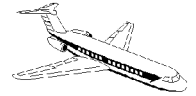




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## Claims & Safety Seminars, Football, Monopolies, And the Free World

### Safety Conference

The National Association of Transportation Safety Professionals (NATSP) will hold its first annual meeting on Tuesday, October 30 at the Monarch Hotel. The topic will be "How to Produce a Professional Safety Video." The producer of the ESPN sports special "100 Years of Gold" will be on hand to provide technical input. A representative of the insurance industry will discuss the insurance angle for the video. A legal representative will discuss the legal aspects of the video. It's a good concept: People always like to watch TV. For further info, contact Skip Nash, [skip@standardandbest.com](mailto:skip@standardandbest.com), telephone number 503-263-6162.

### Claims Seminar

A Freight Claims and Management Basics Class is being offered this fall by John Carlsen, CCP, who has taught these classes for several years. The classes are every Wednesday evening, from October 10 to December 26, and will be held at the Emery Worldwide Corporate Office in NW Portland. You'll receive 30 accreditation points from the Certified Claims Professional Accreditation Council (CCPAC). Contact John at PO Box 1628, Oregon City, OR 97045, phone 503-632-4416, fax 503-632-7519.

You'll learn to deal more knowledgeably with shippers, carriers, insurance adjusters and lawyers.

### Are you ready for some football?

Once again, the Transportation Association of Portland has obtained a block of tickets. OSU allotted us 100

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tickets for the homecoming game with Cal on October 27, which has been sold out. OSU got off to a rocky start, against a very quality team in Fresno State. Still, each PAC 10 game will count. As always, this is a fundraising event for Special Olympics.

The tickets are first being made available to TAP members. If you are interested, send me an email and I'll forward you a flyer. In the alternative, you can mail your check, in the amount of \$50 for the ticket, bus and box lunch, or \$30 for the ticket only, to TAP, PO Box 1027, Portland, OR 97207. If you are requesting more than four tickets, send in separate checks. Include your phone, fax and email info.

### Blazers and AT&T: Antitrust or what

Sometimes you have to be careful about reading the paper on a full meal. You probably saw in the paper where the Blazers are fighting with AT&T to get their spanking new cable channel on AT&T cable. AT&T says that it will only provide digital cable space for the Blazers, whereas the Blazers want to be on the more basic channels for wider, less costly distribution. In support of its decision, AT&T did a poll (I'm not making any of this up) which supposedly showed that people would not want to pay extra to see the Blazers. But over the past year, AT&T has required its subscribers to pay extra \$\$ in order to possess one of its cable boxes through which one can obtain premier cable channels such as HBO. So there's the choice for the customer: Pay extra to AT&T, the exclusive cable extortionist I mean

provider for many local customers, or pay extra to see the Blazers, a virtual monopoly in that it's the only game in town. Not many people want to pay extra to see the Blazers, and not many people are willing to pay AT&T extra dollars for anything.

### We Are The World

Prior to last week, the various nations around the world, especially in Europe, had expressed concern about the United States going it alone on such matters as defense and missiles and germ warfare. We disregarded those concerns and moved ahead. Then along comes last week's atrocities and now we the United States, still smarting for having been caught asleep at the switch, are requesting the support of those countries, who for the most part are coming through as part of the effort against terrorism.

In 1963 JFK, in a speech in Berlin which at the time was surrounded by the Soviets, said one of the proudest boasts of the free world was "Ich bin ein Berliner" and that he took pride in saying that he, too, was a Berliner. Today the proud boast for people everywhere is "I am a New Yorker". The whole world is in this together.

We must remember, as in *Don Quixote*, that there are people born into misery, a fertile ground for discontent and desperation, who see children dying, wondering not why they are dying, but why they ever lived at all. The irony is that we give the Afghans hundreds of millions of dollars in aid every year. We are their biggest source of financial relief. Still, as we blast the terrorist world to smithereens, the task is to not create 10 fanatics for every fanatic that is killed.

### God bless America.

#### Short Bio

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