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In times of change learners inherit the earth, while the learned find themselves beautifully equipped to deal with a world that no longer exists.

— Eric Hoffer

I'll admit that I had never heard of renowned American thinker Eric Hoffer, but he nailed it with this quote. It encapsulates the importance of lifelong learning in a single, simple sentence—keep learning or watch the world pass you by.

Leaders cannot afford to become irrelevant or stuck in the past. The best way to avoid it is to be a learner or to commit to becoming one. The benefits of lifelong learning and adopting a learning mindset are numerous. It's certainly good for career advancement, but it will also increase confidence and motivation for anyone at any point in their career. If you want to reinvigorate yourself or your team, learn something new and encourage them to do the same.

The future holds a lot of unknowns. But the more you learn and the more you challenge yourself and those around you, the more likely you'll be willing to try new ideas and test innovative concepts. Perhaps the most important attribute of learning throughout life is that it improves adaptability, and adaptability is a necessary tool for facing the future—whatever it may bring.

Read the rest of the commentary

Servant Leadership Conference
January 30-31, 2025
Grapevine, TX

Learn about the programs and initiatives being successfully implemented in other communities. Case studies provide insights on how others are transforming their cultures. Find out what's working, what pitfalls to avoid, and how to implement changes in a way that truly make a difference.

SGR is proud to announce that the Texas Municipal Clerks Certification Program is joining the Oklahoma Municipal League and the Missouri Municipal League as co-hosts of SLC2025.

GOVIT Leadership Summit & Symposium
November 19-21, 2024
Bloomington, MN

We want to make you aware of the GOVIT Leadership Summit taking place next month. Geared toward local and state government IT executives and emerging leaders, the event offers a day filled with information sharing about current and future trends, and challenges and opportunities. The GOVIT Symposium on November 20 and 21, will include even more government technology professionals to learn and exchange ideas and solutions on a broad set of topics. Check out the agenda and register with code SGR20 for a special discount.

Upcoming Wednesday Webinars

Mark your calendar and plan to join us for SGR's free Wednesday Webinars. There is no charge to attend but registration is required.

AI for Economic Development
October 2, 11 a.m. CDT
Learn More & Register

Executive Book Briefing: How Leaders Learn
October 9, 11 a.m. CDT
Learn More & Register

The Basics of Ransomware
October 16, 11 a.m. CDT
Learn More & Register

Emotional Regulation
October 23, 11 a.m. CDT
Learn More & Register

Shifting Gears: How to prepare your team for a future with more automation
October 30, 11 a.m. CDT
Learn More & Register

Real-life Servant Leadership Examples

Are you struggling to find practical guidance for servant leadership examples? Look no further. This article has got you covered. Did you know that change management is one of the key components of servant leadership? A good servant leader constantly adjusts and adapts their approach to fit the needs of those they serve.

Water-challenged state uses AI, satellites to find leaks

New Mexico will use artificial intelligence to monitor satellite images to identify leaks before they become major problems.

Employees voted on the worst workplace jargon. Here's the

number-one phrase that annoys your coworkers

The modern workplace is getting harder and harder to navigate. Between mass layoffs, return-to-office mandates, long hours, and the constant barrage of Slack pings and emails, it's no wonder workers love to hate their jobs.

Why We Shouldn't Romanticize Failure

Across seven studies, Kellogg's Lauren Eskreis-Winkler and her colleagues find that people consistently overestimate the chance that someone will succeed after initially failing. This is true of both traditional failures (e.g., success after failing a licensing exam) and other kinds of failures (e.g., getting treatment after a drug overdose). An overly rosy view of failure, which appears to arise from an inflated confidence that people will learn from their own mistakes, has both individual and societal consequences.

The Coming Policy Backwash from the COVID Revenue Wave

As a recent study documents, federal fiscal stimulus created a budget windfall for states. Most cut taxes, and some now must scramble to make up for shortfalls. Congress

is likely to impose tighter restrictions on future countercyclical aid, so it's a time for all levels of government to get their acts together.

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12 predictions for the future of technology

Techno-optimist Vinod Khosla believes in the world-changing power of "foolish ideas." He offers 12 bold predictions for the future of technology — from preventative medicine to car-free cities to planes that get us from New York to London in 90 minutes — and shows why a world of abundance awaits.

How Innovation Creates Dynamic, Resilient Cities

Many local leaders have proactively embedded innovation into their organization's routines to promote more dynamic, inventive, and nimble governance. They've fostered collaboration between departments, harnessed data to inform decision-making and embraced approaches that prioritize equity and the needs of residents. See how they did it.

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