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EDITORIAL

Why We Need to Stop Selling the Way We Sold in the Past
by Gerard Gschwandtner

As the recession drags on, I hear more sales leaders complaining about their inability to increase sales by relying on tried-and-true strategies for creating value for their customers. What they overlook is that selling has fundamentally changed, and pursuing the old tried-and-true tactics results in more of the same: higher stress and lower sales... ..cont.

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Manager's Corner Competition Pays Off
At MIT, an international sales contest puts MBAs to the sales test by Henry Canby

At a sales competition organized and hosted by MIT, top students from MBA programs around the world found out that selling is not a game for the theoretical or the faint of heart.

Skills

Words That Sell for You
How to choose and use the right words to close more sales more often

by Renee Houston Zemanaki

What if some expert told you the secret behind making or losing a sale is the words you choose? Now what if a hard-nosed sales rep who depends on the right words to close the sale told you the same thing? According to the experts who share their insights in this article, particular words can make a big difference.

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What was life really like during the Civil War for soldiers, civilians, enslaved and free blacks?

NATIONAL CIVIL WAR LIFE MUSEUM

Spotsylvania, Virginia

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"We were so inspired and motivated to rethink our business and we decided to rebuild our sales process."
Diego Mazzone, VP of Sales Paladin Laboratories

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 By Gerhard Gschwandtner

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"There is nothing more exciting than an idea that has grown from a fleeting thought to a concrete tangible reality."

MOTIVATIONAL TO DO LIST
Happiness Pays
 By Steve Simms

Here is the key to lifelong happiness: Persuade yourself that you are happy. Brainwash yourself into the belief that you are happy. Talk yourself into it. If you have ever tried to convince yourself that you are happy, you know it can be difficult. But it is worth it. Now here's another thought on happiness: If you have to work, you might as well enjoy it. Why be unhappy for 40 hours per week? Here are eight ways to enjoy your work: [READ MORE](#)

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 By Lisa Leonard
 Many thanks to Robert Lesser for sharing his pictures from the Sales 2.0 Conference in Boston. Looks like a good time was had by all... [FULL STORY](#)

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Process to Consider for Lead Distribution
 by Dave Batt
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