suite 2007 may be just what you need if you want a bare bones security software suite. The antivirus, spyware scan, and malware removal are OK. Its firewall protection? Not great.

REVIEW: <http://ct.eneews.pcmag.com/rd/cts?d=184-3313-1-53-255970-415085-0-0-0-1>

SECURITY SUITE REVIEWS: <http://ct.eneews.pcmag.com/rd/cts?d=184-3313-1-53-255970-415088-0-0-0-1>

TECH BIZ – BIG INTERNET EXPLORER BUG PUTS YOU IN DANGER: So you've got a fully patched Internet Explorer browser, and you think you're all set, right? WRONG. A new browser exploit, which is showing up with frightening regularity on websites across the seamier side of the 'net, can take over your system without you even knowing about it.

MORE: <http://ct.eletters.whatsnewnow.com/rd/cts?d=181-738-1-388-261855-40992-0-0-0-1>

TECH BIZ – TOP PHISH ATTACK: SuperPhish is a phishing attack that appears to come from AOL. This one is dangerous because it is reasonably well written, and looks to be accurate. Then it tries to steal your data. Here's what it looks like and how to spot it.

MORE: <http://ct.eletters.whatsnewnow.com/rd/cts?d=181-738-1-388-261855-40995-0-0-0-1>

TECH BIZ – A TURBINE ENGINE FOR YOUR LAPTOP?: Batteries will power your laptop for three hours or so. Research continues on fuel cells. Now an MIT researcher says he has a gas powered micro engine that can fuel your laptop that will be ready in a few years.

MORE: <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/technology/5386004.stm>

SMALL BIZ – TRAVEL TIPS: It's essential to keep your information and hardware safe while traveling on business. You don't want to be looking over your shoulder or have to worry about someone accessing your system through a wireless connection. Here are several tools you can use and steps you can take to protect yourself on your next business trip.

MORE: <http://ct.eneews.pcmag.com/rd/cts?d=184-3304-16-61-140208-413786-0-0-0-1>

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TRUCKING – ALLOWING MEXICAN TRUCKS ON US ROADS

A proposed one-year pilot program that would allow Mexican truckers to travel beyond the 20-mile commercial zone to which they now are restricted will not necessarily come this year.

"We are continuing our conversations with Mexican officials to allow cross-border trucking operations, and at this point there is no hard deadline as to if and when that will occur," says Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration spokesman Ian Grossman. "But if it does, it's clear from our discussions that the end of the year is the earliest that both sides will be prepared to begin a pilot program."

Current US law restricts trucks and drivers from Mexico and Canada to carrying international shipments between their home countries and individual points in the United States. Those same laws prohibit foreign trucks and drivers from moving loads from point to point within US borders. However, trucks operating from Mexico can enter the country and operate within a 20-mile limited commercial zone around the border.

--- HOW IT WORKS NOW ---

Martin Rojas with the American Trucking Associations uses this example for international cargo moving from Chicago to Guadalajara. Currently, the trailer is loaded in Chicago and dropped off in Laredo, Texas, where a drayage carrier working with Mexican customs brokers picks up the trailer and drops it across the border. Then a Mexican carrier picks it up and takes it to Guadalajara.

"In other words, it takes three tractors to move one trailer," says Rojas. Freeing up the restrictions would mean one tractor could haul the trailer the whole way. We have many carriers who look at this favorably because it will increase the efficiency of their operations."

MORE: <http://www.etrucker.com/apps/news/article.asp?id=55523>

TRUCKING – MEXICAN TRUCKER FEARS

If you read Internet postings about the possibility of Mexican truck drivers being allowed on US highways, you would think it meant death and destruction were guaranteed. The speculation is rampant: Mexican truck drivers, high on cocaine and working days without sleep, will haul cargo on US highways – and especially Interstate-35 between Mexico and Canada... dubbed the North American free-trade superhighway.

Under the North American Free Trade Agreement Canadian, Mexican and US drivers were supposed to be free to deliver freight in all three countries. That has never happened. Mexican truckers are now restricted to roads near the US border.

The rumors say some US soil will be declared sovereign Mexican territory to handle freight, and thousands of additional American jobs will head south of the border. A mega-highway in Texas - six lanes for cars and four lanes for trucks, plus space for railroads and pipelines - will help funnel the massive shipments of goods up and down the North American corridor, from Mexican ports through the central United States to Canada.

"This is not a Mexican issue, a US issue, or a Canadian issue. What we are talking about is keeping North America competitive against the European Union, South Asia, China, whatever. It is not about sending jobs to Mexico. The Mexicans are losing jobs to Asia," says Tom Kane, of the Des Moines, Iowa Area Metropolitan Planning Organization.

MORE: <http://desmoinesregister.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060924/BUSINESS04/609240333/1033>

TRUCKING – RADIATION MONITORS ON HIGHWAYS: See "Security" section.

TRUCKING – DIESEL DROPS 12-CENTS: The US national average price of diesel fuel fell almost 12-cents a gallon during the week ended 25 September to \$2.595.

MORE: <http://www.etrucker.com/apps/news/article.asp?id=55596>

MORE: <http://www.thetrucker.com/News/Stories/2006/9/25/Deiseldropcontinues.aspx>

CLAIMS – HOLD CARRIER LIABLE

In the event of a cargo claim, you must follow all steps as directed by your insurer. One of those steps is to notify all carriers involved in the transit that there is a claim, and they may be held liable. To help you we have a sample "Hold Carrier Liable" letter available at:

http://www.allcovered.net/AC-OM-MAIN-Useful_Forms.html

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SECURITY – US LAWMAKERS PASS SECURITY BILL

The US Congress approved a major ports security bill early Saturday, providing new steps to prevent terrorists from slipping a nuclear, chemical or biological device into one of the 11 million shipping containers entering the nation every year.

Passage of the bill was the last act of the House as lawmakers left for a five-week election campaign during which candidates will be trying to prove to voters their commitment to keeping America safe in the war on terrorism. The Senate passed it by a voice vote, sending it to the president for his signature.

The bill approves \$400 million a year over five years for risk-based grants for training and exercises at ports. It requires the nation's 22 largest ports, which handle 98% of all cargo entering the country, to install radiation detectors by the end of next year.

Background checks and credentials will be required for workers at the nation's 361 ports, and the Homeland Security Department would set up protocols for resuming operations after an attack or incident. It is feared that a terrorist attack, such as a nuclear device set off by remote control, could cripple the entire economy as well as cause massive casualties.

Preferential cargo processing is offered importers who meet certain security requirements. MORE: <http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/politics/20060929-2310-portssecurity.html>

SECURITY – RADIATION MONITORS ON HIGHWAYS: Several states will receive radiation portal monitors for use at interstate weigh stations as part of the Department of Homeland Security's new strategy to protect urban areas from terrorist attack with extra layers of defense. The machines are similar to ones currently used at ports of entry to detect nuclear weapons and material in containers and trailers as trucks pull through the exit gates. DHS said transportation and emergency management agencies in Kentucky, Georgia, Tennessee, South Carolina and Virginia will share grants to fund the deployment of fixed, mobile and hand-held radiation detection equipment at state-run truck scales.

MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=39899

SECURITY – NEW TECH KEEPS COMING

Just about the time the world's governments agree on a security technology, something new and better comes along... That's Good... but it's also Bad.

Technologies are being rapidly developed around the world to protect sea-borne cargo and international ports from terrorist threats. So many different technologies, in fact, that both cargo and ports continue to be vulnerable to attacks because no one can agree what to use.

While the United States and other countries, as well as the International Organization for Standardization, are working on standardizing the electronic seals put on cargo containers and screening procedures at ports, no model has been agreed on yet, according to Edward Langhoff, head of port and cargo security for Unisys. Just when a technology seems right for everyone to agree on, something much better comes along.

"There is no really well-coordinated response protocol," which creates weaknesses that can be exploited by terrorists, says Langhoff.

Exacerbating the problem of choosing one process and technology for securing ports that handle cargo from all over the world is the continuing evolution of technology.

For example, a variety of seals -- from manual locks to electronic ones with radio frequency chips -- are being developed to secure shipping containers. However, all these locks come with different types of electronic scanners that read the identification information on the chips. Ports are unwilling to handle 16 different types of scanners.

"IOS has been trying to standardize" the electronic signals, says Jung Ung Min, a professor with the Asia Pacific School of Logistics at Inha University, in Korea. At the same time though, the standards have to be flexible enough to allow for the continued development of security technology, he said.

And while there's a wide variety of sealing options available, technologies have yet to be developed that can protect cargo from the time it's loaded into a container until its unloaded at its destination.

"The most vulnerable point is the trucking aspect," says Langhoff. "One person has custody of that container, one person to be co-opted or replaced."

MORE: http://www.projo.com/business/content/projo_20060927_port27.2c779c1.html

SECURITY – CUSTOMS BROKERS AND C-TPAT: US Customs and Border Protection will not insist that customs brokers police foreign suppliers to make sure they establish good supply chain security practices as it does for importers who want to participate in the Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism, according to a top CBP supervisor. The border management agency plans to complete the first draft of security criteria for brokers by the end of the month, says Todd Owen, executive director of cargo and conveyance security, at the National Customs Brokers and Forwarders Association of America's fall conference in Washington. The document will reflect the understanding that brokers have limited influence on other parties in the supply chain.
MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=39833

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OCEAN – EU WANTS END OF LINER CONFERENCES: The European Union's Competition Directorate last week agreed to repeal the centuries-old antitrust exemption for liner shipping companies, thus ending their ability to collectively fix prices. "I am delighted the council has adopted this proposal less than a year after we presented it," said Charlie McCreevy, the EC's Commissioner in charge of the proposal. "The European shipping industry will benefit from the more competitive market that will result from the repeal of the block exemption, and the EU economy as a whole stands to benefit from lower transport prices and more competitive exports." "This is another landmark day for shippers. We should recognize this day as one that symbolizes the beginning of a new era of shipper-carrier cooperation; where bridges between the two parties can be rebuilt on firmer footings," said Nicolette van der Jagt, secretary general of the European Shippers Council. Existing liner conferences will be able to continue operating on routes to and from Europe until October, 2008. After that, conference activities, in particular price-fixing and capacity regulation, will no longer be permitted.
MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20060925/sections/ocean/w82532.asp>
MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=39681

OCEAN – LINERS & SHIPPERS REACT TO EU RULING: The European Shippers Council and the European Liner Affairs Association, which have been fiercely at odds over what kind of a system should replace liner shipping conferences, held their first exploratory meeting in Antwerp on Wednesday. The meeting came two days after European Union ministers meeting in the Competitiveness Council agreed unanimously to repeal liners' anti-trust exemption to collectively fix prices and regulate capacity. Carriers have until October, 2008 to adjust to competition on trade lanes to and from Europe.
MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20060927/sections/ocean/w99217.asp>

OCEAN – IPBCC HIKES RATES: Member lines of the India-Pakistan-Bangladesh-Ceylon Conference have plans to implement rate restoration in the eastbound trade from the Mediterranean to Indian Sub-continent, effective 1 November through 31 March 2007. Rates will rise \$50 per TEU (20-foot Equivalent Unit) and \$100 per FEU (40-foot Equivalent Unit).
MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20060925/sections/ocean/w56413.asp>

OCEAN – MORE ON TSA RATE HIKES: The Transpacific Stabilization Agreement says its 11 carrier members would recommend across-the-board freight rate increases in their upcoming 2007-08 contracts, in light of forecasts for continued steep rises in operating costs. TSA carriers are recommending increases of \$300 per FEU for cargo moving to West Coast ports and within "Group 4" West Coast states; \$650 per FEU for inland point and mini-landbridge intermodal shipments; and \$500 per FEU for cargo moving all-water via the Panama or Suez Canals to US East Coast and Gulf Coast destinations, as well as reverse inland point intermodal moves via those coasts. The planned increases are intended to start as 2007-08 contracts take effect, but in no case later than May 1, 2007.
MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20060925/sections/ocean/w41703.asp>

OCEAN – ESPMC-WITASS DROP BUNKER SURCHARGE: Lines from the freshly merged ESPMC-WITASS Conference that covers the Europe/Caribbean/South America trade have lowered their bunker surcharge for November. The U.S. dollar and euro-denominated surcharges will be \$235/235 euros (from \$266/266 euros) per TEU, \$470/470 euros (from \$532/532 euros) per FEU, and \$12/12 euros (from \$13/13 euros) per freight ton.
MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=39840

OCEAN – INDIA'S COCHIN CUTS TRUCK HIRE CHARGES: The Port of Cochin has slashed container truck hire charges in a bid to make the southern Indian port more competitive with the country's other major ports. Per-trip charges will drop by \$4.50 within the city limits, \$6.50 within the state and \$9 outside the state. Port users also will reimburse motor carriers fined for overweight vehicles by the state, which recently ramped up enforcement.
MORE: <http://www.joc.com/20060926/sections/logis/w28908.asp>

OCEAN – MERGER OF SERVICES IN ASIA-AUS TRADES: Hamburg Sud, Hapag-Lloyd, Hyundai Merchant Marine and Shandong Yantai International Marine Shipping Container Co. (SYMS) will merge individual services in the Asia/Australia trade into one joint weekly loop using five 2,500 TEU ships starting in November.
MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=39678

OCEAN – OOCL CHANGES SERVICE: Orient Overseas Container Line will replace its weekly Setouchi-Haikou Express (SHX) with the KTX 4 loop, linking mainland China with Japan and Korea beginning 18 October.
MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=39902

OCEAN – NEW MED-US SERVICE: United Arab Shipping Company (UASC) will at the end of November team up with CKYH Alliance members "K" Line, Hanjin Shipping and Yang Ming to start a weekly service connecting the US East Coast with ports in the Mediterranean, the Indian subcontinent and South East Asia.
MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=39905

OCEAN – MORE REEFER CARGO IN A BOX: A growing percentage of reefer cargo will be carried in containers rather than specialized reefer ships, according to a new report from Drewry Shipping Consultants. World trade in refrigerated cargo is forecast to increase from 108.6 million tons in 2005 to 156.2 million tons in 2015. The report predicts "the stagnation -- and eventual reduction of the specialized reefer fleet" while container capacity will continue to grow over the next three to four years.
MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=39904

OCEAN – STRONG DEMAND SEEN FOR DUBAI PORTS' US FACILITIES: The US port subsidiary of Dubai Ports World will fetch more than \$600 million, predicted a private equity investor who has been involved in the bidding process. The state-owned company agreed to divest the US holdings after a firestorm erupted in Congress over lawmakers' claims that the sale to an Arab government with possible ties to terrorism jeopardized US security.
MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=39668

LOGISTICS GUIDE TO INSURANCE

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AIR – CARGOLUX AND NWA-CARGO CUT SURCHARGES: Cargolux and NWA Cargo, the cargo arm of Northwest Airlines, will lower their fuel surcharges. On 9 October NWA Cargo drops its fuel surcharge from \$0.60/kg to \$0.55/kg. Cargolux's fuel surcharge will be lowered to 0.55 euros (70 cents) per kilo from 0.60 euros on all shipments, on 10 October. MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=39835

AIR – BA AND AMERICAN TO CUT FUEL SURCHARGES: British Airways World Cargo and American Airlines Cargo have followed the lead of Cargolux and NWA Cargo by announcing reductions to their fuel surcharges. AA Cargo will lower its fuel surcharge, from 60 cents per kilogram to 50 cents per kilogram for most US-origin international shipments, and from 24 cents per pound to 20 cents per pound for U.S. domestic shipments, on 16 October. British Airways World Cargo's surcharge will drop to 55 cents per kilogram, on 12 October. MORE: http://www.americanshipper.com/SNW_story.asp?news=39967

AIR – LOWER FUEL COSTS MEAN LOWER LOSSES FOR AIRLINES: MORE: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601082&sid=a5ed523nHyRA&refer=canada>

AIR – UNITED LOOKING FOR A MERGER?: United Airlines reportedly is exploring the possibility of merging with or acquiring another airline. According to Crain's Chicago Business, the carrier has hired Goldman Sachs to advise it in the matter. United declined to comment. MORE: <http://www.atwonline.com/news/other.html?issueDate=9%2F28%2F2006>

AIR – NEW BANGKOK AIRPORT OPEN: Thailand's new USD\$4 billion international airport won a "thumbs up" from most passengers on its first day of operation on Thursday, although teething problems with the baggage handling system led to some delays. There were not enough baggage carts in some places. Others complained about a lack of signs to the baggage halls, although by-and-large the massive complex, which will be able to handle 45 million passengers a year when it hits top gear, appeared to have swung into action smoothly. Delays in getting baggage to arriving passengers were blamed on the slow transfer of loading equipment across a rain-swept city from Don Muang airport, which closed in the early hours of Thursday. MORE: <http://news.airwise.com/story/view/1159450800.html>
MORE: <http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601080&sid=a83hH0fA8TBq&refer=asia>

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

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

THE COAT HANGER

A woman was at work when she received a phone call that her daughter was very sick with a fever. She left her work and stopped by the pharmacy to get some medication. She got back to her car and found that she had locked her keys in the car.

She didn't know what to do, so she called home and told the baby sitter what had happened. The baby sitter told her that the fever was getting worse. She said, "You might find a coat hanger and use that to open the door."

The woman looked around and found an old rusty coat hanger that had been left on the ground, possibly by someone else who at some time had locked their keys in their car. She looked at the hanger and said, "I don't know how to use this."

She bowed her head and asked God to send her help.

Within five minutes a beat up old motorcycle pulled up, with a dirty, greasy, bearded man who was wearing an old biker skull rag on his head. The woman thought, "This is what you sent to help me?" But, she was desperate, so she was also very thankful.

The man got off of his cycle and asked if he could help.

She said, "Yes, my daughter is very sick. I stopped to get her some medication and I locked my keys in my car. I must get home to her. Please, can you use this hanger to unlock my car?"

He said, "Sure." He walked over to the car, and in less than a minute the car was opened. She hugged the man and through her tears she said, "Thank You So Much! You are a very nice man."

The man replied, "Lady, I am not a nice man. I just got out of prison today. I was in prison

for car theft and have only been out for about an hour."

The woman hugged the man again and with sobbing tears cried out loud, "Oh, Thank you God! You even sent me a Professional.

BRITISH BEER = INSTANT ENGLISH

--- From the menu in the Landmark Hotel pub ---

- 1 Pint - No change in your English.
- 2 Pints – Your English goes up a level.
- 3 Pints – Your English goes up a level but your grammar disappears.
- 4 Pints – You become very fluent, but start mixing English with your language.
- 5 Pints – You discover you can sing in English, and are brilliant at karaoke.
- 6 Pints – You suddenly know lots of taboo words in English. Unfortunately, no one else seems to understand them.
- 7 Pints – You cannot speak English at all and also forget your own language.
- Over 7 Pints – You start speaking American English.

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