

Hi Everyone –

I hope you are all having a nice summer. The employment marketplace continues to be volatile but much of that may be seasonal. It is difficult to explain though since the Department of Labor continues to report a constant 4.5 % unemployment rate nationally. It seems to me that the velocity of employment change and the heavy press given to layoffs at all levels contributes to the feeling of pessimism and disruption.

Anyhow, this will be an unusually short letter. [Click here to read](#) a copy of the article I wrote for the Chicago Tribune's "Insider" column. This ran on Sunday, July 29, 2001 on the "Working" cover page in the Business section in case you missed it. Many of you did see it and have written nice notes and sent me copies....thanks!

Congrats to Greg Kilrea of HA-LO Industries who correctly self-identified as the answer to my CFO trivia question in the June newsletter.

It's off to the north woods of Wisconsin for my annual hacking through the golf courses in the Minocqua and Hayward Lakes areas. Hope you all have time for some R&R also.

Regards....."stay in touch".

Buzz Patterson

p.s. Almost forgot the promotional tag line....

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