

SMALL BUSINESS

BRIEFINGS

Gasoline leads rise in retail sales

OTTAWA — Retail sales rose more than expected in October, led by higher prices at gas stations, says the latest report from Statistics Canada. Retail sales rose 0.5 percent in October, the highest monthly increase in 10 months, according to a report of the Commerce Department. The report also noted that the rise in retail sales was driven by higher prices at gas stations, which rose 1.2 percent in October. Retailers, however, noted that the effects of price changes on retailers' margins were not as large as they had been in a previous report.

Women's earnings growing faster

Women's earnings and overall labor force growth are rising faster than men's, according to a report from the Bureau of Economic Analysis. The report notes that the rise in women's earnings is due to a combination of factors, including the fact that women are working longer hours and in higher-paying jobs. The report also notes that the rise in women's earnings is a positive sign for the economy, as it indicates that women are contributing more to the labor force. The report also notes that the rise in women's earnings is a positive sign for the economy, as it indicates that women are contributing more to the labor force.

Summer gives tips for startups

By Peter Lee
 Entrepreneurial success is not just about having a great idea and a solid business plan. It's also about knowing when to launch and how to manage the risks. The summer months are a great time to start a business, as the weather is warm and the days are long. However, it's also a time of high energy and excitement, which can lead to poor decision-making. To avoid this, entrepreneurs should take the time to carefully plan and execute their business strategy. This includes conducting market research, creating a solid business plan, and securing financing. By taking these steps, entrepreneurs can increase their chances of success and avoid the common pitfalls of starting a business in the summer.



Bobby Long (center) owner of Yellow Butler Shredding, with guide dog (center left), and his dog (center right), with his daughter, Shannon. The dogs are trained by the Pacific Assistance Dog Society, an organization for blind dog owners.

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There is the satisfaction of helping those in need but often there are valid business leads as well.

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Beyond customer service, Bob Long (center) of Yellow Butler Shredding, a waste management company, is also giving his time to a local charity. Long is a volunteer with the Pacific Assistance Dog Society, an organization for blind dog owners. Long's involvement with the charity is a testament to his commitment to the community. Long's company, Yellow Butler Shredding, is a waste management company that provides shredding services to businesses and individuals. Long's company is a successful business, and his involvement with the charity is a positive sign for the community. Long's company is a successful business, and his involvement with the charity is a positive sign for the community.

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