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Veterans and Families in Dire Need: Hope4heroes.org Seeking Support

Veterans and families of all generations are seeing record suicide rates, an up to 90% divorce rate if returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. PTSD is estimated at 300,000 reported cases and at least that many unreported. www.hope4heroes.org

San Antonio, Texas (PRWEB) July 17, 2009 -- Retired gulf war vet (4 tours in all) and now chairman and CEO of a vets and families charity www.hope4heroes.org is seeking support. hope4heroes is in dire need of an RV or bus for a national outreach that provides on the spot emergency aid and mobile PTSD and suicide prevention support platform. The need is now and it's huge. PTSD alone is hitting 300,000 and counting for just OIF/OEF veterans!

The giving environment is very, very hard. Hope4heroes takes a creative approach to serve those most in need, veterans with PTSD and at risk for suicide. The RV is a ground breaking program and will serve so many in need. This program started when the CEO retired in late 2005 as a 1st sgt helping heroes at BAMC. Vic Luebker says, "This project can reach up 44% of our veteran population not served by a large hospital because they live in rural areas."

He says, "Awareness is the key! The more people know about this project the more at risk members we save; exposure is the key".

Hope4heroes.org has sister groups that will provide free counseling, and are now ready to move forward once the mobile support platform is secured.

Hope4heroes.org does great things and can really hit the most underserved part of the vet population (rural areas coast to coast) with this platform and help slow the divorce rate and out of control suicide rates and deal with PTSD head on.

A big heart can do more than a big wallet!

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Former Admiral Kikareas a Painful Humble Worker for Peace, Announces Today that he has Clear Evidence that the End of this World is Very Close

Admiral P. Kikareas, President of the World Foundation of Peace and Security, has devoted his life for peace and security among humanity. This time he publicizes his painful testimony as a humble worker of peace who has clear evidence that our society is very close to a world catastrophe.

Orlando, FL (PRWEB) July 17, 2009 -- Admiral P. Kikareas, President of the World Foundation of Peace and Security, has devoted his life for peace and security among humanity. This time he publicizes his painful testimony as a humble worker of peace, because he has clear evidence that we are very close to a world catastrophe.

Kikareas testimony below provides very clear his evidence that the last days are very close.

"I feel every single day that the end of this world that we live in is coming fast.

"Our Heavenly Father has led me through a myriad of narrow paths and threats and used me as His messenger and humble worker to pass His message and ways for the violence to stop.

"For His Peace to come back on the earth and the people to start communicating and stop killing each other.

"For many years he was always present to lead me what and where to go and say. For some time now he has disappeared and I feel that His Grace is leaving away for the evil to destroy the humanity.

"There is no mission for me anymore, except to pray to Him to change His mind, and Send our Messiah Jesus Christ to come in Glory and all the knees to bend in front of Him for the last chosen not to be lost.

"Unfortunately no one is listening, the evil has been too much and the ego of the humanity thinks that is self-sufficient, or glorify Satan who presents himself as the God of Light.

"The hate and the grid of the people. The so-called soldiers of God, who kill thousands of innocent without mercy. The international organized crime. The crazy extreme leaders. The corrupt governments. The too many careless people, who have become flesh and lifestyle only, living without any soul power to fight for the will of God to come upon the earth. The too many atheists and the human rights, which have overpassed the basic commandments of God, have exiled God from the earth and we are left with ghosts and garlic.

"I was sent by Him and tried my best to pass His message where he was sending me to, but no one could really listen.

"I grieve for the millions of dead, for the humanity that will be destroyed, for the souls that will be lost before to understand like in Nineveh where Jonah preached and they repented and saved, but it will be like in the times of Noah for the most...



"His Grace has abandoned us to our self-destruction, the days are counted, and I have not other mission than pray.

"The last we may do and brink His Grace back, is to repent, to change our ways of thinking and all pray from the bottom of our heart 'Oh Lord Jesus Christ Have merci on us', and as in the revelation of John is written, 'Oh Lord Jesus Christ come fast'."

Peter Kikareas

"A humble messenger of God."

The World Foundation for Peace and Security was created by Admiral P. Kikareas to help serve the world and consult governments, finding best solutions for crisis management problems, and also creating ways to avoid major catastrophes.

"Our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us," says Peter Kikareas, Admiral retired.

The World Foundation for Peace and Security requests your assistance and donation for this major task to be flourished. For more information, please call 1-407-970-9423.

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MileageManager Launches First-Of-Its-Kind Award Availability Search

AwardPlanner Tool Makes It Easy For Frequent Flyers To Find Free Tickets

Colorado Springs, CO (PRWEB) July 16, 2009 -- The leading online frequent flyer mileage consolidation service, MileageManager.com, launched this week a redeveloped Web site that includes a first-of-its-kind award availability search feature called AwardPlanner.

The AwardPlanner tool on MileageManager allows members of the site to enter a desired itinerary and find available award tickets for the flight. The member simply enters the departure and destination cities, dates of travel, number and type of award tickets they are seeking, and AwardPlanner begins automatically searching every day, alerting the member when the desired award tickets become available.

"We've been helping frequent flyers manage and redeem their miles for over 20 years," said MileageManager founder and owner, [Randy Petersen](#), "and during that span we've seen travelers become increasingly frustrated as the airlines have made it more and more difficult to redeem their hard-earned miles. Now, using MileageManager and AwardPlanner, travelers have a tool that will allow them to easily find the awards they want with next to no effort."

At the launch, AwardPlanner supports most of the major North American frequent flyer programs, as well as several international programs, including American AAdvantage, Continental OnePass, Delta SkyMiles, Lufthansa Miles & More, Qantas Frequent Flyer, Singapore Airlines KrisFlyer, Southwest Rapid Rewards, United Mileage Plus, and US Airways Dividend Miles.

MileageManager members can search for award availability on up to five itineraries at a time, and can customize their criteria to include searches for first, business, and/or economy-class tickets. Award availability searches are performed daily up until the date of departure, and members are updated whenever availability status changes.

And because AwardPlanner is the only award search availability tool that combines with a mileage management service, members who maintain elite status in searched programs are likely to find available awards when others might not.

In addition to the introduction of the AwardPlanner tool, the MileageManager relaunch also includes updated elite status and expiration policy information, and an improved navigation scheme.

"Let's face it, the life of a frequent flyer is exhausting," said Petersen. "Managing miles, finding the best deals, and redeeming awards is tough work. We continue to add features to MileageManager that make it easy for business travelers to stay on top of it all."

AwardPlanner was first introduced as an offline service in 1987. AwardPlanner agents received "Top Travel Specialist" awards in 2004, 2005, and 2006. In over 20 years of existence, thousands of members have redeemed



hundreds of thousands of miles using the AwardPlanner service.

MileageManager.com is a product of Frequent Flyer Services and is included in the award-winning [Frequent Flyer Network](#) of sites, which also includes FlyerTalk.com, InsideFlyer.com, WebFlyer.com, SeatExpert.com, and BoardingArea.com. Frequent Flyer Services conceives, develops and markets products and services with the frequent flyer in mind and is the largest publisher of frequent flyer information in the world. Frequent Flyer Services is a privately owned company located in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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Life+Gear Leads Revolution in Led Flashlight Technology to Help the 66% of Ill-Equipped U.S. Consumers Prepare for Emergencies and Natural Disasters

[Life+Gear](#), the developer and manufacturer of life saving emergency preparedness products, announced the release of the first in its new line of innovative, multifunction LED flashlight products, the [Life+Gear 200 Hour GlowStick](#). Designed with preparedness for natural disasters like hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes in mind, the multi-function GlowStick utilizes advanced LED light technology in a first of its kind combination product that addresses the four key features recommended by emergency and disaster response agencies: a flashlight, emergency flasher, signaling glow stick and high decibel whistle. With 66% of Americans reported to be ill-prepared for any significant emergency, the Life+Gear GlowStick is an affordable (\$4.99) and readily available new product that allows victims to see when they are without power and to be seen or heard when in need of emergency assistance.

Solana Beach, CA (Vocus) July 15, 2009 -- [Life+Gear](#), the developer and manufacturer of life saving emergency preparedness products, announced the release of the first in its new line of innovative, multifunction LED flashlight products, the [Life+Gear 200 Hour GlowStick](#). Designed with preparedness for natural disasters like hurricanes, tornadoes and earthquakes in mind, the multi-function GlowStick utilizes advanced LED light technology in a first of its kind combination product that addresses the four key features recommended by emergency and disaster response agencies: a flashlight, emergency flasher, signaling glow stick and high decibel whistle. In an emergency, the Life+Gear GlowStick allows victims to see when they are without power and to be seen or heard when in need of emergency assistance. Retailing at just \$4.99, the Life+Gear GlowStick is widely available at major retailers nationwide.

Citing 2007 research from the [Center for Catastrophe Preparedness and Response](#), 66% of US consumers are inadequately prepared for natural disasters when time and again it is shown that survival often depends on an individual's level of preparedness. "The mission of our company has always been to prepare the public prior to an emergency or disaster by designing potentially life saving features into everyday products that are useful, affordable, and readily available," commented Life+Gear President Dennis Bertken. "The advent of LED technology has been so exciting for us because it represents such a huge leap forward in almost every regard including a price point that is so good that we are even able to offer our customers a free set of replacement batteries on our website. Also, with an infinitely more efficient use of much smaller batteries, our products are made from 100% recyclable materials representing a much greener approach to the category. LED is absolutely the future of our business."

Recognizing that the battery and bulb life of traditional flashlights has long been the primary problems faced by those forced into dire circumstances by Mother Nature, great strides in LED technology by Life+Gear have virtually eliminated those issues and more. The Life+Gear GlowStick boasts 200 hours of illumination on just three wafer-thin AG-13 batteries. Compared to a traditional flashlight, LED bulbs and electronics reduce the GlowStick's weight more than 90% while increasing its functional product life to 10,000 hours. The Life+Gear GlowStick, available in three different colors, floats making it ideal for boats and camping, and its compact size



makes it a permanent safety companion in purses, cars and backpacks.

Life+Gear products, including the Life+Gear 200 Hour GlowStick, can be found at major retailers through out the United States including Home Depot, Target, Kroger, Dicks Sporting Goods, REI and on-line through the American Red Cross.

For additional information about the Life+Gear 200 Hour GlowStick or other Life+Gear Emergency Preparedness Products, please contact lifegear@launchpadpr.com. [Video presentation of the GlowStick](#).

About Life+Gear

Life+Gear is the most widely recognized developer and manufacturer of emergency preparedness products for consumer, schools and businesses in the U.S. Life+Gear is on the cutting edge of the development of everyday-use products that can also save lives. Nicholas Connor (CEO) and Dennis Bertken (President) founded Life+Gear soon after Hurricane Katrina struck in 2005. During their own efforts to provide relief to Katrina victims, the founders quickly realized that there was a major problem with the public not being prepared for emergency situations that stretched far beyond the failed levees in Louisiana. They uncovered two main issues: People did not know how to prepare themselves; and the thought of going on a search to purchase such doom and gloom products, if they could find and afford them, was not of interest to consumers. This revelation spawned the idea of every-day use items with life-saving features that would be readily available at major retailers nationwide. Since the release of their first product offering in 2005, Life+Gear has grown to be the most widely recognized brand of emergency preparedness products in the U.S.

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Best Practices In Aviation Disaster Response & Family Assistance to be Explored at September Calgary Conference

The Family Assistance Foundation is pleased to announce that registration is now open for the 2009 Family Assistance Foundation Aviation Conference to be held in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, September 15-16, 2009. The Conference, the second of two industry-focused conferences conducted by the Foundation this year, will provide participants with a unique opportunity to learn [disaster response best practices](#) on supporting survivors (passengers, families and crew members) of aviation accidents and other types of disasters and emergency events. The conference will also feature a simulation of the establishment of a family assistance center in the aftermath of an aviation disaster.

Atlanta, GA (Vocus) July 14, 2009 -- Awareness of the challenges to effectively respond to those who have experienced tragedy has been heightened in the last year, given the number of aviation disasters affecting both domestic and international carriers. This year marks a significant milestone in the evolution of family assistance in aviation, as it is the 20th anniversary of several disasters that greatly influenced how organizations can prepare to meet the needs of survivors and the regulatory requirements that followed. Survivors from some of those accidents will present personal experiences and insight during featured panels at the conference. Additionally, the event will feature two survivors of the 2006 crash of Comair flight 5191 in Lexington, KY, who are participating in a future FAF research study. They will share their experiences and provide [disaster response best practices](#) about what worked, and areas where improvement is needed, in meeting the needs of families in the wake of overwhelming loss.

Sessions at the conference will provide executives, emergency response leaders, human resource managers, communications personnel and others with insight into how to best understand and respond to those who have experienced tragedy. Since many survivors both attend and participate in the conference, it provides a unique environment where mutual learning occurs. The two-day event should be of interest to all aviation professionals in the airline industry, business aviation, airports and other aviation-related organizations. Attendance at the conference will also benefit others from various types of organizations that are beginning the process of either implementing or reevaluating their humanitarian response plans to ensure their effectiveness and [aviation survival](#). Specific information will be provided illustrating the Foundation's specialized approach using the Human Services Response™ model (application of survivor stories and applied research versus a clinical approach) and how it provides positive outcomes for both survivors and the companies involved.

The second day of the conference will allow participants to gain substantial hands-on experience in establishing and operating a Family Assistance Center following an aviation emergency. This day-long exercise will allow conference attendees to take away many valuable lessons in [family assistance](#) and tools to integrate into their own emergency response plans.

This year's conference is hosted by WestJet Airlines and will take place in their corporate offices at 2200 Aerial Drive, Calgary, Alberta, Canada. WestJet, a Family Assistance Foundation Member, has generously donated the



use of their facilities for this important event. The Delta Calgary Airport Hotel will serve as the official hotel of the conference.

The Family Assistance Foundation, in its commitment to improve business and industry responses to disasters, has also made great efforts to keep attendance at the conference affordable in the current economic climate. As such, participants can register for as little as \$99 per person. Complete registration information is available on the Foundation's web site at www.fafonline.org. Phone inquiries may be directed to +1.404.881.2895.

About the Foundation

The Family Assistance Foundation, Inc. is an independent, non-profit corporation founded in 2000 for the purpose of empowering people following tragedy. Our mission is to support and improve business and industry responses to emergencies and disasters. The Foundation takes a unique, research-based approach, learning from what survivors have experienced, to help organizations improve their response efforts. Emphasis is on meeting the needs of survivor's (customers, affected families, employees, any member of the public impacted) by coordinating and mobilizing resources during the acute phase of a crisis and beyond. The Foundation considers survivors as the authorities on how processes may be improved.

The Foundation's annual symposium and conferences provide member organizations, as well as survivors, the opportunity to share lessons learned and information about how to continually improve response efforts and [disaster recovery best practices](#). Foundation education and training programs support members by monitoring the long-term outcomes of those impacted by tragedy. Promoting awareness and building skills and knowledge for those who are charged with responding are crucial elements of the Foundation's fully integrated training and support programs for business and industry.

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Abatement Technologies Sees Strong Demand as Hospitals Prepare for Stage 6 Flu Pandemic

Abatement Technologies®, Inc. sees strong demand for their HEPA-CARE® Air Filtration Systems and Germicidal UV Modules as healthcare facilities activate their emergency pandemic preparedness plans.

Suwanee, Georgia (PRWEB) July 9, 2009 -- Abatement Technologies®, Inc. sees strong demand for their HEPA-CARE® Air Filtration Systems and Germicidal UV Modules from healthcare facilities as they activate their emergency pandemic preparedness plans.

According to the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), a worldwide Stage 6 H1N1 Swine Flu Pandemic could cause a massive surge of patients to hospitals and healthcare facilities. Margaret Chan, director-general of the WHO states that, "All countries should immediately activate their pandemic preparedness plans."

Airborne Infection Isolation Rooms (AIIR)

CDC regulations state that effective and essential pandemic preparedness and response measures include the capacity to isolate infectious patients in a negative pressure Airborne Infectious Isolation Room environment. Abatement Technologies HEPA-CARE Air Purification Systems are used today in more than 5,000 hospitals and medical facilities around the world to convert almost any space into CDC-compliant negative pressure [Airborne Infectious Isolation Rooms](#).

High efficiency HEPA-CARE Systems use special HEPA filters to remove deadly, infectious airborne pathogens from the air. According to independent testing, these systems can capture or inactivate more than 99.99% of the 0.3-micron size (0.000012-inch) organisms that pass through them.

[Portable HEPA-CARE models](#) roll quietly to wherever they are needed at a moments notice. Used for days, weeks or months at a time, these highly mobile units provide the greatest flexibility for increasing surge isolation capacity quickly, and in the most cost-effective manner.

[Ceiling-mounted HEPA-CARE models](#) install into the ceiling grid. Because they are completely out of the way of patients and staff and controls can be located remotely, ceiling-mounted models are the perfect choice for permanent or longer term patient isolation.

Mass Patient Isolation

In addition, Abatement Technologies offers effective solutions for temporarily isolating even larger numbers of patients in a large, short-term isolation ward. This is achieved by using the equipment to convert or reconfigure an on-site flat space such as a wing, a large corridor, or a conference room, or an off-site area such as a gymnasium



or mobile tent system.

Abatement Temporary Anterooms

Abatement Technologies also offers two alternative solutions for creating a temporary transition space, or anteroom, as a buffer area between common spaces and patient isolation areas: [ANTE UP® Inflatable Emergency Anteroom](#) and the [AIRE GUARDIAN® AR Modular Anteroom](#). Both can be negatively or positively pressurized as needed, to control the direction of airflow and further protect other patients and hospital personnel.

Germicidal UV-C Disinfection Modules

Equipped with four powerful UV-C lamps, Abatement Technologies [HEPA-CARE Germicidal UV Disinfection Modules](#) irradiate, disinfect and kill dangerous infectious pathogens. Each module generates 156 watts of germicidal UV energy to clean and sterilize the air.

Testing and Certification by Independent National Laboratories

Abatement Technologies HEPA filters are tested and certified for performance specifications in accordance with Institute of Environmental Sciences and Technology IEST-RP-CC001.3 and MIL-STD 282. HEPA-CARE true 99.99% HEPA filters are constructed with extruded anodized aluminum frames, have a UL900 Class I flammability rating, and meet IEST and MIL standards, including 100% efficiency testing. The unique silicone gel seal provides a more secure, bypass-free seal than other designs.

About Abatement Technologies

Protecting patients and staff from potentially hazardous airborne particles is a crucial component of the infection control program for every medical facility. Abatement Technologies has led the way with innovative and effective infection-control solutions since 1986.

Contact Abatement Technologies for additional information on their state-of-the-art Products for Healthcare Facilities to create patient isolation rooms and provide isolation surge capacity.

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Tru/Alpha Capital Advisors Launches As One of Few African-American Owned Investment Advisory Companies; Alternative and International Markets Specialty Enhances Atlanta's Growing Footprint in the Financial Services Sector

New African-American Owned Investment Advisory Firm in Southeast with Specialization in Alternative and International Markets; Enhances Atlanta's Growing Footprint in the Financial Services Sector; 5 Golden Rules on Investment Success

Atlanta, GA (PRWEB) July 8, 2009 -- Tru/Alpha Capital Advisors (TACA), a registered investment advisory company, recently launched as one of few African-American owned wealth and asset management companies in the southeast; and one of even fewer companies that specialize in International and Alternative markets. Tru/Alpha advises institutional and corporate clients, as well as, high-net worth individuals.

Based in Midtown Atlanta, TACA is headed by Harvard-graduate and past Morgan Stanley executive Monty Bruell. Mixing its full-scale advisory expertise and network of reputable partners, TACA's team brings years of experience, credentials and proven performance in the Alternative and International investment marketplace. The company seeks to provide its clients with increased portfolio diversification, lower correlation to traditional asset classes, lower overall portfolio volatility and access to best-in-class institutional money management talent. Tru/Alpha uses proprietary analytic technology and industry leading due diligence to safeguard proper asset allocations, performance evaluation and to troubleshoot market issues impacting overall portfolios.

"Central to our success is our niche focus on specific markets and our 'talent scout' approach to identifying emerging money managers who can be elusive in this industry," said Bruell. "This is critical to avoiding catastrophic losses like we've seen recently with rogue asset managers," added Bruell.

Tru/Alpha On International & Alternative Markets:

Tru/Alpha brings more than 10 years investment advisory experience in international and alternative markets. This market positioning offers more focused insight on strategies such as International Equities, International Fixed-income, Structured Notes, Commodities and Hedge Funds among others. For TACA, the continued development in these areas provides more opportunity per unit of risk than other capital allocation options; and helps to better generate risk-adjusted returns in excess of conventional benchmarks.

"In the current investment climate, Foundations, Endowments and Corporate Treasury Departments need to find prudent ways to boost the yield of their portfolios. When allocated appropriately, Structured Notes, Private Equity, Senior Life Settlements, Commodities and certain other vehicles can raise the Alpha (yield) of a portfolio while decreasing its overall risk profile," said Bruell. "With Principal Protected Notes in particular, the potential for loss can be scaled to match the risk tolerance of each particular investor," he said.

Enhancing Corporate Supply Chains With Underrepresented, Needed Services

The launch of TACA enhances Georgia's financial services landscape and helps reinforce the region's growing



financial services muscle. Additionally, as a Certified Minority Business Enterprise in Georgia, TACA creates more opportunities for corporate powerhouses interested in tapping ethnic-minority-owned financial companies -- an underrepresented service area in corporate supplier diversity and strategic sourcing activities.

Tru/Alpha's 5 Golden Rules For Investment Success -- Foundations, Endowments, Charities:

There is no question that we are in the middle of a very tough economic time. From the horror of devastating Ponzi schemes to university endowment losses to corporate 401(k) plans and the collapse of several hedge funds, there has been enough investment pain to go around. Chief Investment Officers (CIOs) of foundations, endowments and charities may sleep better at night, by employing these Five Golden Rules (more on tips at Taylor Communications Group):

1. Due diligence is King
2. Don't take on too much risk
3. Use Alternative investments appropriately
4. Look outside the United States
5. Know when to sell

About Tru/Alpha Capital Advisors:

Tru/Alpha Capital Advisors (TACA) is a leading investment advisory firm that specializes in International and Alternative markets for institutional and corporate clients, as well as, high-net worth individuals and families. Tru/Alpha's niche in the International and Alternative markets offers more focused insight and expertise on strategies such as International Equities, International Fixed-income, Structured Notes, Commodities and Hedge Funds among others. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, TACA is a Certified Minority Business Enterprise headed by Harvard-graduate Monty Bruell. For more information on Tru/Alpha Capital Advisors, go to www.trualpha.com.

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The Memorial Flag - Reissue of September 11 Anniversary Shirt Made from 1,000 Images

Amazing new printing method turns breathtaking design into high fashion graphic t-shirt

Medina, OH (PRWEB) July 8, 2009 -- A special reissue of the nationally known Memorial Flag t-shirt commemorating the events of September 11, 2001 has just been released at www.memorialflag.us.

The t-shirt, which was initially released back in 2006 to commemorate the 5 year anniversary of 9/11, has just been re-released as a high fashion piece of apparel, being distributed by WOWWEAR©.

A brand new and exciting printing method, much different from that used in 2006, is now being used which offers exceptional wash performance, and an incredibly high quality design suitable for retail clothing stores. It is also one of the softest t-shirts available in the industry. At first glance, the shirt appears to be a design of our great American Flag. However upon closer examination, you notice that the shirt is actually covered front, back, sides and sleeves with close to 1,000 smaller images of the events of 9/11. It is truly a masterpiece that you need to see, to believe.

The amazing Memorial Flag lithograph with the title "We Will Never Forget," which has been featured on numerous national television and radio shows, is also available via the website. It is printed on a gorgeous satin stock and contains a clear coat making this an incredibly high quality collectible.

The Memorial Flag has been the center of various fundraising efforts throughout the United States, and sold out shortly after its release. Over \$50,000 has been donated from sales of The Memorial Flag to numerous charities including The Fallen Firefighters Fund and St. Jude Children's Hospital. Both the t-shirt and Lithograph are a Commemorative Limited Edition and are available for a limited time only at: www.memorialflag.us.

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Swords to Plowshares Awarded \$300,000 to Help Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans Obtain Green Jobs in Bay Area

The Department of Labor recently announced \$7.5 million in employment and training grants designated to help Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans obtain [green jobs](#). Swords to Plowshares, a local veteran service agency, is one of seventeen recipients nationwide and will be awarded \$300,000 to help Iraq and Afghanistan veterans in the Bay Area train for employment in the green industry.

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"This is an excellent opportunity for us to help more recently separated veterans pursue new and innovative career paths. We have more than thirty years of experience helping veterans stabilize all aspects of their lives, including employment and training and look forward to working with more green employers in the Bay Area," said Michael Blecker, Executive Director of Swords to Plowshares.

The Department of Labor grant will allow Swords to Plowshares to expand services to veterans of the Iraq and Afghanistan wars who are trying to find employment. Veterans can receive help transitioning their military skills into a civilian career by working one-on-one with experienced career counselors at Swords to Plowshares. These veterans who have recently returned from service will work with Swords to Plowshares to develop strong resumes, work on interviewing skills, enroll in training programs and find employment that fits their needs and interests.

Swords to Plowshares will also work with Bay Area employers to develop programs that are specifically designed to work with these men and women. The programs will help veterans obtain the skills they need to pursue a career in the green job industry. Currently, Swords to Plowshares is working with local employers to create individualized training programs for Iraq and Afghanistan veterans.

About Swords to Plowshares

Swords to Plowshares is committed to providing a continuum of care for veterans. In addition to employment and training, our services include: counseling and case management, transitional and permanent supportive housing, mental health services and legal services for service related benefits and military discharge upgrades. For clients seeking employment and training services, we provide one-one-one counseling to ensure that veterans are pursuing careers that fit with their skills and interests.

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Bailout Help for Companies that Won't Hurt the Tax Payer's Wallet

Monetary penalties for violations of U.S. export controls are on the rise. During these trying times the current administration has developed ways to give and take from U.S. companies. How to avoid the export trap?

Dallas, TX (PRWEB) July 8, 2009 -- In this time of economic uncertainty, companies find themselves slashing cost and looking to the government for any type of assistance. To the shock of many Americans the government has provided an unprecedented amount of aid. Paradoxically, ways to recoup funds from companies have also been realized. One of these ways has been through increased monitoring of exports and subsequently imposing penalties for violations that in many instances are in the millions.

This has impacted small and medium sized businesses the most. These companies are more likely to lack the resources to keep up with the alphabet soup of regulations such as ITAR and EAR. This imbalance was quickly recognized by former Aerospace and Defense Trade Manager and current Managing Partner of Outsource Trade Group, LLC, outsourcetrade.com, Nancy Wood-Kouassi. In response, she wrote the recently released book titled *Export Compliance: A Practical Guide to U.S. Export Controls*. With the objective to take the mystery out of exporting as well as make compliance to trade regulations achievable to all businesses.

"What no government wants to do", said author Nancy Wood-Kouassi, "is have exporting perceived by the business community as a risk consequently causing a decline in exports." Countries such as the U.S., China, and Singapore have built their wealth off the back of export promotion and industry. Inadvertently discouraging exports could be fatal for any economy.

While most companies find themselves counting staples, the revenue for training for export controls is not there. U.S. export controls are unique, in the fact, that a company doing global business to some extent must have everyone from the shipping clerk to the CEO cognizant of the fundamentals of export controls. *Export Compliance: A Practical Guide to U.S. Export Controls* was written to be readable by all and comprehensive in content. Allowing companies to focus away from preservation and re-direct it on the expansion of their business.

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More Than Just Politics As Usual -- NewsBlarg.com Launches To Rave Reviews And Aims To Rock Congress and Roil the White House

During a time when our nation is facing some of the most critical events in decades, NewsBlarg.com launches to help empower the American people with a voice to make a difference as well as have maximum impact on public policy. From Main Street to Wall Street to The Hill ... the latest hot button issues and headlines that are shaping this country will be covered ... and individuals will have an opportunity to get heard.

Waynesville, NC (PRWEB) July 7, 2009 -- During a time when our nation is facing some of the most critical events in decades, NewsBlarg.com launches to help empower the American people with a voice to make a difference as well as have maximum impact on public policy. From Main Street to Wall Street to The Hill ... the latest hot button issues and headlines that are shaping this country will be covered ... and individuals will have an opportunity to get heard.

Frustrated with sitting on the sidelines watching the country implode from economic turmoil and wanting to ensure a future with greater opportunity and liberty for his children as well as grandchildren, NewsBlarg.com founder, Clayton Makepeace, decided it was time to finally do something.

According to Makepeace, "American democracy best serves the people when an educated electorate selects representatives, senators, and a president that will serve them; and then actively monitors and influences the choices these leaders make while in office." Makepeace adds, "My goal was to create a different news website ... one that encourages growth of a better educated electorate ... one with eye-opening content and no-holds barred commentary that is often overlooked by mainstream media ... as well as to provide a simple platform that gives citizens greater control in Washington."

When asked how NewsBlarg.com will strive to accomplish this goal, Makepeace responded, "Visitors will have the power to become active Americans ... to help shape their future and the lives of their families through petitions, polls, and other critical communications that will reach elected officials. This combination of collected voices will help amplify the impact in Washington."

Makepeace concluded, "NewsBlarg.com will cover issues FOR the people and be the voice OF the people. This is the very backbone of our constitution and what makes the United States unique from any other country in the World. I am thrilled about NewsBlarg's potential and look forward to helping make a difference in the direction our nation takes going forward."

For more information or to sign up for the free eNewsletter, visit <http://www.newsblarg.com>.

About NewsBlarg.com

NewsBlarg.com is a free, no-spin news website that features headlines and commentary on politics, finance, health, and better living as well as features interactive, user-generated petitions, blogs and videos. NewsBlarg.com is founded by legendary direct marketer and publishing powerhouse Clayton Makepeace. Makepeace is also owner of ResponseInk, a small online advertising and marketing agency in North Carolina, as well as founder of



The Total Package, a website dedicated to helping others achieve greater success in the advertising and marketing field.

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New MTSA Rules Mandate TWIC Training

Familiarity With All Relevant Aspects of the TWIC Program has been added as an inspectable item of the training curriculum for FSOs, Facility Personnel With Security Duties, and All Other Facility Personnel (audit checklist sections E, F & G - pgs. 7-4 thru 7-17).

New Orleans, LA (PRWEB) July 7, 2009 -- A new rule makes TWIC training essential for all personnel working at maritime facilities in the United States.

U.S. Coast Guard and Department of Homeland Security Navigation and Vessel Inspection Circular 03-03, Change 2 outlines the [new regulations](#) requiring knowledge of the TWIC credential and how to carry out its provisions, for Facility Security Officers, facility personnel with security duties, and all other facility personnel. This update includes changes in training that will be audited and evaluated by USCG Inspectors during the annual MTSA compliance inspection of facilities regulated by 33 CFR.

As facilities rush to meet this requirement, a pre-made training program may be the best option. The leading program in the field comes from Moxie Media, Inc., a longtime leader in video-based and online training for the maritime industry. The program, [TWIC MTSA Training](#), provides facility owners, security officers and all employees with all they need to know about TWIC implementation, from obtaining the credential to establishing and maintaining secure and restricted areas on site. The program is available in video/DVD and web/computer-based versions.

Moxie also provides another key element of TWIC implementation: Secure Area signs and stickers. TWIC regulations require that secure areas be clearly marked: highly visible signs or stickers are the surest way to meet this requirement. For more information about Secure Area signs, see www.maritimesigns.com.

"We have set up a one-stop shop to meet TWIC compliance needs and business has been strong," said Martin Glenday, President of Moxie Media. "We're doing all we can to make full compliance as easy as possible on everyone in the industry."

So, check the site, train your personnel, and don't let Coast Guard inspectors surprise you with this new requirement.

For additional maritime sign needs:

www.maritimesigns.com

For maritime, industrial safety & environmental training programs:

www.moxietraining.com

Or call: 800.346.6943 or 504.733.9493



About Moxie Media:

For over two decades, Moxie Media, Inc. has produced and distributed training and safety programs custom designed for the demanding needs of today's sophisticated work force. With hundreds of video/DVD and interactive computer and web-based media titles in stock and under production, Moxie Media provides cost effective solutions to safeguarding the health and productivity of company employees.

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Is The Current U.S. Crisis A Sin? Bill Moyers To Mix Biz With Theology On July 3 Program

Bill Moyers will moderate this panel and look at the issues - economic, political and cultural - facing the U.S., but through a lens of progressive Christianity, with what are considered more "traditional" themes that frame the collapse of the market as sinful and outlining economic policies that take into account our moral obligations to each other. This panel was part of a very successful iTunes accessible class presented by the Union Theological Seminary. Union Theological Seminary's President Serene Jones, Gary Dorrien and Cornel West share insights on American politics, policy and the economic crisis.

New York (Vocus) July 3, 2009 -- On Friday, July 3, 2009, [PBS's Bill Moyers](#) Journal will feature Union Theological Seminary President Serene Jones, Professor Gary Dorrien of Union Theological Seminary and Professor Cornel West of Princeton University. The program will take a close look at what our nation's religious traditions and values say about the challenges of balancing capitalism and democracy in America.

Jones, Dorrien and West, whom Moyers characterizes as "leading public thinkers," will share insights from the unique course they taught this past spring at Union. "Christianity and the U.S. Crisis," which featured several guest speakers, including Benjamin Barber, Farah Griffin, Sylvia Ann Hewlett and Wynton Marsalis, focused on the edges and contours of the current U.S. crisis and attempted to chart Christian responses to it. Throughout the course, professors presented strong positive critiques of the Obama administration's current bailout and restructuring plan, and called for real alternatives to the crumbling "religion of the market."

"This is a society that has stoked and celebrated greed virtually to the point of self-destruction," says Dorrien. "We can't just go on saying, 'Well, if we can just patch this thing up and get back to where we were,' that things will be all right. And none of us believe that, so we also have to talk about what was wrong with the system to begin with, that had outcomes that you can't really justify morally."

The course was also unique in its use of new media: all lectures were available on iTunes University, reaching hundreds of virtual students. Elements of the course were released as video on YouTube and disseminated via social networking sites.

Dr. Gary Dorrien is the Reinhold Niebuhr Professor of Social Ethics at Union Theological Seminary and Professor of Religion at Columbia University. He is also is also a Union alumnus and an Episcopal priest. Rev. Dr. Serene Jones is the sixteenth president of Union Theological Seminary, and the Roosevelt Professor of Systematic Theology. Dr. Cornel West, who has taught at Union, Harvard, and Yale, is currently the Class of 1943 Professor at Princeton University.

Union Theological Seminary, founded in 1836, is an independent, ecumenical graduate school of theology with the mission to educate men and women for ministries in the Christian faith, service in contemporary society, and study of the great issues of our time. The Seminary believes that New York City remains a critical training ground for facing such issues.



Bill Moyers returned to public television with the weekly public affairs series Bill Moyers Journal in 2007. Each week the series provides the high quality public service journalism for which Moyers and his colleagues have been identified for almost four decades. The weekly one-hour broadcast features produced analysis of vital issues, strong interviews with unique voices on politics, the arts and letters, science, religion, and the media, as well as debates on public issues and documentary specials.

For a preview clip see: <http://www.pbs.org/moyers/journal/07032009/>

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A New Jersey Charity Seeks Serious Inquiries for Historic 35mm Film Print of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" Music Video

Eva's Village, (<http://www.EvasVillage.org>), the Paterson, New Jersey Anti-Poverty Charity, Seeks Buyers for 35mm Michael Jackson Film Print of "Thriller" Music Video.

Paterson, NJ (PRWEB) July 3, 2009 -- Eva's Village (<http://www.EvasVillage.org>), a non-profit New Jersey anti-poverty charity, seeks serious inquiries only for historic 35mm film print of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" music video.

For information about this item, call: (973) 906-2283.

For more information about Eva's Village, visit: www.evasvillage.org.

In 1985, Eva's Village, a highly respected anti-poverty charity located in Paterson, New Jersey, received a generous donation from Walter Yetnikoff, former president of CBS Records and author of "Howling at the Moon: The Odyssey of a Monstrous Music Mogul in an Age of Excess". Mr. Yetnikoff's donation was a movie release quality 35mm film print of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" music video that had been personally presented to him by Michael Jackson.

The 1982 album "Thriller" sold a record-breaking estimated 50 million records worldwide and the now legendary video that accompanied the "Thriller" album became a music industry landmark. It is likely that Mr. Jackson was most appreciate, since at the time, Walter Yetnikoff, then president of CBS Records was widely reported as saying to MTV and other music video outlets, "We believe in this guy and you're going to play his videos or we're going to pull all our videos".

When Eva's Village received Walter Yetnikoff's donation, interest from auction houses in Michael Jackson memorabilia was low, as Mr. Jackson was just starting to become the focus of what was to be many years of negative media attention. Despite a growing need for funding in their many anti-poverty programs serving the urban poor of New Jersey, Eva's Village opted to hold the "Thriller" film rather than part with it at that time.

Since the death of Michael Jackson on June 25, interest in Michael Jackson memorabilia has soared, and Eva's Village feels that it is time to put Mr. Yetnikoff's gift to it's intended use. Sister Gloria Perez, Executive Director of Eva's Village, says, "If this amazing piece of Michael Jackson memorabilia is able to serve the poor while also making a Michael Jackson fan happy with their purchase, I think Mr. Jackson's legacy is very well-served."

Eva's Village, located in the heart of Paterson, at 393 Main Street, has been a source of food, shelter, recovery services and healthcare for the homeless in Paterson New Jersey for more than 25 years.

Recently, the unemployment rate in America was reported to be 8.9% for most, but 15.4% when counting the higher numbers for the chronically poor. At Eva's Kitchen, the daily hot lunch for the New Jersey homeless and working poor has increased from 260 servings per day to more than 400, far more than planned for in 2009. Eva's

Kitchen provides more than 1,000 meals daily among all Eva's Village programs, including [Eva's Kitchen](#), Eva's shelters, recovery centers and Hope Residence of St. Frances for Mothers and Children.

As the need grows, model [anti-poverty charities](#) like faith-based Eva's Village don't shy away from the challenge. They simply do more, so they need to ask for more help from their donors. The aggressive anti-poverty mission of Eva's Village is to [feed the hungry](#), [shelter the homeless](#), [treat the addicted](#) and provides [free medical and dental care to the poor](#), with respect for the human dignity of each individual. Yet, in today's difficult economy, who hasn't thought to themselves, "I'm lucky if I can spare \$20 let alone make a big donation to a charity". That's why Eva's Village is offering new ways for small donors to help the poor, including a new walk/run called Journey of Hope scheduled for September 26, 2009. Donna Fico, Chief Marketing Officer at Eva's Village says, "We have many active volunteers who would like to do even more, so it's up to us to give them a way to help."

Consider what \$20 can do at Eva's Village:

- \$20.00 will provide a hot lunch for FOUR hungry people
- \$20.00 will provide a winter hat and gloves for TWO very cold homeless people
- \$40.00 will provide fruit and vegetables for TWENTY families living in the Hope Residence of St. Frances at Eva's Village
- \$40.00 will provide a week's worth of diapers for TEN infants living in the Hope Residence
- \$60.00 will provide a cup of coffee for more than TWO THOUSAND homeless men and women
- \$100.00 will provide 3 days of complete meals for TWENTY homeless women

Sister Gloria Perez says, "We have all been witness to the power of a random act of kindness, how something small can make a big impact. Every single day, Eva's Village is fueled by the kindness and generosity of others. By supporting our anti-poverty programs at Eva's Village, you can personally improve the lives of people in your own community by giving them the resources they need to achieve self-sufficiency."

To bid on this item, visit: http://donations.ebay.com/charity/charity.jsp?NP_ID=32696.

For information about this 35mm film print of Michael Jackson's "Thriller" music video, call: (973) 906-2283.

For more information about Eva's Village, or to donate, visit: www.evasvillage.org.

Eva's Village feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless, treats the addicted and provides free medical and dental care to the poor, with respect for the human dignity of each individual. Founded in 1982, Eva's Village is a 501(c) (3) non-profit and one of the largest, most comprehensive and respected anti-poverty programs in the state of New Jersey and has helped hundreds of men, women and families find new purpose in life.

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Disabled Vet Creates Trademark Formula to Save U.S. Economy

This Plan Will Turn the Economy Around Faster than the Government

(PRWEB) July 2, 2009 -- On July 2nd 2009 the AmeriCAN® Challenge will launch nationwide at www.americanchallenge.org to help all Americans everyday, not just during patriotic holidays. The campaign will inspire all AmeriCANs® to participate and learn the facts of how they, by their own action, can create jobs in manufacturing and immediately begin the rebuilding of the American economy.

Many AmeriCANs® have never faced such harsh reality, complete loss of personal assets, depletion of property values and devastating unemployment. The cost of living has changed the entire middle class. The crime rate is rising and, some say, due to more having less. The result has been a near freeze on consumer spending, the onset of major depression for many due to the collapse of entire U.S. industries and financial institutions and the continued fear of terrorism.

This will be the first time in history that our patriotism from our citizens native heritage to those who adopted America will answer John F. Kennedy's request: "Ask not what your country can do for you?
Ask what you can do for your country!"

For years we have heard many people talk the game "made in the USA" or "Buy American"! The reality is no one listened or cared. We thought we were indestructible. Today we are in debt, with fewer jobs, living in uncertain times.

No more! The [AmeriCAN® Challenge](http://www.americanchallenge.org) has a plan. In plain language spell out the issues to make people react, and list the three things everyone can do everyday to turn around our economy. This plan makes everyone responsible for their own actions regardless of trade agreements or the sale of American businesses to foreign interests.

Visit www.americanchallenge.org to see the facts. Not spread sheets but facts that go back 30 years. Learn how the collapse of GM was actually planned more than 50 years ago by the leader of a foreign country. We ask every media outlet to help us inform every AmeriCAN® of the three things one must do every day that will have a major impact on the local, national and global economy. Visit the site for more details. See the About Us Tab at the top, and the Facts Tab on the left.

J P. Sammartano Program Director and former U S Army Counter Terrorist Officer, author, professor, and strategist for Delta Force: "This is not a simple task but one that we can achieve. We need to inform, inspire and implement this for everyone's sake."

AmeriCANs® need to unite and send a message for all to know that we are not a collection of red states or blue states; we are, and always will be, the United States, of America.



Whether you were born in the U S A or are a naturalized citizen; you are an [AmeriCAN®](#) learn the FACTS and you will inspire others.

You Can Make a Difference
I CAN ... You CAN ... We CAN ... AmeriCAN®

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Michael Youssef Says President Obama Denies the Truth of American Christian History

International Christian leader expresses concern regarding young president's understanding of American history

Atlanta, GA (PRWEB) July 2, 2009 -- Speaking at The Church of The Apostles in Atlanta, Michael Youssef delivered a powerful message on America's Christian foundation and why it is critical to a free society. This timely and relevant sermon points out America's Christian history and the basis for America's values and ideals.

Watch it here: http://www.leadingtheway.org/site/PageServer?pagename=sto_default.

About Michael Youssef:

Dr. Youssef is the Founder and President of Leading the Way with Dr. Michael Youssef, a worldwide ministry that leads the way for people living in spiritual darkness to discover the light of Christ through the creative use of media and on-the-ground ministry teams (www.leadingtheway.org). His weekly television programs and daily radio programs are broadcast in 20 languages and seen in more than 200 countries - airing 3,300 times per week. He is also the founding pastor of The Church of The Apostles in Atlanta, Ga.

Dr. Youssef was born in Egypt and lived in Lebanon and Australia before coming to the United States. In 1984, he fulfilled a childhood dream of becoming an American citizen. He holds degrees from Moore College in Sydney, Australia, and from Fuller Theological Seminary in California. In 1984, he earned a Ph.D. in social anthropology from Emory University. He has authored more than 20 books, including the most recent - You Want Me To Do What? He and his wife reside in Atlanta and have four grown children.

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The Drucker Institute's "Drucker Apps" Offers Key Insights for Independence Day, Whether You're Wondering About the State of Our Political Leadership or Mulling America's Role in a Fast-Changing World

Claremont, CA (PRWEB) July 2, 2009 -- [The Drucker Institute](#) at Claremont Graduate University today released its latest issue of Drucker Apps, a downloadable collection of useful insights on work and life from the world's foremost expert on organizations and effectiveness, Peter F. Drucker.

Available twice a month, Drucker Apps ties the timeless wisdom of one of the great thinkers and writers of the 20th century to the hottest issues of today, all delivered by the latest in 21st-century technology.

This installment of Drucker Apps was inspired by Independence Day, a time to celebrate, but also contemplate, the American experience. As Drucker has written about the nation's place in a changing world: "America...will have to learn to be one of...half a dozen major players...one of equals." This edition of Drucker Apps includes:

- Where Jefferson missed the mark
- The great American art form: politics
- The dangers of charismatic leadership
- Why the U.S. is no longer "the big boss"

To read the full Drucker Apps, and for more about effective management and ethical leadership, visit www.DRUCKERinstitute.com.

Drucker Apps is available via [email](#) or [RSS subscription](#).

About the Drucker Institute

[The Drucker Institute](#) at Claremont Graduate University is a think tank and action tank whose purpose is to stimulate effective management and ethical leadership across all sectors of society. It does this, in large part, by advancing the ideas and ideals of Peter F. Drucker, the father of modern management.

The Institute acts as a hub for a worldwide network of [Drucker Societies](#): volunteer-driven organizations that are using Drucker's teachings to bring about positive change in their local communities.

In addition, the Institute maintains a digital archive of Drucker's papers; undertakes research that builds on Drucker's writings; offers an annual \$100,000 prize for nonprofit innovation; produces curricular material that distills Drucker's decades of leading-edge thinking, including through an engaging, do-it-yourself workshop-in-a-box called "Drucker Unpacked"; applies Drucker's work to current events (through a regular online column in BusinessWeek by Institute Executive Director Rick Wartzman and through Drucker Apps); and hosts visiting fellows with Drucker-like insights and values.



The Institute is a close affiliate of the [Peter F. Drucker and Masatoshi Ito Graduate School of Management](#), which is training the next generation of leaders and managers to do good while they do well.

For more, please visit www.DRUCKERinstitute.com.

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DataDeed ... Hard To Get ... But Worth The Wait

DataDeed is a secure, electronic safe deposit box usually available only through group sponsors. For a very limited time it is being offered to the public. DataDeed is both a preparedness and organizational tool that protects vital information from fire, theft, weather and life's other uncertainties. Controlled access is available 24/7 at home or while traveling.

Friedensburg, PA(PRWEB) July 2, 2009 -- Since 2004 the DataDeed ®, a unique, internet-based preparedness and organizational tool, has been available only through group sponsors. Now, until July 31st, ad hoc America, Inc. is providing the public with a one time, open enrollment opportunity.

DataDeed acts as a secure, electronic safe deposit box, available 24/7 to the subscriber and chosen VIP's. It is portable and reliable, whether home or traveling and is marketed under the slogan ... "because life can change in an instant ".

With DataDeed the subscriber can identify the location and details of more than 40 flexible categories of financial and personal information. These can include as much or as little data as they are comfortable disclosing. This recognizes that they may not want their VIP's to know the value of assets or debts but still answers the need to disclose their existence/location. The recently added Personal Health Record "PHR" feature allows voluntary storage of important medical history, all subject to the subscriber's control. An added feature allows critical documents to be uploaded and scanned into the DataDeed.

DataDeed founder Sig Johnson explained "...we have had many requests over the years from folks who just didn't have access to a sponsor. It seems about time to offer them a brief window of opportunity. So this is something of a get it while you can offer."

DataDeed uses the same technology as on-line banking, is maintained in a secure data center and supported by recognized vendors. It meets the need for preparedness and organization in these times, offering safety from fire, theft, weather and life's other uncertainties.

The public can learn more by going to www.datadeed.com . Once there they should enter Sponsor Code 008885600 and can then take a tour to "touch and feel" the service for themselves. Open enrollment is available only until July 31st at a low annual subscription price of \$34.95 with a 30-day Free Trial included. ad hoc does reserve the right to withdraw the offer sooner, without notice, if volume exceeds expectations.

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Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association Demands Apology from Representative Duncan for Ignorant Remarks

Today, Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association National President J. Adler denounced Representative John Duncan for his disparaging remarks made against the Federal Air Marshals Service (FAMS). During his demeaning comments delivered on June 19th, Representative Duncan referred to the FAMS as a "useless agency" (see his website article entitled "Duncan Blasts "Useless" Air Marshal Service"). He then further evidences his inability to grasp the importance of the FAMS' mission by asserting that it would be "a total waste" for the House to appropriate \$860 million to the FAMS.

Lewisberry, PA (PRWEB) July 1, 2009 -- Today, FLEOA National President J. Adler denounced Representative John Duncan for his disparaging remarks made against the Federal Air Marshals Service (FAMS). During his demeaning comments delivered on June 19th, Representative Duncan referred to the FAMS as a "useless agency" (see his website article entitled "Duncan Blasts "Useless" Air Marshal Service"). He then further evidences his inability to grasp the importance of the FAMS' mission by asserting that it would be "a total waste" for the House to appropriate \$860 million to the FAMS.

FLEOA takes strong exception to the faulty reasoning put forth by Rep Duncan. To wit, Rep Duncan attempts to undermine the critical role the FAMS' play in our nation's homeland security by belittling the number of arrests Air Marshals have made. What he fails to understand is that the Federal Air Marshals have been a formidable force for deterring violent crimes on airplanes. The low number of arrests is actually to their credit, and demonstrates the positive impact the FAMS have on air travel safety. Would Rep Duncan consider President Obama's Secret Service detail a failure if they didn't make more than four arrests in a year?

Contrary to Rep Duncan's misguided remarks, the dedicated men and women in the FAMS do not have "a cushy, easy job." They endure long, hard schedules, often traveling across country with minimal turnaround time. The job entails making continual threat assessments in a close quarter's environment, and requires superior firearm and defensive tactics skills. While the cockpit doors may be reinforced, who's protecting the American citizenry that's sitting in the cabin? In December 2005, when a passenger declared that he had a bomb on a plane in the Miami Airport, who responded to this imminent threat and protected American lives? Perhaps Rep Duncan might rethink his inflammatory comments since his constituents fly on the same planes our Air Marshals protect.

To support his deplorable position, Rep Duncan refers to comments made by a professor regarding the money our government has appropriated for homeland security. Perhaps, if Rep Duncan opted to consult with those who actually work in the real world, he might learn that there are viable threats being made against our homeland each day. The lessons of September 11th have shown that we cannot effectively manage by crisis. Proactive defensive measures require funding, and the Air Marshals risk their lives each day to ensure that Americans are kept safe during air travel.

According to FLEOA FAM Agency President Frank Terreri, "the FAMS are the frontline of defense to deter terrorists from hijacking American planes. There is no one with a big 'S' on their shirt that's going to come to the rescue in midair to protect American lives." We hope Rep Duncan won't have to experience a 9/11 predicament



in order to understand the error of his position. Should Rep Duncan be interested in learning about the severity of real air travel threats, FLEOA would be happy to enlighten him.

The Federal Law Enforcement Officers Association (<http://www.fleoa.org>) is the largest nonprofit, nonpartisan professional association that exclusively represents federal law enforcement officers.

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'Tis the Season...for Hurricanes

Website, wearesafeandsound.com, helps Gulf Coast citizens prepare for communication during natural disasters

Austin, Texas (PRWEB) June 30, 2009 -- More than 35 million people live in areas that could potentially be affected by hurricanes this year. With the busiest part of hurricane season approaching (August through September), websites like www.WeAreSafeandSound.com are working to make sure that natural disasters don't separate families and create communication problems.

We Are Safe and Sound is a free emergency and disaster communications service. Users can register ahead of time and in the event of a natural disaster such as a hurricane, they can post a message on the site for their friends and family ensuring that people can find each other when they need to.

"I personally live in the Gulf Coast area and saw first-hand the worry that a breakdown in communication can create during a natural disaster," said Alvin Brown, WeAreSafeandSound.com President. "We started the site to make sure that families can stay connected when it matters most."

As a guest Brown can discuss:

- How Gulf Coast families can prepare for natural disasters like hurricanes
- What other factors to consider when you are preparing for hurricane evacuation
- Why people should consider a provider other than government agencies for help during a natural disaster
- And much more

2008 was a tumultuous year for hurricanes in the Gulf Coast and yet according to AT&T, more than 1/3 of residents say that they have not even thought about what their emergency communications plan should be.

"People don't understand the importance of having an emergency communications plan until the emergency happens and they're stranded without a way to communicate," said Brown. "Our service really focuses on decreasing the time it takes people to reconnect after being evacuated or displaced."

About WeAreSafeandSound.com:

Members of the site are assigned a username and password, and a voicemail box extension. In the event of a natural disaster, they can call their voicemail box via a toll-free number and leave a "Safe&Sound" message loved ones. Members associated with the account call the same toll-free number and can listen to messages after they provide proper identification.

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IKONOS Satellite Imaging Technology used to Monitor Demonstrations in Tehran, Iran

On June 18, 2009 GeoEye acquired a 1m [IKONOS Satellite](#) Image over Tehran Iran providing a better insight of the activities in the downtown area where pro democracy demonstrations continued in response to potential electoral fraud.

Houston, Texas (Vocus) June 27, 2009 -- [Satellite Imaging Corporation](#), an official value-added reseller (VAR) for GeoEye geospatial data products, received a 1m IKONOS Satellite Image from GeoEye providing an aerial overview of Tehran, Iran, the country's capital and site of numerous recent election protests. The 1-meter resolution satellite image, which depicts notable landmarks such as Lalen Park and Vali Asr Square, was acquired by the IKONOS satellite sensor on June 18, 2009.

Eye on Iran

Shortly following the conclusion of the 2009 Iranian presidential election, supporters of reformist Iranian presidential candidate Mir-Hossein Mousavi defiantly took their message to the streets and the Internet. Many Iranians are involved in ongoing mass protests claiming election fraud and other abuses and quickly summoned the attention of the international community.

The government of Iran, seemingly uninfluenced by a growing unrest, officially upheld the contested victory of hardline incumbent candidate Mahmoud Ahmadinejad. In order to quell the uprising, they began to use tactics that involved censorship – including a total media blackout – and violence. The protesters, whose groups had once found success in communicating their message through social networking sites such as Twitter, Facebook, and YouTube, turned silent as those resources were made inaccessible to them. Armed Basij – members of a force controlled directly by Supreme Leader Ali Khamenei and the Iranian Revolutionary Guards – were sent to raid universities and disperse the masses that had gathered on the streets of Tehran.

While many aspects of the situation remain uncertain, there have been at least 28 confirmed and 150 unconfirmed deaths resulting from the election protests and subsequent government response.

The Role of Satellite Imaging and Remote Sensing

When situations such as media blackouts occur and photographs cannot be reliably obtained, satellite images can provide an aerial perspective that is unmatched by any alternate medium. High-resolution satellite imagery, such as that which is produced by the [GeoEye-1](#), IKONOS, and QuickBird satellite sensors, is capable of revealing crucial details that might otherwise remain inaccessible or unnoticed. This critical imagery also enables interested parties, such as foreign state departments, to maintain a clear and objective overview of the event as it unfolds.

About Satellite Imaging Corporation;



Since the early 2000s, Satellite Imaging Corporation has served as a leader in the fields of remote sensing, satellite imagery and Geographic Information Systems (GIS), providing our global client base with intelligent high resolution 2D and 3D satellite imagery products featuring unparalleled precision and quality. In today's increasingly sensitive political climate, our state-of-the-art image capturing and processing capabilities for [Security, Intelligence](#) and other geospatial applications -- combined with unrivaled experience -- enable us to address the unique security needs of the 21st century.

For more news on satellite remote sensing and GIS technology go to: <http://news.satimagingcorp.com>

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80-Year-Old Radio Program Releases iPhone Application

Voice Of Prophecy, the 2nd oldest running gospel radio broadcast, releases the first dedicated iPhone application. Listeners can find this FREE application thru the Apple "App Store". Current, and past broadcasts are available on-demand.

Simi Valley, CA (PRWEB) June 26, 2009 -- The first dedicated iPhone application for a Christian inspirational program has been released for [Voice of Prophecy](#), founded in 1929 and now the second-oldest gospel radio broadcast still on the air.

The VOP Radio application has an easy-to-use user interface that offers two formats. Users can listen to recent broadcasts in a streaming format 24/7, or they may select from a list of specific programs and listen on-demand.

The application runs on both the iPhone and on the second-generation iPod Touch. For iPhone users, the application is at the "App Store" (search for VOP).

The Voice of Prophecy already offers Bible studies formatted for cell phones.

Voice of Prophecy speaker Fred Kinsey says, "I'm really excited about using all kinds of new technology to make the gospel available to people anytime, anywhere. It's still the same tried and true message, but the method of delivery is constantly being updated."

Voice of Prophecy is heard on hundreds of radio stations around the world, and now it is available to millions of iPhone and iPod owners whenever they wish.

The application was developed by Kyle Borg, president and co-founder of BiggyTV, who also created the platforms for The Adventist Channel for online video distribution, and for SDALink, an online social networking site for the [Seventh-day Adventist](#) global church.

More information about Voice of Prophecy may be found at www.vop.com.

Founded by Seventh-day Adventist pastor [H.M.S. Richards, Sr.](#) in October 1929 as America's Great Depression was beginning, Voice of Prophecy pioneered the use of radio to deliver the message of the gospel. Eighty years later, it continues to use contemporary technology to touch the lives of many around the world. The Voice of Prophecy radio program, Bible school, and evangelistic ministry has its international headquarters at the Adventist Media Center in Simi Valley, California.

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Former Admiral Kikareas Announces that "The Power of Love is the Only Mighty Tool, Which May Bring World Peace and Heal Nature"

Admiral P. Kikareas, President of the World Foundation of Peace and Security, has devoted his life for peace and security among humanity. This time, with the present situation in Iran and the Middle East, he foresees that only pure love might save humanity from the coming catastrophe. As a strong believer to Jesus Christ, after many years of search and studies, he is convinced that only if humanity turns to Jesus Christ will all these problems be solved.

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Admiral P. Kikareas says that "History has proven since the beginning that pure love was the only real powerful solution, which has transformed human nature to reach God's level and transform people, societies and the nature of our planet. We have to turn ourselves to this direction in order for humankind and our planet to survive.

"Pure Love is the essence of God, the Creator of everything before the beginning. He has also created men and women to be like Him and be unified with Him in the energy of pure love without harming their individual face.

"The tragedy started when mankind felt from the pure love, as was not yet established there, driven by the catastrophic ego, which has nothing to do with love.

"Since then we all know in history all the circles of good and bad times of the humanity."

Kikareas says, "God from His pure love send His only Son Jesus Christ on the earth, to live as a human being, a perfect man and a perfect God in a human body, without the two natures to be interfered between themselves. In order to succeed this Jesus Christ was dressed with the Emperor's Robe of the Holly Humiliation, because it should be impossible otherwise His Gods Essence, which is infinite, to be contained into a human body!"

Kikareas adds, "Jesus Christ with His teachings, His pure life and pure love, made it possible through His sufferings and death on the cross, to be resurrected and with His blood to carry onto Himself, all the sins of all humankind from the beginning up to the end of this world.

"He also made it possible for everyone who would believe on to Him and try to follow His steps of love and humiliation, to be cleansed from his/her passions and be purified and connected with Him, through the Holly Spirit from this life, into the eternity.

"In accordance with all prophecies and from what we experience, we live into the last ages of this circle. Our ego has made us to believe that we are gods. This has separated us from His Grace and we have been blind and create our theories of human rights, of economies and of government.



"We are full of passions, greed, corruption, confusion and our ego has made us think that by ourselves and our false theories and passions many establish peace, understanding, security and philanthropy.

"We have created elite groups full of ego with all the fortune of the world, who don't understand that each one of us came on earth nude and without titles, and this is how we are going to leave this life, nude carrying only our book of what we have left behind us as echoes to follow us forever."

Kikareas says: "Look at history: first world war, second world war, dictatorships, communism, Middle East, Iraq, Iran, jihad, threats to wipe out countries, terrorists to kill without mercy on the name of God! And have the illusion that this comes from God!

"Let's make a stop for a day, for a moment, and all the population of the world pray to God the Creator to forgive us, to show mercy on us, to guide us find Him again, and then let's get dressed with the Emperor's Robe of Humiliation and say that it was also and our fault then we will find out that we may love each other, then God will help us live in peace, security, understanding and real love."

Kikareas ends: "There is no other way than this way. If we finally achieve to blame ourselves too and try to follow Jesus Christ's steps, trust Him and Believe on Him, then the Kingdom of Heavens will come into us and heal all humanity and nature."

The World Foundation for Peace and Security was created by Admiral P. Kikareas to help serve the world and consult governments, finding best solutions for crisis management problems, and also creating ways to avoid major catastrophes.

"Our Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on us," says Peter Kikareas, Admiral retired.

The World Foundation for Peace and Security requests your assistance and donation for this major task to be flourished. For more information, please call 1-352-459-3541.

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A Question for the 40th Anniversary of Apollo 11: Apollo 11's "Giant Leap" or Apollo 8's "Genesis" Reading?

When NASA and the media celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing on July 20, 2009, they are certain to overlook a profound question, one that is explored in the latest books by Barry Vacker, a professor of media studies. That question? Which words spoken from the moon have proven more prophetic and powerful back on Earth: Neil Armstrong's "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" or William Anders' "In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth," from the famed Genesis reading of Apollo 8?

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That question? Which words spoken from the moon have proven more prophetic and powerful back on Earth: Neil Armstrong's "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" or William Anders' "In the beginning God created the Heaven and the Earth," from the famed Genesis reading of Apollo 8?

Cultural and media theorist [Barry Vacker](#), a professor at Temple University, believes that the leap into the secular universe of the space age has been undercut by a great leap backward into the creationist worlds of evangelicalism and fundamentalism.

"The deeper meaning of Armstrong's words broadcast to a billion television viewers on Earth and of the famed Earthrise photo beamed to our planet from Apollo 8," said Vacker, "was the realization that we live on a tiny planet floating amidst the vast cosmic void. There is nothing to save us or our planet but ourselves."

"For some, this realization united humanity in a feeling of global goodwill and energized the ecological movement," Vacker continued. "But during the last 40 years, the majority have responded with a retreat to the superstitious past, as evidenced today by the global rise of creationism, anti-intellectualism, religious warfare, and even evangelical presidents in the White House."

As Vacker explains in his books, much of humanity has turned away from a secular or scientific orientation toward the 'big bang' universe in order to understand our existence, instead preferring sacred texts written centuries ago in the pre-scientific age. As the mayhem in our daily headlines reveals, Armstrong's "great leap for mankind" has proven less prophetic than Apollo 8's Genesis reading, at least so far.

Vacker explores Apollo 8, the space age, and the retreat from secularism in *Starry Skies Moving Away* and *Crashing Into the Vanishing Points* (Theory Vortex, 2009). Vacker also wrote the text for Peter Granser's photography book about America, *Signs* (Hatje Cantz and Chicago Museum of Contemporary Photography, 2008), where he first wrote about the Apollo 8 Genesis reading. He is also the author of *Slugging Nothing: Fighting the Future in Fight Club* (Theory Vortex, 2009).



Also, he is editor of the forthcoming anthology, entitled Media Environments (University Readers, 2010). Author of many articles and book chapters, he also wrote and directed the documentary film: [Space Times Square](#) (2007). For more information on Vacker's book series, visit the [Theory Vortex](#) web site.

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Eva's Village, the Paterson, New Jersey Anti-Poverty Charity, Looks for Popular Support to Help the Poor in a Troubled Economy

Eva's Village (<http://www.EvasVillage.org>), a comprehensive New Jersey anti-poverty charity, creates a FUN WALK/RUN called Journey of Hope to help the poor -- Eva's Village, Paterson, New Jersey, seeks additional funding to meet the increasing need.

Paterson, NJ (PRWEB) June 23, 2009 -- [Eva's Village](#) creates new opportunities for volunteers and donors to help the poor in New Jersey during the current economic recession.

Paterson, New Jersey: Recently, the unemployment rate in America was reported to be 8.9% for most, but 15.4% when counting the higher numbers for the chronically poor. It's not surprising that America's most troubled cities are seeing an increase in homeless individuals and families. At Eva's Village in Paterson, the daily hot lunch for the [New Jersey homeless](#) and working poor has increased from 260 servings per day to more than 400, far more than planned for in 2009.

As the need grows, model anti-poverty charities like faith-based Eva's Village don't shy away from the challenge. They simply do more, so they need to ask for more help from their donors. The aggressive anti-poverty mission of Eva's Village is to [feed the hungry](#), shelter the homeless, [treat the addicted](#) and [provides free medical and dental care to the poor](#), with respect for the human dignity of each individual. Yet, in today's difficult economy, who hasn't thought to themselves, "I'm lucky if I can spare \$20 let alone make a big donation to a charity." That's why Eva's Village is offering new ways for small donors to help the poor. Donna Fico, Chief Marketing Officer at Eva's Village says, "We have many active volunteers who would like to do even more, so it's up to us to give them a way to help."

On Saturday, September 26, 2009, Eva's Village will provide a way for many small donors to do more by holding the first ever "[Journey of Hope](#)", a community Fun Walk/Run to help the poor. Registration is just \$20, and Eva's Village is hoping participants will ask family and friends to add many more \$20 donations to support their effort. Sister Gloria Perez, Executive Director of Eva's Village makes a good case: "At Eva's Village, \$20 will go farther than you can imagine, and this fun walk will provide a way for our dedicated volunteers to invite their family, friends and co-workers to share in their joy of giving through many small donations."

Consider what \$20 can do at Eva's Village:

- \$20.00 will provide a hot lunch for FOUR hungry people
- \$20.00 will provide a winter hat and gloves for TWO very cold homeless people
- \$40.00 will provide fruit and vegetables for TWENTY families living in the Hope Residence of St. Frances at Eva's Village
- \$40.00 will provide a week's worth of diapers for TEN infants living in the Hope Residence
- \$60.00 will provide a cup of coffee for more than TWO THOUSAND homeless men and women
- \$100.00 will provide 3 days of complete meals for TWENTY homeless women



Sister Gloria Perez says, "We have all been witness to the power of a random act of kindness, how something small can make a big impact. Every single day, Eva's Village is fueled by the kindness and generosity of others. By supporting our anti-poverty programs at Eva's Village, you can personally improve the lives of people in your own community by giving them the resources they need to achieve self-sufficiency."

Join the Eva's Village Journey of Hope, the first annual FUN Walk/Run for Eva's Village, September 26, 2009. Call (973) 897-1261 or <http://www.evasvillage.org/journeyofhope>

Eva's Village feeds the hungry, shelters the homeless, treats the addicted and provides free medical and dental care to the poor, with respect for the human dignity of each individual. Founded in 1982, Eva's Village is now one of the most comprehensive and respected anti-poverty programs in the state of New Jersey and has helped hundreds of men, women and families find new purpose in life.

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USAFlagSupply.com asks "Are All American Flags Made in the U.S.A.?"

American flags have become one of many products outsourced to countries such as China so manufacturers can increase their margin or lower their price to retailers. It isn't always obvious that a flag was made outside of the United States. Online American flag retailer USAFlagSupply.com will provide tips for buying an American flag that was made in the U.S.A.

Buffalo, NY(PRWEB) June 22, 2009 -- American flags have become one of many products outsourced to countries such as China so manufacturers can increase their margin or lower their price to retailers. Manufacturers get away with selling American flags made overseas by calling them "American flag banners" instead of American flags. Adding on the word "banner" they are no longer considered American flags, but instead a decorative product. Equally as deceptive, retailers advertise that all of their American flags are made in the U.S.A., but in reality this just excludes all of the "American flag banners" made outside of the country. Many Americans are unknowingly flying these "banners" which are made overseas to show pride for our country, when in reality it's a tainted shell of what they're trying to accomplish.

When asked about the deceptive practices of American flag retailers, Sue Denning, Product Manager of USAFlagSupply.com, a major online flag retailer said, "The American flag is considered a living object according to the United States Flag code. It's sad to think that consumers are being tricked into buying a cheap imitation of our flag made abroad just for the sake of retailers making a little more money."

Tips for buying an American flag this July 4th:

1. If the flag has the term "decorative", or "banner" in the description investigate further
2. Look for the Made in the U.S.A. logo
3. Compare prices - if the price is very low in comparison to other American flags of similar size and material investigate further
4. If you have any doubt contact the manufacturer to find out if the flag has been made of U.S. materials and assembled in the U.S. with U.S. labor

USAFlagSupply.com is an online retailer which sells American flags, flag poles, display cases and flag hardware. USA Flag Supply guarantees 100% of its flags were made in the U.S.A.

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Entrepreneurial Security Company Wins Federal Contract to Protect One of the Country's National Treasures

The Whitestone Group Was Recently Awarded the Hoover Dam Contract by the United States Department of Interior

(PRWEB) June 24, 2009 -- Columbus based [Whitestone Group](#) was recently informed by the Department of Interior's Bureau of Reclamation that they were the winning contractor selected to provide exclusive security for the Hoover Dam located between Nevada and Arizona. Whitestone assumed control of securing the historic landmark and tourist destination on May 1, 2009.

John Clark, President and CEO of The Whitestone Group said, "We are honored to have the opportunity to work with the Department of Interior and to participate in the preserving the rights and freedom of this country by providing a safe and secure environment for all citizens visiting or traveling across the Hoover Dam."

[The Whitestone Group](#) was founded in 2000 by Mr. Clark and has over 250 years of combined military and law enforcement management experience. Headquartered in Columbus, OH, Whitestone also has offices located in Washington DC, San Diego, CA, Naples, FL and Houston, TX. Whitestone is quickly becoming an industry leader by providing quality security solutions to local, state and federal government agencies across the United States.

To learn more about The Whitestone Group, visit www.whitestonegroup.us. To contact Mr. Clark, call (614) 501-7007 or via email at [jclark @ whitestonegroup.us](mailto:jclark@whitestonegroup.us).

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Singapore Schools Dominate 2009 World Scholar's Cup; U.S. Teams Fall Short

Nearly 100 secondary school teams from 13 countries gathered in Singapore last weekend for the 2009 World Finals of the World Scholar's Cup. Teams faced off in four events--including oral exams and public debates--centered on the tournament's 2009 theme, the Fall of Empires. Singapore's Raffles Girls' School swept both the junior and senior divisions, but teams from other countries vowed to return strong in 2010.

Los Angeles, CA (PRWEB) June 21, 2009 -- Nearly 100 high school and middle school teams from 13 countries gathered in Singapore last weekend to compete at the 2009 World Finals of the [World Scholar's Cup](#).

"The teams began and ended the weekend as fierce rivals," said Daniel Berdichevsky, the program director, "But along the way I watched many of them discover exactly how much they had in common. They've been friending one another on Facebook ever since."

Events at the tournament included essays, team debates, written exams, and a grueling Scholar's Bowl in which students worked together to answer questions in front of an audience. All events centered on this year's curriculum theme: the Fall of Empires. Teams learned the science of sustainable development, the economics of collapse, the art of decay and decadence, and the history, film, and literature of empires in decline. They also took part in a community-building scavenger hunt and performed in a debate showcase for the general public.

"My students thoroughly enjoyed the international nature of the World Scholar's Cup," said Dr. Sakhar Nair, coach of the winning teams from Raffles Girls' School in Singapore. "The organizers have done a brilliant job in bringing together scholars from everywhere for a truly unique learning experience."

Eight of the top ten spots in the senior division and seven of the top ten spots in the junior division went to teams from Singapore. The individual overall winner was Raffles Girls' School student Zhang Mengshi, with a record 8,779 out of a possible 10,000 points.

"The Scholar's Cup has really evolved into a world-class competition," said Valicia Saucedo, coach of the Daewon Foreign Language High School team from South Korea, which placed fifth in its division. "It's not just about competing, it's an opportunity for students to grow and get to know a little more about the rest of the world."

After winning the senior division at last year's World Finals in South Korea, teams from the United States failed to crack the top twenty in 2009. "This will force us to work harder to match up with other countries," said Bunnie Hadsall, a competitor from Westwood High School in Mesa, Arizona.

Anirudh Sivaram, who helped to launch the program at the Modern School of Dubai and carried the flag of the United Arab Emirates at the tournament's opening ceremonies, added, "On the plane journey back home, the twelve of us were already strategizing as to how we could kick butt next year."



Program sponsors include the DemiDec Corporation, FunnelBrain LLC, and iRespond. The 2009 World Finals were hosted by [Nanyang Girls' High School](#), with support from the Singapore Exhibition and Convention Bureau, a division of the Singapore Tourism Board (STB).

In a statement issued at the conclusion of the tournament, the STB noted that "staging the World Scholar's Cup has strengthened Singapore's reputation as a global exchange capital and enhances its value proposition as an intellectual hub. Drawing outstanding youths from around the world, it has raised our global profile and showcased our vibrancy as a host for youth-oriented international events, such as the 2010 Youth Olympic Games."

At the awards ceremony on Sunday evening, between winning medals for their achievements in different subjects and events, students cheered when Berdichevsky announced the curriculum theme for the upcoming competition season: A World Divided.

"There's a bit of irony to that," admitted Berdichevsky, "since a major goal of the program is to help bring the world together."

For more information on the World Scholar's Cup, or to learn about sponsorship opportunities, visit www.scholarscup.org.

About the [World Scholar's Cup](#):

With students in over 30 countries, the World Scholar's Cup is the world's leading all-around team academic competition. Teams learn a global curriculum spanning diverse subjects and skills, from science and art to writing and debate. They participate year-round in an online community and compete in person at regional and world tournaments.

About the Sponsors:

[DemiDec](#) first launched the World Scholar's Cup in 2006 after 12 years of developing student-centered learning experiences, including independent curriculum materials for the U.S. Academic Decathlon. [FunnelBrain](#) is a student-driven academic question-and-answer site founded by education experts and seasoned Internet executives from Move, Inc. (NASDAQ:MOVE). iRespond manufactures real-time question response systems for use in the classroom and beyond.

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Pittsburgh-area Company Secures U.S. Border with a Mobile Solution

A newly finished, state-of-the-art U.S. Customs and Border Patrol processing and detainment tractor trailer, outfitted by Mobile Concepts by Scotty, will be commissioned for work in Florida during hurricane season.

Mount Pleasant, PA (PRWEB) June 20, 2009 -- Mobile Concepts by Scotty recently completed the first of three processing and detainment tractor trailers for the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol to assist in securing the country, beating out a larger competitor after submitting a bid and being awarded the contract.

The small, woman-owned company, located approximately 50 miles from Pittsburgh, has added tractor trailer outfitting to its list of products. Contrary to the current business trend in the U.S., Mobile Concepts continues to expand beyond that of their original scope to encompass many vehicle and trailer applications.

The tractor trailer will be making the first leg of its nearly 1,200 mile trip from Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania, to Fort Belvoir, Virginia, where state-of-the-art mobile technology and satellite capability equipment will be installed. Following installation, the semi will be recommissioned and finish its trek to the Florida coast where it will be put on stand by for the hurricane season. The fully self-contained unit allows officers to arrest, process and detain an influx of offenders all within the tractor trailer.

The final two tractor trailers are expected to be completed in December, 2009, and February, 2010, respectively.

Mobile Concepts will continue to seek government contracts and expand their product line in order to boost the local, state and national economy.

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Intertek Introduces New ETL Listed Alarm System Certification Program

Central Station and Alarm Service Companies now have a choice in certification and product selection

Chicago (PRWEB) June 19, 2009 -- Intertek (LSE: ITRK), a global leader in testing, inspection and certification, announces the launch of its new [ETL Listed Alarm System Certification Program](#) for the Life Safety and Security industry. For the first time, central stations and alarm service companies have a choice in who provides their alarm system certification.

[ETL Listed Alarm System Certification Program](#) provides alarm service companies, and central station owners and operators greater options and therefore potential savings in equipment and components. Alarm service companies can now expand the selection of products they install in their facilities, as long as the product has been tested and certified by an OSHA-recognized "Nationally Recognized Testing Laboratory" (NRTL) such as Intertek.

"The launch of this program marks a new day in an industry that has long been underserved," said Tom Connaughton, Director, Life Safety and Security Services, Intertek. "This industry deserves a choice, and we are going to provide the exceptional quality of service we have provided all of our clients across a wide range of industries for the past 100 years."

This program has been established to assist the Fire and Security industries in their efforts to implement and maintain the highest levels of alarm system reliability. [The ETL Alarm System Certification Program](#) assures Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJs), such as fire inspectors and insurance underwriters, that the alarm system has been properly installed, is being maintained, and is subjected to annual third-party surveillance by an NRTL. This ensures full compliance with all federal, national and local standards and codes.

The ETL Listed Alarm System Certification Program helps to ensure safety in commercial and residential central station facilities across North America. Participation in the ETL program gives companies several advantages in the marketplace:

- Freedom to choose products or components tested and certified by any NRTL
- Cost savings over their existing certification program
- Access to My Test Central, Intertek's simple and secure database that gives alarm service companies the ability to generate a temporary certificate (with a two week expiration) that can be previewed, printed and handed to an AHJ on the spot
- Increased installation values means increased revenue opportunities
- Higher system reliability which leads to reduced fire alarms and decreased costs overall
- Insurance incentives for customers

To read more about this and other revolutionary life safety services offered by Intertek, please visit our web site



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About Intertek's testing and certification services

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About Intertek

Intertek is a leading provider of quality and safety solutions serving a wide range of industries around the world. From auditing and inspection, to testing, quality assurance and certification, Intertek people are dedicated to adding value to customers' products and processes, supporting their success in the global marketplace.

Intertek has the expertise, resources and global reach to support its customers through its network of more than 1,000 laboratories and offices and over 23,000 people in more than 100 countries around the world.

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Former Executive Secretary of the National Security Council, Phillip Lago, Joins Advisory Board of Centrifuge Systems

Centrifuge Systems, Inc., a leading provider of next generation business intelligence software, announced today that Mr. V. Philip Lago has joined its advisory board.

McLean, VA (Vocus) June 18, 2009 -- Centrifuge Systems, Inc., a leading provider of next generation business intelligence software, announced today that Mr. V. Philip Lago has joined its advisory board.

Mr. Lago's career spans more than 30 years in the CIA and intelligence community as a senior executive, manager, analyst and operations officer. He is nationally recognized in the fields of emergency preparedness, continuity of operations and continuity of government.

Mr. Lago was appointed by the President in 2005 to serve as the Executive Secretary of the National Security Council. In addition to his responsibility as chief of operations, Mr. Lago led the transformation of the White House Situation Room to a state of the art situational awareness center in support of the President, his top advisors and staff.

In response to the attacks of September 11th, 2001, Mr. Lago was named to the Director of Central Intelligence team (DCI) to relocate and brief the most senior US Government policy makers at an undisclosed location. He later formed the DCI Homeland Security Staff which strengthened DCI support to Homeland Security.

"I am thrilled to have such an accomplished leader as an advisor to Centrifuge" said Guljit Khurana, CEO of Centrifuge Systems. "Mr. Lago's extensive experience in emergency preparedness, homeland security and intelligence analysis will help Centrifuge expand the presence of our groundbreaking technology into federal, state and local government sectors world wide."

Mr. Lago received both the Director's Award and the Distinguished Career Intelligence Medal from the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI). In his career, he served as the chief of the Special Operations Division of NIMA where he provided operational support to the Special Operations Command, the Chairman of the Joint Chief's targeting unit and the CIA's directorate of operations.

Mr. Lago said "Centrifuge technology has proven effective in the war on terror. It is highly applicable to identifying terrorist networks and the corresponding money trail. This is extraordinary technology that allows intelligence analysts to assimilate large amounts of data into actionable intelligence and then share these insights in a secure environment. The fact that Centrifuge runs in a browser means that analysts in theater can gain access to this right away."

About Centrifuge

Centrifuge Systems is a leading provider of next generation business intelligence software that helps organizations discover insights, patterns and relationships hidden in their data. The unique Centrifuge approach is



called Interactive Analytics which brings together three innovations in analysis: Interactive Data Visualization, Unified Data Views and Collaborative Analysis. With Centrifuge, users ask open ended questions of their data by interacting with visual representations of the data directly.

Traditional business intelligence solutions require users to define what they want to see in advance and present the results in static dashboards. With Centrifuge, users determine what is of interest "on the fly", then manipulate the displays directly in a highly interactive fashion. The experience is refreshingly easy-to-use and the resulting insights can be extraordinary.

Centrifuge is used in some of the most demanding applications in the world, including counter-terrorism and homeland defense, providing analysts with the freedom to explore.

For more information including access to demos and white papers, visit the company's website at <http://www.centrifugesystems.com>

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Richmond, Va. and Intergraph® First to Automate Security Alarm 9-1-1 Calls

Interoperability program transmits alarm alerts directly to computer aided dispatch system saving response time; becomes a new national standard

Huntsville, AL (PRWEB) June 16, 2009 -- The City of Richmond, Va. and Intergraph® are the first to automate the transmission of security alarm alerts directly to the appropriate [public safety](#) answering point's (PSAP) Computer-Aided Dispatch (CAD) system and reduce response time by at least two to three minutes, saving precious time and lives.

Richmond's two-year pilot External Alarm Interface Exchange project, incorporating Intergraph public safety incident management and reporting solutions, eliminated approximately 6,000 telephone calls from residential and commercial security companies. This reduction means more efficient utilization of 9-1-1 call taker resources in the PSAP.

The program's success has made it an American National Standards Institute (ANSI) standard now recognized by the Association of Public-Safety Communications Officials-International (APCO) and the Central Station Alarm Association (CSAA). Each year across the United States, 9-1-1 call takers manage more than 32 million incoming calls for assistance from alarm monitoring companies.

By utilizing an XML-based approach that conforms to the National Information Exchange Model (NIEM) to facilitate the electronic transmission of critical data from alarm monitoring companies to PSAPs, 9-1-1 call taker staff's time is no longer needed to manually gather and input alarm alert information. Instead, the new alarm event data is processed by the CAD system as a call-for-service that appears instantly in the radio operator's dispatch queue for assignment to first responders. This results in a savings of time and fewer errors.

"It has been a special honor for the City of Richmond to have pioneered a technology project that has resulted in a new American national standard. The new ANSI standard can be deployed easily by all CAD and central station alarm monitoring software providers on behalf of 9-1-1 PSAPs and alarm monitoring companies," said Bill Hobgood, Public Safety Team Project manager, City of Richmond, Va. Department of Information Technology. "The collaborative and cooperative success of this interoperability project will reduce telephone call volumes between 9-1-1 PSAPs and alarm monitoring companies in the millions, reduce mistakes in the processing of new alarm events, and save lives and property. I am very pleased with Intergraph's role to become the first commercial CAD provider to complete this interface that conforms 100 percent to the ANSI standard."

"APCO International applauds the City of Richmond and Intergraph for their focus on the end users and the improved dispatch and response times gained through this project," APCO International Executive Director George S. Rice, Jr. said. "This standard is highly recommended for all entities and agencies interested in implementing an automated exchange of alarm-related data in order to promote more efficient and effective public safety and data interoperability, as demonstrated in Richmond."



"Interoperability continues to be one of the most strategic imperatives in public safety," said Jeff Vining, Gartner vice president and research analyst for government, homeland security and law enforcement. "The automation of alarm alerts between the commercial and public sectors is an important new interoperability milestone."

"As the largest worldwide provider of [public safety](#) and security incident management and reporting solutions, Intergraph has a long and rich history of developing pacesetting innovations and driving industry standards," said John K. Graham, president, Intergraph Security, Government & Infrastructure. "We are pleased to have partnered with the City of Richmond's visionary team on this milestone project to expand the boundaries of public safety interoperability, save lives and become a new standard for the entire public safety industry. During these challenging economic times, this technology provides a mechanism for improving call times and efficiency, while reducing the burden on agency staff, and we look forward to making it available to our many customers."

Intergraph is the leading global provider of incident management software and reporting solutions. One in 12 people in the world is protected by Intergraph public safety and security solutions.

About Intergraph

Intergraph is the leading global provider of engineering and geospatial software that enables customers to visualize complex data. Businesses and governments in more than 60 countries rely on Intergraph's industry-specific software to organize vast amounts of data into understandable visual representations and actionable intelligence. Intergraph's software and services empower customers to build and operate more efficient plants and ships, create intelligent maps, and protect critical infrastructure and millions of people around the world.

Intergraph operates through two divisions: Process, Power & Marine (PP&M) and Security, Government & Infrastructure (SG&I). Intergraph PP&M provides enterprise engineering software for the design, construction and operation of plants, ships and offshore facilities. Intergraph SG&I provides geospatially-powered solutions to the defense and intelligence, public safety and security, government, transportation, photogrammetry, utilities, and communications industries. For more information, visit Intergraph.com.

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Smarter Security Systems Sets Design Standard with New Optical Turnstile

Elegant Fastlane® ClearStyle™ 400 Provides Lobby Security with Sleek, New Design

Austin, Texas (PRWEB) June 16, 2009 -- Smarter Security Systems, provider of intelligent entrance control and outdoor security solutions, today announced the availability of its new Fastlane ClearStyle 400 optical turnstile. The new product updates the design of the original architect-inspired ClearStyle to reflect more contemporary building designs.

"ClearStyle has long been considered the most elegant optical turnstile on the market. The new ClearStyle 400 strengthens this position as its patented design is now even more sleek," said Jeff Brown, President of Smarter Security Systems. "Buildings choose ClearStyle because of its unique, minimalist design and fast throughput. The new 400 model can also further increase throughput as it accommodates our FastScan™ TVS integrated barcode/proximity reader, for which we're seeing eager market acceptance."

ClearStyle 400 is secure without a barrier because it has the tailgate detection and alarm accuracy inherent in Fastlane technology. Already small by industry standards, the 400 is even narrower than its predecessor: the pedestals are only 2.2" wide from end to end. Moreover, the large base rings from the original model have been eliminated, so the footprint on the ground is significantly smaller and sleeker as the pedestal cleanly merges into the lobby floor. The glass-like acrylic side panels and the mere 31" length of ClearStyle 400 allow it to blend into any lobby and make it a favorite of architects.

The shape of ClearStyle 400 is not only more stylish, but also more functional. At each end of the acrylic side-panel, stainless steel ends extend out at an angle in opposite directions (as in a zig zag pattern). Unlike the original model, this new design allows for internal mounting of a variety of readers, such as FastScan TVS, for an even more elegant appearance. For more information on ClearStyle 400, please visit:
<http://www.smartersecurity.com/entry/fastlane/fastlane.html>.

About Smarter Security Systems, Ltd.

Smarter Security Systems provides extremely intelligent entrance control and outdoor security products to help organizations protect their people and assets in a world of increasing threats. Since 1992, Smarter Security has offered Fastlane turnstiles, the most elegant and intelligent optical turnstiles available, which protect thousands of commercial and governmental lobbies on 6 continents. Smarter Security's comprehensive line of outdoor security products consists of remote surveillance and perimeter protection solutions, including SmarterSentry™, a complete mobile surveillance unit. For more information, please visit www.smartersecurity.com.

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Ajoka Unveils Innovative New Surveillance Camera and Spy Products

Industry leader for nearly 15 years offering a broad array of surveillance products, Ajoka serves up unique Micro Camera products never before available on the surveillance and spy market.

Hong Kong (PRWEB) June 15, 2009 -- Ajoka (www.ajoka.com), is setting the pace in the spy and [Security surveillance products](#) industry by offering unmatched value in [wireless Camera](#), debuts a range of new, richly-featured [spy products](#). Each is a fully-functional surveillance device carefully hidden inside of everyday objects, like pens, cigarette lighters and even belt buckles. All are perfect for quickly and efficiently completing legitimate surveillance activity.

"We're proud to provide tools law enforcement offers can use to quietly and efficiently nab lawbreakers," said Mr. Chen, spokesperson for Ajoka. "Our products are filled with high-end features typically available in only very expensive products. Ajoka gives customers the best of both worlds, superior performance at an inexpensive price."

The newly available devices include:

- Pen Camera - A 4GB capacity and built in DVR functionality for storing up to 16 hours of audio and video evidence with date and time stamping, all housed in a professional looking ball point pen.
- Cigarette lighter - Micro SD capable device captures audio and video for later playback and storage.
- Belt Buckle - Although it looks like a standard men's belt buckle, it contains a means of recording sound and video. It is a unique product available only from Ajoka. Capable of utilizing up to an 8 GB Micro SD card for archiving of recordings.
- Wall Charger - This regular looking adapter plugs into a wall outlet in the home or office and records up to eight hours of activity. Because it is always plugged in, there is no need to worry about missing anything.
- Sunglasses - With a high-polymer rechargeable battery and an internal 2 GB memory, these hidden camera sunglasses can record up to five hours of video on a single charge.

Each device is absolutely indistinguishable from its conventional analog. No one will be able to tell Ajoka's pen camera from a regular ball-point pen. Yet, Ajoka provides powerful tools for evidence collection.

Ajoka ships worldwide from their Hong Kong headquarters. To shop for their complete line of spy and surveillance products, please visit <http://shop.ajoka.com/home.php>

About Ajoka

Hong Kong based Ajoka Corporation offers Security Camera surveillance professionals the smallest cameras and recorders in the world. Built to be feature packed and inexpensive, Ajoka products are used worldwide. Ajoka Corporation is affiliated with the 5M Technology H.K (5M Group of companies), allowing them to demand the best possible price from manufacturers of products they do not put together and pass the savings on to consumers. Currently Ajoka is looking for disruption partners around the world. Contact their company for more information at www.ajoka.com

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MC-12 Liberty Flies First Combat Mission

The Air Force's newest intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance platform, the MC-12 Liberty aircraft, flew its first combat sortie here June 10.

Joint Base Balad, Iraq (Vocus) June 11, 2009 -- The Air Force's newest intelligence, reconnaissance and surveillance platform, the MC-12 Liberty aircraft, flew its first combat sortie here June 10.

"This is truly a success story," said [Brig. Gen. Brian Bishop](#), 332nd Air Expeditionary Wing commander. "Our mission here is to deliver combat airpower and overwatch to the joint fight in-theater, and the MC-12 brings a huge ISR capability to employ in support of the ground commander."

The aircraft, which arrived in Iraq June 8, is assigned to the 362nd Expeditionary Reconnaissance Squadron, and took off from JBB at approximately 2:30 p.m. local time for a four-hour mission.

"This is the first combat mission for the 362nd ERS, and it was a huge success," said Col. Mike Fantini, 332nd Expeditionary Operations Group commander. "The milestone continues the extraordinary program to push more ISR capability to the joint-force commander."

Landing at approximately 6:20 p.m. local time, the four-person crew was all smiles after completing the historic sortie.

"It feels good being out here and doing something good for the warfighter," said Capt. Jason Goodale, the pilot.

"The crew was great," the Sioux Falls, S.D., native deployed here from Travis Air Force Base, Calif., added. "We performed like we trained. It is great to be part of something that is bringing a unique feature to ground forces."

Flying alongside Captain Goodale were Lt. Col. Phillip Stewart, mission commander, deployed here from Langley AFB, Va., and a native of Silver Spring, Md., and the two sensor operators: Senior Master Sgt. Bruce Hunter, deployed here from Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., and a native of Rock Springs, Wy., and Staff Sgt. Shaun Nelson.

"It was a great mission," said Colonel Stewart. "It couldn't have gone any better."

"It feels really good to validate the training we went through," he added. "I'm extraordinarily proud of (the Airmen of the 362nd ERS). They are a tremendous group of Airmen. All of them volunteered to come to a brand-new program not knowing what to expect because they believe in the mission and they believe in the men and women that we are protecting on the ground."

Designed to augment information gathered by other intelligence-collection capabilities operating in-theater, the MC-12 provides real-time full-motion video and signals intelligence and allow military leaders to make battlefield

decisions.

"It's an awesome mission," added Sergeant Nelson, deployed here from Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., and a native of Lenox, S.D. "I think we are all excited to be a part of it. It's a big capability, and it's nice to be able to bring this capability to more and more of the troops on the ground."

"The job satisfaction is amazing out here," he concluded. "You know you're making a difference, you know you're helping the guys on the ground. That's what we are here to do."

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Dialog Employs Celltick's CBC Platform for Mass Alert Warning System

Dialog GSM launched the Disaster and Emergency Warning Network to its entire subscriber base. Celltick's Cell Broadcast Centre enables the Sri-Lankan government to use Dialog's platform to provide real-time location-based alerts to all users; warning of impending danger and provide urgent updates. Celltick's system has been put to test and proven a life-saver during tsunamis and terror attacks in Southeast Asia. In all instances, the operator switched the commercial marketing platform into an efficient mass alert system, and broadcast location-based real time alerts as well as directions to government aid facilities and other vital information.

London, UK (PRWEB) June 11, 2009 -- Dialog GSM, Sri Lanka's largest mobile telecom operator, launched the Disaster and Emergency Warning Network (DEWN) to its entire subscriber base. Celltick's Cell Broadcast Centre (CBC) enables the Sri-Lankan government to use Dialog's platform to provide real-time location-based alerts to all users; warning of impending danger and provide urgent updates.

Celltick's system has been put to test and proven a life-saver during terror attacks in Southeast Asia. In all instances, the operator switched the commercial marketing platform into an efficient mass alert system, and broadcast location-based real time alerts as well as directions to government aid facilities and other vital information.

In regular times the CBC platform is used as a bearer to deliver commercial messages directly to subscribers' phone screens. CBC is just one component of Celltick's LiveScreen Media marketing platform, which is used for both content discovery and mobile advertising campaigns.

"In a potential disaster situation or emergency, the cell broadcast solution has the capability to reach out to thousands with specific instructions or pre-defined messages. These messages can offer an early warning and avoidance of further hindrances to the general public," said Thivanka Rangala, Group Chief Commercial Officer of Dialog Telekom.

"Celltick's CBC Channel was greatly useful in implementing DEWN in Sri Lanka, and the broadcast is immune to congestion and will reach our subscribers irrespective of voice or SMS congestion at the time. This is a fine example of the next level of mobile empowerment," Rangala added.

Due to increased reliance on cell broadcast in times of emergency and for homeland security, Celltick's Cell Broadcast Center (CBC) is ideally positioned to support operators looking to implement the new commercial mobile alert services recommended by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). Celltick's CBC supports the Commercial Mobile Alerting System (CMAS) by ensuring mass distribution of location-specific messages with practically no network load, scalable to unlimited subscribers, with an overload-proof system to ensure reliability. LiveScreen Media and the CBC component provide rapid ROI to operators interested in investing in mass alert systems, whether by their own choice, or government request.

Stephen Dunford, CEO Celltick, said: "Celltick is proud to offer Dialog a dual mode solution, one that has a proven revenue stream using the LiveScreen Media platform, which can easily switch to a critical life-saving



mass alert system. We believe that additional operators will select Celltick's CBC to support mobile alert and warning systems and will launch LiveScreen Media on the same platform in peaceful times to support their marketing initiatives."

About Celltick: (<http://www.celltick.com> and <http://www.livescreen.com>) Celltick Technologies Ltd., the pioneer of Active Mobile Marketing, has introduced a new medium into the mobile space. Its flagship product, LiveScreen™ Media, allows content providers and advertisers to broadcast targeted content and marketing messages to millions of mobile idle screens, turning them into a network of interactive billboards, creating a strong revenue stream for operators.

Celltick cooperates with mobile operators to turn the mobile screen into a powerful revenue driver. The company has close relations with all network infrastructure companies, major SIM vendors, leading handset manufacturers and industry standard organisations, as well as global content providers and media agents.

Founded in 2000 and privately owned, Celltick is headquartered in the UK with offices in Israel, Russia, Singapore, India, Thailand and Brazil.

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MileageManager Seeks Beta Testers For New Award Search Tool

MileageManager, the leading online mileage management Web site for frequent flyers, is seeking beta testers to test its latest tool - automated award availability search.

Colorado Springs, Colorado (PRWEB) June, 11, 2009 -- The tool is designed to make it easier for frequent travelers to find and book free flight awards. Frequent Flyer Services, the company that owns MileageManager.com, has a long history of assisting frequent flyers with the booking of their awards through the award-winning AwardPlanner service. Now, the company is adding AwardPlanner to MileageManager, becoming the first to help frequent flyers manage their miles and track award seat availability on a single Web site.

Among the features to be added to the new automated award availability search tool include:

- * The ability to search for award availability in multiple programs at once
- * Instant updates when award availability status changes
- * Suggests alternate dates when award seats are available
- * And more ...

Interested individuals are encouraged to add their name to the beta tester list by going to MileageManager.com (<http://MileageManager.com>). Beta testers will be notified via email when the testing phase begins.

MileageManager.com is a product of Frequent Flyer Services and is included in the award-winning Frequent Flyer Network of sites, which also includes FlyerTalk.com, InsideFlyer.com and WebFlyer.com. MileageManager.com invented the online mileage management category, and has partnered with such notable organizations as American Express, Expedia and Forbes.

Frequent Flyer Services conceives, develops and markets products and services with the frequent flyer in mind and is the largest publisher of frequent flyer information in the world. Frequent Flyer Services is a privately owned company located in Colorado Springs, Colorado.

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Shift Worldwide Launches Virtual Training Program for Cost-conscious Law Firms Wanting to Build Business Development Skills

As attorneys and other professionals face slashed training budgets and increased pressure to cultivate new and existing client relationships, The Shift System delivers effective group coaching and business development training over the Internet.

Chicago, IL (PRWEB) June 9, 2009 -- Training and consulting firm [Shift Worldwide](#), has introduced The Shift System virtual business development training program. Compared with traditional live training, The Shift System offers significant advantages in time, logistics and financial savings. At the start of a training session, participants, wherever they happen to be, simply log into the Shift Worldwide training Web site, turn on their Web cameras and join their trainer and peers on the screen. There is no travel time or expense for participants or trainer, nor are there location fees such as hotel meeting rooms or catering.

Shift Worldwide CEO Paul Trout estimates that by adopting The Shift System instead of a similar sales training program conducted in person, a mid-sized law firm will reduce its training expenses up to 60 or 70 percent, including the nominal purchase of Web video cameras at approximately \$35 each. The Shift System, which targets common pitfalls in professionals' business development efforts, utilizes a proprietary platform featuring multiple video feeds. As such, each participant in a training group, not strictly the presenter or coach as is typically the case with online training, looks into a Web camera and appears on the online training interface in live video. Participants see each other in real time as they engage in group learning.

"Only recently has it become possible to effectively conduct a collaborative online training session with 15 different video feeds," said Trout. "The participant Web cam makes all the difference. It creates a psychosocial stimulus that holds people's attention and improves their retention. They aren't anonymous. They don't check email or multi-task. They see and are seen by the other participants and they engage. The effectiveness is almost as good as with an in-person course and comes at a fraction of the expense." An early adopter and beta client is international law firm Foley & Lardner LLP.

This spring, four of the firm's attorneys, all in their seventh year with the firm and each identified as a high performer with business development potential, participated in The Shift System's course on Conversational Selling from their home cities of Milwaukee, Chicago and Los Angeles.

Said one Foley & Lardner participant, "I really enjoyed the video camera for the Web-based trainings...I am definitely implementing what I learned." Foley management agrees. "The keys to making training stick are follow up and accountability. With nine sessions per course and individual coaching using the latest in Web cam technology, The Shift System provides both in a very personalized manner that doesn't break your training budget," said Kyle Heath, Chief Marketing Officer for Foley & Lardner.

"Business skills are swiftly becoming an absolute necessity for attorneys. Firms can't market, or rather not market, as they've done in the past. To survive, they need partners and associates with well-honed sales and



client-management acumen," said Nathaniel Slavin, managing partner of Wicker Park Group and past president of the International Legal Marketing Association. "With The Shift System, firms can provide their attorneys with some of the best training in the industry, on topics desperately needed, without everyone leaving their offices."

The seven course levels of the Shift program are Time Management, Lateral Integration, Building and Navigating Networks, Raising Visibility, Conversational Selling, Broadening Client Relationships, and Leading Practices and Teams. Each course is nine weeks in length and incorporates 10 hours of live, multiple-video-feed group training plus individual online coaching sessions for each participant. In addition to providing virtual business development training, Shift Worldwide conducts custom consulting for law and professional services firms to help them plan and execute business development initiatives. Shift Worldwide is headquartered in Chicago and has consulting alliances in Europe and South America.

Note: Additional comments from The Shift System's clients and participants are available as well as high-resolution screenshots of the online training interface.

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Firefighters Urged to Sign Memorial Book for Fallen Heroes; Sperian Fire Will Donate \$100,000 in Their Names

Firefighters across the U.S. and Canada are urged to show their fallen brothers & sisters - and their families - that they care by signing a Web-based Memorial Book to honor those lost in the line of duty. By signing the Memorial Book at <http://www.sperianfire.com>, firefighters will help make a \$100,000 donation by Sperian Fire possible to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation. The donation will be made by Sperian Fire in the names of the firefighters who have signed the Book.

Smithfield, RI (PRWEB) June 8, 2009 -- Firefighters across the U.S. and Canada are urged to show their fallen brothers & sisters - and their families - that they care by signing a Web-based Memorial Book to honor those lost in the line of duty.

By signing the Memorial Book at <http://www.sperianfire.com>, firefighters will help make a \$100,000 donation by Sperian Fire possible to the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation and the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation. The donation will be made by Sperian Fire in the names of the firefighters who have signed the Book.

"We're asking firefighters everywhere to visit the Memorial Book and to sign their names to show their support for this donation - in memory of those who have fallen and in support of the families they left behind," said Anne Chambers, Channel Manager for Sperian Fire.

"We're not asking for financial support, only for your emotional support and less than a minute of your time," she noted.

Book signers can also offer words of encouragement or remember individual fallen comrades.

Chief Ronald Siarnicki, Executive Director of the National Fallen Firefighters Foundation, said "This is a wonderful, thoughtful, and very much appreciated effort." He signed the Book in honor of "fallen friends who will always remain in my thoughts and prayers."

Captain Robert Kirkpatrick of Mississauga, Ontario, President of the Canadian Fallen Firefighters Foundation said "the donation is the largest the CFFF ever received. Each and every firefighter should sign the Memorial Book to show their support. And it will take less than a minute to show that support."

All firefighters are urged to visit <http://www.sperianfire.com>.

The donation is the largest charitable gift in Sperian Fire's history.

About Sperian Fire



Sperian Fire (formerly Survivair, Biosystems and Securitex) is a division of Sperian Protection - a world leader in personal protective equipment. The Sperian Fire Group (<http://www.sperianfire.com>) offers high performance respiratory gear, action ready protective apparel, and instrumentation for firefighting and emergency services. Well-known products include the Warrior™ SCBA, Sperian Ultramotion™ and Vectra SL™ gear, Sperian Pathfinder™, and the Biosystems PosiChek3® SCBA Test Bench.

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President of Israeli Supreme Court Speaks Out on Rights, Security, and Proportionality

Aharon Barak, former President of the Supreme Court of Israel, spoke in Oxford on Thursday at the Annual Lecture of the [Foundation for Law, Justice and Society](#) (FLJS), to outline his vision for the role of proportionality in limiting and protecting human rights. The lecture, organized by FLJS in association with the Law Faculty and the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at Oxford University, addressed the appropriate balance between security and the safeguarding of human rights. The lecture comes in response to Barack Obama's speech in Cairo calling for a halt to Israeli settlements. Aharon Barack argued that, "Many legal systems have strong protections in times of peace but not in times of war. ... In a country like Israel where terror is always with you, you had to develop ways of thinking which will not distinguish between terror and peace. If you develop special categories in times of war, you will not be able to get rid of them. They will linger in times of peace."

Oxford, UK (PRWEB) June 5, 2009 -- Aharon Barak, former President of the Supreme Court of Israel spoke in Oxford on Thursday on 'Rights and their Limits: the Role of Proportionality', at the Annual Lecture of the [Foundation for Law, Justice and Society](#) (FLJS). The lecture, organized by FLJS in association with the Law Faculty and the Centre for Socio-Legal Studies at Oxford University, addressed the appropriate balance between security and the safeguarding of human rights.

Whilst Barack Obama's speech in Cairo increases pressure on Israel to end settlement construction in the West Bank, Aharon Barak has recently expressed regret at some of his decisions on Israel's activity in the territories. He admits to having handed down rulings contrary to his personal opinion: "I thought for many years, and still think, that house demolition is unworthy and not good. ... But as a judge, I felt I had no discretion on this subject. ... I told myself, even though I am very much against house demolitions, that the article of the law allows demolition and all I can do is apply the principle of proportionality."

In his lecture, delivered at 6pm on Thursday 4th June at Rhodes House, Oxford, Barak examined the role of proportionality as both limitation on, and protection of, the right to dignity and liberty. He argued for the need to balance the importance of achieving the public goods such as national security and the importance of preventing injuries to these rights. "Many legal systems have strong protections in times of peace but not in times of war", he said. "I spent 28 years in court, I saw the rise of terror and the fall of terror. In a country like Israel where terror is always with you, you had to develop ways of thinking which will not distinguish between terror and peace. If you develop special categories in times of war, you will not be able to get rid of them. They will linger in times of peace."

Barak identified a divergence between his approach to this balance and that endorsed in America, arguing that, "the principled balance ... guides the legislator, administrator, or judge. It restricts the wide discretion in balancing. It makes the act of balance more open, more transparent, more structured and more foreseeable. This kind of balance differs from the principled balance endorsed in America."

Barak is renowned for championing an activist judiciary and the rule of law. In 2006 he was awarded the Gruber Justice Prize, and he is regarded by some legal scholars as the "world's greatest living jurist". Barak retired in 2006 as President of Israel's top court after 11 years at its helm, and 28 years in its service, during which time he expanded the powers of the court and reshaped Israel as a constitutional democracy.

The lecture is followed by a workshop on 5 June in which a leading group of academics discuss the issues raised in Professor Barak's lecture, as part of the FLJS programme on [Courts and the Making of Public Policy](#).

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Notes for editors

6.00pm, 4 June 2009

Rhodes House, South Parks Road, Oxford

Public Lecture:

'Rights and their Limits: the Role of Proportionality'

Aharon Barak, former President of the Supreme Court of Israel

In this Annual Lecture for the Foundation for Law, Justice and Society, Professor Barak will address the appropriate balance between security and the safeguarding of human rights.

9.30am-1 pm, 5 June 2009

St Hugh's College, Oxford

Workshop: (invitation only)

'Human Rights, Security and Proportionality: the Courts' Point of View'

- Professor Barak retired on 16 September 2006 as President of Israel's top court after 11 years at its helm, and 28 years in its service. Barak has said that his role as a judge is to "protect human rights and the dignity and equality of every human being". He has spoken widely of how his experiences in the Holocaust have shaped his outlook and of the need to preserve the rule of democratic law not just in times of peace but also in times of war and terror.
- Born in Lithuania in 1936, Barak was one of the very few children to escape the Kovno Ghetto. He immigrated with his parents to Israel in 1947. He studied law, economics and international relations at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and received an MA in law in 1958 and a doctorate in 1963. Barak was appointed Associate Professor of Law at the Hebrew University in 1968, and was made Professor in 1972.
- Barak participated in the preparation of an international treaty on bills of exchange for the United Nations, and served as Israel's Attorney General for three years from 1975, before his appointment to the Supreme Court in 1978. Under Barak's helm, the Israeli Supreme Court has interpreted Israel's basic law as its constitution and has, when necessary, challenged Knesset laws on that basis.
- Barak received the 2006 Gruber Justice Prize on September 21, 2006. He is the author of several books in English and Hebrew including *The Judge in a Democracy* (2006), *Purposive Interpretation in Law* (2005) and *Judicial Discretion* (1989).
- The Foundation for Law, Justice and Society is an independent institution affiliated with the Centre for



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