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Three Credit Card Processing Trends Will Impact American Businesses in 2011, According to Merchant Rights Advocate Robert Livingstone of IdealCost.com

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Oct. 20 /PRNewswire/ -- Businesses that accept credit cards at retail establishments, e-commerce sites or over the phones, should prepare for significant changes in 2011, according to Robert Livingstone, president and founder of IdealCost.com, a national consulting firm that reduces credit card acceptance fees for merchants without switching their existing processor.

"Some of the changes to the credit card processing industry will benefit merchants, but we also predict some harmful trends that may be disastrous to American companies," said Livingstone, a merchant rights advocate.

Throughout 2010 Livingstone has openly expressed his concerns about the current state of the credit card processing industry. "On behalf of all merchants, I hope to see vast improvements in transparency and accountability in when it comes to credit card acceptance."

Livingstone's list of credit card processing trends in 2011.

1. Major Cell Phone Carriers Will Attempt to Gain Traction

AT&T, Verizon, and T-Mobile have been in talks to implement technology that will allow customers to waive their cell phones in front of a compatible card reader rather than swiping a credit card. Similar technology is already in place throughout Europe and Asia. It is not clear how much merchants will be billed for these transactions, but these cell phone carriers will clearly try to gain market share by significantly undercutting the existing credit card processing system.

2. Merchants Will Still Suffer From Unfair Chargebacks and Data Breaches

Throughout 2010 many customers have scammed merchants by calling their credit card company to dispute legitimate sales after the fact. While the customer is often protected by the credit card issuer, it is often at the expense of the merchant. The credit card processing industry has not shown any true initiative to change this trend or to punish cardholders submitting false disputes.

Though no data breach has surpassed the damage of the incident in early 2009, several merchants have seen increases in compromises this year. These incidents proved costly and small businesses were forced to pay tens of thousands of dollars to rectify the breaches. With this trend increasing, expect to see several larger data breaches throughout the country in 2011.

3. Significant Rate Increases Will Occur

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With the passing of the Financial Reform this year many businesses feel that there is an end in sight for unfair rate increases. The Federal Reserve has been ordered to perform checks and balances on all debit interchange related fees. Unfortunately, credit interchange related fees are going unchecked. Therefore, if the debit rates are actually reduced, it is likely that credit interchange rates will increase by at least as much, but likely much more. Also, it isn't completely unlikely that the government may step in and create an additional credit card processing tax, which would be passed onto merchants.

About IdealCost.com

Founded in 2008 in West Palm Beach, FL, [IdealCost.com's mission](#) is to protect large business owners from being taken advantage of by their credit card processors. Until now, merchants haven't had a viable solution to receive truly reasonable rates and fees.

IdealCost.com is different from other companies because it is paid only from the savings that it generates for clients. This [performance-based guarantee](#) makes clients feel at ease because traditional credit card processing salesmen are paid a commission even when they raise their client's rates and fees.

The company represents the merchant rather than acting as an agent for the banks or credit card processors. IdealCost.com performs merchant account audits and offers consulting services. The company strives to separate itself from the stigma of the credit card processing industry. IdealCost.com allows business owners to stop worrying about their merchant account and return to more important matters in their businesses such as sales, customer service, and providing for their families.

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Ekahau Delivers Real-Time Location Tracking Technology to Prestigious Brazilian Cancer Institute

RESTON, Virginia, December 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Ekahau Inc., the worldwide leader in high performance Wi-Fi-based Real Time Location Systems (RTLS) (<http://www.ekahau.com/products/real-time-location-system/overview.html>), today announced that Ekahau RTLS is being utilized as the underlying real-time tracking and bi-directional communications technology for a staff tracking solution at Instituto do Cancer do Estado de Sao Paulo Octavio Frias de Oliveira - ICESP, part of the "Sistema FMUSP-HC..."

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Infosys Technologies Introduces Digital Smart Home Gateway Based on the Intel(R) Atom(TM) E600 Processor

BANGALORE, India, December 14, 2010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Infosys Technologies has developed an innovative Digital Smart Home Gateway powered by the Intel Atom(TM) processor

E600 series that links multiple home devices, enabling consumers to manage them from a Wi-Fi console, smart phone or remotely via the Web. The solution targets Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs), utility, healthcare, telecom, entertainment and security service providers by pre-integrating a reference design based...

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Wikileaks Internal Emails Likely to Take Down Assange

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Just as sensitive government emails revealed by Wikileaks' Julian Assange has damaged foreign relations, prosecutors will be conducting sophisticated worldwide computer forensic examinations of his internal emails designed to find the smoking gun. "They're looking for any electronic communications that proves his intent to do harm and who else was involved," says Mark McLaughlin, President of Computer Forensics International. Today, nearly everyone comm...

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Solarfun Modules Receive UK Microgeneration Certification Scheme's Approval

SHANGHAI, Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Solarfun Power Holdings Co., Ltd. ("Solarfun" or the "Company") (Nasdaq: SOLF), a vertically integrated manufacturer of silicon ingots, wafers and photovoltaic ("PV") cells and modules in China, today announced it has received Microgeneration Certification Scheme's ("MCS") certification for its SF160 monocrystalline and SF190 and SF220 polycrystalline modules. The MCS certification enables U.K. customers and resellers to utilize Solarfun's modules for rel...

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The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for Spain Declines

BRUSSELS, Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- The Conference Board Leading Economic Index® (LEI) for Spain declined 0.4 percent in October to 108.7 (2004 = 100), following a 0.1 percent decline in September, and a 0.6 percent increase in August. At the same time, The Conference Board Coincident Economic Index® (CEI) for Spain, a measure of current economic activity, declined 0.2 percent in October to 99.6 (2004 = 100), following a 0.4 percent decline in September and a 0.4 percent decline in August. T...

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RelayRides Launches Neighbor-to-Neighbor Carsharing in San Francisco, Announces Funding from August Capital and Google Ventures

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- RelayRides (<http://www.RelayRides.com>), the world's first neighbor-to-neighbor carsharing service, is launching in San Francisco on December 14, powered by funding from August Capital and Google Ventures. RelayRides provides car owners a user-friendly platform to safely lend their cars to their neighbors – and make money while providing convenient, affordable access to neighbors who need the occasional use of vehicles. Rather than putting new cars on ...

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MANCHESTER, England, December 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Online bookmaker Betfred.com has recently started a substantial TV advertising campaign. The campaign began on December 4th and will initially run throughout December and January on Sky Sports and ESPN, with the possibility of extending the run into the spring. Betfred's Head of Media, Mark Pearson, commissioned

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Cannabis Science Signs Lease for New 6,600 sq. ft. Corporate Headquarters and Laboratory Facility

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo., Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Cannabis Science, Inc. (OTC Bulletin Board: CBIS) a pioneering U.S. biotech company developing pharmaceutical cannabis products, is pleased to announce it has signed a lease for a new corporate headquarters as its new base of operations in Denver, Colorado. The 6,600 sq. ft. core facility at 2422 S. Trenton Way, Unit H will be dedicated to housing executive offices, administrative personnel, as well as the Lab Division core of operations for...

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IKEA Crowned 'Retailer of the Year Europe' 2010!

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Energy Management Specialist JouleX Becomes Cisco EnergyWise Partner

ATLANTA and MUNICH, Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- JouleX, the leading innovator in enterprise energy management solutions, today announced that its innovative JouleX Energy Manager (JEM) software has been accepted into the Cisco EnergyWise partner program. JEM enables large enterprises to monitor, analyze and manage all IT systems connected to their internal networks. This includes peripherals (PCs, printers, etc.), other office hardware (routers, switches, etc.) and even production equipment or...

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Serviced Apartment/Serviced Office Provider Space Design Inc., Tokyo, Launches Winter Discount Campaign on Tokyo Branch Office, Start-up Space in Central Tokyo

TOKYO, Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- As the Japanese government takes definitive steps towards entering discussions on TPP (Trans-Pacific Strategic Economic Partnership Agreement) and the momentum created by APEC in Yokohama shows no sign of waning, Serviced Office and Serviced Apartment provider Space Design Inc., launches its most aggressive discount campaign to attract foreign firms to Asia's Gateway, Tokyo. "We feel Japan is at the cusp of fundamental change in outlook, business style and ex...

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LONDON, December 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Busy executives and business owners who need help with their day-to-day administrative needs, yet maybe don't feel the need to hire full time secretarial help, will find the Virtual Personal Assistant (<http://www.davincivirtual.co.uk/virtual-assistants/>) service from Davinci Virtual will provide the perfect solution. Combining the services of a live receptionist telephone answering (<http://www.davincivirtual.co.uk/receptionists/>) with administrativ...

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Deutsche Bank Implements TCS BaNCS as Core Banking System for Its Global Transaction Banking Business

MUMBAI, India, Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Deutsche Bank and Tata Consultancy Services (TCS), (BSE: TCS.BO, NSE: TCS.NS) today announced that Deutsche Bank will implement TCS BaNCS Core+ Banking as its new Core Banking Platform for Global Transaction Banking (GTB). The move is part of a global initiative to transform the bank's transaction banking platform in more than 30 countries. TCS BaNCS will replace several solutions with one modern, transaction-safe and cost-efficient platform. Financial...

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MUMBAI, India, December 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Global leader in learning solutions, Tata Interactive Systems (TIS) announced that Tij Nerurkar, formerly President - North America at TIS, has been appointed Chief Operating Officer of the organization with immediate effect. As the Chief Operating Officer, Tij assumes responsibility for the Sales and Marketing function worldwide as well

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China suppliers of beauty and cosmetic products widen reach by tapping emerging markets

HONG KONG, Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire-Asia/ --China suppliers of beauty and cosmetic products are expanding their reach by tapping new markets and using natural, organic and mineral ingredients. This is according to Global Sources' (Nasdaq: GSOL) China Sourcing Report: Beauty & Cosmetics (www.chinasourcingreports.com/beautycosmetics). (Logo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20030303/LNM011LOGO-b>) The Report, which covers makeup for the face, lips and eyes, application brushes and tools, skin ...

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Halek Energy Announces Another Successful Sand Frac in Halek (Caddo) Field

DALLAS, Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Halek Energy, an independent oil and gas exploration company, announced that it has successfully completed a sand frac of a recently completed horizontal well in the Halek (Caddo) field, located in Jack County, Texas. Production from the formerly underperforming well (Johnson 9H, API # 42-237-39353) was increased from less than 10 barrels of oil and 85 mcf of gas per day, to over 200 barrels of oil and 800 mcf of natural gas per day. "Halek Energy will continu...

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Eurail Global Pass Expands Travel Network

UTRECHT, The Netherlands, December 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Eurail will become more attractive to overseas travelers when Bulgaria opens its rails to Eurail Global Pass holders in 2011. This means that the Global Pass, hailed as the 'European Golden Ticket' for five decades, will offer pass holders unlimited access to the national railways of 22 European countries. The Eurail Group G.I.E. is dedicated to the marketing and management of the Eurail Pass product range and the Group strives tow...

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CarryQuote and CNBC Collaborate in Development and Marketing of Financial Applications

ZUG, Switzerland and NEW YORK, Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- CarryQuote AG, an award-winning pioneer in mobile real-time financial information solutions, today announced that it has entered into a development and marketing collaboration with CNBC to create a new generation of mobile and desktop market data solutions for individual investors and enterprises. The first of these solutions is CNBC PRO, which was introduced earlier today by CNBC and is available to individual investors at <http://pro...>

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Syngenta, DuPont Sign Corn Rootworm Trait Licensing Agreement

BASEL, Switzerland, and WILMINGTON, Del., Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Syngenta and DuPont today announced that Syngenta will grant DuPont business, Pioneer Hi-Bred, a non-exclusive, global license to its corn rootworm trait MIR604 (Agrisure®) for corn seed. The trait provides protection from below-ground coleopteran insects, including corn rootworm, a major corn pest in the United States and around the world. The license, which takes effect on 1 January 2011, gives Pioneer full stacki...

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Itracks Creates Strategic Partnership

SASKATOON, Canada, Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Itracks, the world-leading provider of online qualitative research and patent holder for qualitative applications, today announced its plan to bring panel providers together to offer qualitative services to its community of moderators (GOMC). Itracks will be partnering with AskingCanadians™ (a Delvinia company), Easy Mail Interactive (EMI), Focus Forward and Schlesinger Associates, all recognized leaders in the market research industry. Collective...

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U.S. Census Bureau Daily Feature for December 14

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Following is the daily "Profile America" feature from the U.S. Census Bureau: (Logo: <http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20090226/CENSUSLOGO>) (Logo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20090226/CENSUSLOGO>) TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14: JIMMY DOOLITTLE Profile America -- Tuesday, December 14th. Today marks the birthday of one of America's true aviation heroes -- Jimmy Doolittle, born in Alameda, California in 1896. He is best remembered for leading the da...

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Safe Kids USA to Target Young Teens to Reduce Highway Injuries

Safe Passengers Today; Good Drivers Tomorrow WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Safe Kids USA with the support of the General Motors Foundation is launching Countdown2Drive, a national education program that is designed to equip teens ages 13 - 14 and their parents with safe passenger and driving knowledge well before the teen is ready to drive legally. The program's goal is to help teens learn how to protect themselves in vehicles as they become more independent. "Our goal is...

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Parent-Teen Passenger Agreement Drives Countdown2Drive Program

Safe Kids USA and General Motors Foundation Sponsor New Nationwide Program Safe Passenger Program For Teens Helps Make Them Safer With Teen Drivers WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- A parent-teen passenger agreement is a key component of a new nationwide education program, Countdown2Drive, targeted for young teens, ages 13 and 14. Safe Kids USA and the General Motors Foundation are launching the web-based program to bring parents and young teens together to talk about the key sa...

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Safe Kids USA Offers Parents Programs to Help Ensure Children's Safety

Programs Target Parents of Newborns Through Age 14
How to Keep Kids Safe In And Around the Car
WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Since 1997, Safe Kids USA has enjoyed a successful partnership with General Motors and the General Motors Foundation in providing the Safe Kids Buckle Up program, a portfolio of targeted safety information for parents of newborns through age 14. The Safe Kids Buckle Up program, which is the largest, most comprehensive child passenger safety program i...

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Manufacturer Klein Tools to Locate New Technology Center in Mansfield

MANSFIELD, Texas, Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- The Mansfield City Council on Monday approved an economic development agreement with leading American tool manufacturer Klein Tools for the location of its new Advanced Manufacturing Technology Center (AMTEC) in the city. The performance-based agreement could result in the creation of 585 jobs and a \$76 million investment by the Chicago, Ill.-based company. The net economic impact to Mansfield has been estimated at more than \$7.6 million over the fi...

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IBM's 'Watson' Computing System to Challenge All Time Greatest Jeopardy! Champions

ARMONK, N.Y. and CULVER CITY, Calif., Dec. 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- IBM (NYSE: IBM) and America's Favorite Quiz show® Jeopardy! today announced that an IBM computing system named "Watson" will compete on Jeopardy! against the show's two most successful and celebrated contestants -- Ken Jennings and Brad Rutter. To view the multimedia assets associated with this release, please click <http://www.prnewswire.com/news-releases/ibms-watson-computing-system-to-challenge-all-time-greatest-jeopardy-champi...>

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International Game Technology Announces Quarterly Dividend

LAS VEGAS, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- International Game Technology (NYSE: IGT) announced today that its Board of Directors has declared a quarterly cash dividend of six cents (\$0.06) per share, payable on Jan. 7, 2011 to shareholders of record on Dec. 28, 2010. About IGT International Game Technology (NYSE: IGT) is a global leader in the design, development, and manufacture of gaming machines and systems products, as well as online and mobile gaming solutions for regulated markets. Mo...

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CORUS ENTERTAINMENT FILES ITS FISCAL 2010 ANNUAL REPORT

TORONTO, Dec. 13 /PRNewswire/ - Corus Entertainment Inc. (TSX: CJR.B) announced today that it filed its fiscal 2010 Form 40-F (containing its audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2010) with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on November 5, 2010. The Company's Form 40-F is available through the Internet on the Electronic Data Gathering, Analysis, and Retrieval system (EDGAR) and through a link on the Company's website at www.corusent.com (under "Investor...").

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VIDEO From UNICEF Available on thenewsmarket.com: UNICEF Celebrates Child Rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory

NEW YORK, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- See video from UNICEF at: <http://www.thenewsmarket.com/Releases/StoryDetailPage.aspx?GUID=e9279b9d-ed9f-4829-9519-992a2a5057fb> Celebrating the 21st anniversary of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, along with the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People – which was designated by the UN

General Assembly in 1977 – UNICEF and its partners supported a range of activities throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territory late last month.Ab...

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VIDEO From Euroleague Available on thenewsmarket.com: Spirou Charleroi - Olympiacos Game Highlights for the Turkish Airlines Euroleague Regular Season Game 9 (67-80)

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<http://www.thenewsmarket.com/Releases/StoryDetailPage.aspx?GUID=5c794c82-7e23-4d3c-ba68-b61861dd48b1>The tightest group in the Turkish Airlines Euroleague Regular Season feature a rare early game to start pivotal Week 9 as Spirou Basket hosted Group B tri-leader Olympiacos Piraeus in Charleroi, Belgium where Olympiacos beat Spirou 67-80 top seal its ticket for the Top 16 and clarify the group B standings.About thenewsmarket.com...

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Allied World Asia Hires Nigel Taylor as Head of Claims for the Asia Pacific Region

ZUG, Switzerland, December 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Allied World Assurance Company Holdings, AG (NYSE: AWH) announced today that Nigel Taylor has joined the Allied World Asia team as Head of Claims for the Asia Pacific region. Mr. Taylor will be based in Hong Kong reporting directly to Colm Singleton, Senior Vice President, Chief Claims Officer for Bermuda & International and William Cotter, Managing Director for the Asia Pacific region. Mr. Taylor will be responsible for the planning and di...

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UTStarcom Announces Results of Its 2010 Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

BEIJING, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-Asia-FirstCall/ -- UTStarcom, Inc. ("UTStarcom" or "the Company") (Nasdaq: UTSI), a leader in IP-based network solutions for IPTV, Internet TV and Broadband operators in the cable and telecom sectors, today announced the official results of its 2010 Annual General Meeting, held on December 13, 2010 at 1:00 p.m. local time in Beijing, China. The following proposals were approved by the Company's shareholders:Thomas J. Toy was elected as a Class I Director to ser...

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Dickey's Barbecue Pit Comes to Utah

OREM and AMERICAN FORK, Utah, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Dickey's Barbecue Pit, the largest, fastest growing barbecue chain in the country, is well-known for their hot, pit-smoked meats, free ice cream, and big yellow cups — already in 32 states coast-to-coast, the franchise is opening their first two locations in Utah.Dickey's is growing at a rapid pace, now with 134 locations and 18 set to open before the end of 2010.The company's annual growth rate over the past two years has averaged 35 p...

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IBERIABANK Corporation Declares Cash Dividend

LAFAYETTE, La., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Board of Directors of IBERIABANK Corporation (Nasdaq: IBKC) announced the declaration of a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.34 per share. The dividend is payable on January 28, 2011, to shareholders of record as of December 31, 2010. This dividend level equates to an annualized dividend rate of \$1.36 per share. Based on the closing stock price on December 13, 2010, of \$56.60 per share, the Company had a market

capitalization of approximate...

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Knickers in a Twist? ShopSmart Poll Finds a Woman's Underwear Affects Her Attitude

Average Woman Owns 21 Pairs of Underwear, 10% Own 35 Pairs or More; 10% of Women Admit to Going Commando in PublicYONKERS, N.Y., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Underwear isn't just the foundation of your outfit but of your whole attitude as one in four women have had their mood affected by wearing an ill fitting or unattractive pair of underwear, according to a new national poll published by ShopSmart magazine. The poll, which is featured in the January 2011 issue of ShopSmart from th...

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Digital Realty Trust, Inc. and Digital Realty Trust, L.P. Commence Exchange Offer of Digital Realty Trust, L.P.'s 4.50% Notes due 2015 for Registered Notes

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Digital Realty Trust, Inc. (the "Company") (NYSE: DLR) announced today that the Company, together with its operating partnership subsidiary, Digital Realty Trust, L.P. (the "Operating Partnership"), have commenced a registered exchange offer to exchange up to \$375 million aggregate principal amount of the Operating Partnership's 4.50% Notes due 2015, which have been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Exchange Notes...

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ShopSmart Crowns the 10 Hottest Products of the Year

54 Winners in Home, Food, Beauty & Fitness, Electronics and Cars; Plus 22 LosersYONKERS, N.Y., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ --ShopSmart, from the publisher of Consumer Reports, is revealing the 10 hottest products of 2010 selected from the thousands of home, food, beauty and other items that were tested throughout the year. Featured in the January 2011 issue, the products range from TVs that offer a theater-quality 3D experience and the addictive Apple iPad to top rated "green" pain...

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ShopSmart's Top 15 Money Saving Tips for 2011

YONKERS, N.Y., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- While Americans are loosening their financial belts to accommodate holiday spending, come January the bills will roll in. But where will they find the extra dollars to pay down their debt? A new report in the January 2011 issue of ShopSmart, from the publisher of Consumer Reports, features the top ways consumers can save in the New Year. "Every year, ShopSmart publishes hundreds of tips to help consumers slash their bills," said Lisa Lee Fr...

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Regus Extends Global Reach With Release of Multi-Language iPhone App

LONDON, December 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Following the successful launch of its iPhone app (<http://itunes.apple.com/gb/app/regus/id387924487>) in September, Regus, the world's leader in workplace solutions, is helping more business professionals work flexibly by releasing a free, multiple-language iPhone app. French (<http://itunes.apple.com/fr/app/regus/id387924487>), Italian (<http://itunes.apple.com/it/app/regus/id387924487>), German (<http://itunes.apple.com/de/app/regus/id387924487>), Dutch...

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Easy-to-Read Health Books Reach Three Million in Sales

LA HABRA, Calif., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ --The Institute for Healthcare Advancement (IHA), a not-for-profit healthcare organization that publishes its own book series, has achieved an enviable three million in book sales with its "What To Do For Health" book series. By comparison, the top-selling hardback nonfiction book for 2009 sold 2.7 million.*The books provide easy-to-read health information for the large segment of the public that reads at a third- to fifth-grade reading lev...

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Stefanini IT Solutions Completes Acquisition of TechTeam Global, Extending Global Presence, Broadening Suite of Services

SAO PAULO, December 14, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Stefanini IT Solutions Group today announced the completion of its tender offer to acquire the outstanding shares of TechTeam Global, Inc, resulting in a merger of the two companies to form a new subsidiary, Stefanini TechTeam. With this acquisition, Stefanini will have a direct presence in 27 countries -- up from 16 today, creating a broader global presence. The newly-formed subsidiary also brings together Stefanini's traditional strength in are...

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Southwest Airlines' Gary Kelly to Address Aviation Business Leaders at New York's Wings Club

WHAT:Chairman of the Board, President & Chief Executive Officer Gary Kelly will deliver a keynote address before attendees of the Wings Club monthly luncheon in New York. Gary will share his thoughts on Leadership, growth, and the future of the Southwest Brand. WHEN:Wednesday, December 15, 201012:00 PM ESTWHERE:Wings Club The Yale Club50 Vanderbilt AvenueNew York, New YorkWHO:Wings Club December Luncheon available through webcast directly at:<http://www.videonewswire.com/event.asp?id=75102M...>

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Santa Clara County Housing Market Positions for 2011

SAN JOSE, Calif., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- The Santa Clara County housing market appears to be recalibrating towards further recovery in 2011 – a year that will likely see strong sales and higher inventory, but also rising interest rates.Buyer demand is strong – in November approximately 48 percent of all homes on the market, including single family homes, townhouses and condos, were in escrow, according to MLSListings Inc. "Buyers recognize that the cost of homeownership will go up a lot o...

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VIDEO from U.S. Department of State Available on thenewsmarket.com: Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton Remarks at the Brookings Institution's Saban Center for Middle East Policy Seventh Annual Forum - Part Three

NEW YORK, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- See video from U.S. Department of State at: <http://www.thenewsmarket.com/Releases/StoryDetailPage.aspx?GUID=4a27d797-9977-4940-b08d-a3d0a7f9c68cIn> addressing the Brookings Institution's Saban Center for Middle East Policy seventh annual forum, Secretary Clinton notes that it is up to the parties themselves to negotiate an agreement that is sustainable. Available content includes sound bites.About thenewsmarket.comthenewsmarket.com delivers free broadcast- a...

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VIDEO from U.S. Department of State Available on thenewsmarket.com: Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton Remarks at the Brookings Institution's Saban Center for Middle East Policy Seventh Annual Forum - Part Two

NEW YORK, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- See video from U.S. Department of State at: <http://www.thenewsmarket.com/Releases/StoryDetailPage.aspx?GUID=f27b41a0-fbc8-4c1b-b496-71ad35b9bdf2> In addressing the Brookings Institution's Saban Center for Middle East Policy seventh annual forum, Secretary Clinton reiterates the United States' position on settlements. Available content includes sound bites.About thenewsmarket.comthenewsmarket.com delivers free broadcast- and streaming-quality video and mul...

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Gov. Schwarzenegger Receives Green Governor of the Year Award for 2010

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- The 2010 Green Governor of the Year Award was presented to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger of California, by Lex Heslin, President and CEO of Beautiful Earth Group. The award was established by Beautiful Earth Group, a leading sustainable energy, products and services company, to annually honor a Governor who shows the greatest leadership, courage, understanding and action in improving the environment.(Photo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/201...>

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VIDEO from U.S. Department of State Available on thenewsmarket.com: Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton Remarks at the Brookings Institution's Saban Center for Middle East Policy Seventh Annual Forum - Part One

NEW YORK, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- See video from U.S. Department of State at: <http://www.thenewsmarket.com/Releases/StoryDetailPage.aspx?GUID=a9525e36-69db-4390-9a98-585b96a5e1a9In> addressing the Brookings Institution's Saban Center for Middle East Policy seventh annual forum, Secretary Clinton describes the way forward and the United States' role in efforts to end conflict and achieving a final peace treaty. Available content includes sound bites.About thenewsmarket.comthenewsmarket.com de...

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Legacy Hotel Advisors to Develop New Courtyard by Marriott Hotel Through a Collaborative Effort With Darden

ORLANDO, Fla., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Legacy Hotel Advisors (Legacy), a specialized real estate services group and advisor to the lodging industry, today announced plans to develop a 129-room Courtyard by Marriott hotel on the new headquarters campus of Darden Restaurants, Inc. (NYSE: DRI) in Orlando. (Photo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20101213/FL16862>) Attractively located along John Young Parkway at the intersection of Taft Vineland Road, the hotel will be supported by demand fro...

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TRIMAC INCOME FUND ANNOUNCES COURT GRANTS FINAL ORDER FOR CONVERSION AND ANNOUNCES DISTRIBUTION

CALGARY, Dec. 13 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ - Trimac Income Fund (the "Fund") announced today that the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta granted the final order approving the plan of arrangement authorizing the conversion of the Fund from a trust structure to a corporate structure. The anticipated closing of the transactions contemplated by the arrangement is January 1, 2011. Following closing, and subject to the satisfaction of all listing conditions, it is expected that trading of the Cla...

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Ritchie Capital Management Files Writ of Certiorari Petition in U.S. Supreme Court in Petters Fraud Case

WHEATON, Ill., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Ritchie Capital Management, L.L.C., an alternative investment firm, announced that on December 1, 2010 it filed a petition for a Writ of Certiorari asking the U.S. Supreme Court to review decisions of the Minnesota Federal District Court and Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals denying restitution to the victims of Thomas Petters' \$3.5 billion Ponzi scheme. The case seeks enforcement of victims' rights conferred by the Mandatory Victim Restitution Act of 1...

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Standard & Poor's Announces Changes to U.S. Index

NEW YORK, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Standard & Poor's will make the following changes to the S&P SmallCap 600 index: The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company Inc. (NYSE: GAP) will be removed from the S&P SmallCap 600 index after the close of trading on Tuesday, December 14. The company has filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Company's place in the S&P SmallCap 600 will be taken by Saul Centers Inc. (NYSE: BFS) after the close of tra...

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CSB to Hold Public Hearing Wednesday, December 15, as Part of the CSB Deepwater Horizon Investigation

CSB Board Will Hear Testimony on how Offshore Drilling is Managed and Regulated in Other Countries Foreign Regulators, Industry Experts and Labor Representatives to Testify in Day-long Meeting in Washington, DC WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The

following event was announced by the U.S. Chemical Safety Board: Who and What:The U.S. Chemical Safety Board (CSB), an independent federal agency charged with investigating chemical accidents, will hold a public hearing Wednesday, Dec...

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Fiscal Year 2009 Annual Report to Congress Signals Opportunities for New Tax Whistleblowers

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Today the Internal Revenue Service published a report to Congress on the use of section 7623, the section that allows for the payment of awards to tax whistleblowers, in which it revealed that the IRS Whistleblower Office has received a steady stream of information about multi-million dollar tax underpayments over fiscal years 2008 and 2009. The IRS reported receiving 460 submissions in their fiscal 2009 that meet the criteria for section 7623(b), which ...

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Giant Food of Landover, Md. Alerts Customers to Voluntary Recall of Tofutti Brands Yours Truly Frozen Dessert Cones

Product recalled due to undeclared allergenLANDOVER, Md., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Following a recall by Tofutti Brands, Inc., Giant Food LLC, headquartered in Landover, Md. announced it has removed from sale Yours Truly Frozen Dessert Cones 4 pack in a 14 ounce size. The product may contain an undeclared allergen, specifically milk.The following product was removed from sale:Tofutti Yours Truly Frozen Dessert Cones (frozen), 4 pack, 14 ounceUPC: 2018801500Affected Manufacturing Code: 18-49...

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Nissan Delivers Southern California's First 100% Electric Nissan LEAF to San Diego Consumer

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- On the heels of the world's first Nissan LEAF delivery, Nissan North America, Inc. (NNA) is bringing sustainable mobility to Southern California with the region's first delivery of the all-electric Nissan LEAF. Thomas Franklin, a patent attorney with a specialization in clean energy, is taking delivery of his blue Nissan LEAF SL at Mossy Nissan Kearny Mesa. This groundbreaking moment represents the region's first delivery of an affordable, mass-market, al...

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U.S. Marshals Seize FDA-regulated Food Stored at Rodent-Infested Warehouse in New Mexico

Government actions keep adulterated food from being distributedSILVER SPRING, Md., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- U.S. Marshals, acting under a court order sought by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, today seized chili pods, ground chili, crushed chili, and other chili products located in the rodent-infested food warehouse owned by Duran and Sons L.L.C. in Derry, New Mexico. The New Mexico Environment Department had previously placed an embargo on all products in the company's fo...

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CasinoRewards.com \$10 Million Giveaway: More Winners Announced

LAS VEGAS, December 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- With only 4 weeks left of the biggest online casino promotion ever, players around the world are rushing to join in and claim their share of \$10 million... before it's all gone! Since October 2010, online casino giant CasinoRewards.com has been

celebrating its 10 year anniversary by sharing out \$10 million over 10 weeks amongst its players. Due to enormous popularity and an exciting weekly Progressive Draw (which aims to speed up the prize distri...

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Richard Viguerie Calls Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli a New Breed of Republican Leader

MANASSAS, Va., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The following is a statement from Richard A. Viguerie, Chairman of ConservativeHQ.com, regarding the leadership role of Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli in challenging the new health care law that was declared unconstitutional by a federal district court:"With his court victory over Obamacare, Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli has taken his place on the national stage as an important conservative leader."Cuccinelli joins a gr...

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Conservation Assistance Available for Organic Producers

Funding Deadline Set for March 4, 2011 DAVIS, Calif., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- California agricultural producers who are certified organic or transitioning to organic production may qualify for technical and financial assistance through a National Organic Initiative administered by USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). Over \$2.4 million in special organic funding will be available to eligible producers in California as part of the Environmental Quality Incentives Pr...

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Korn/Ferry International Named HR Consulting Firm of the Year at China Staff Awards 2010

BEIJING, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Korn/Ferry International (NYSE: KFY), a premier global provider of talent management solutions, has won the HR Consulting Firm of the Year award in the category of Talent Management at the recent China Staff Awards 2010. Organized by CCH, a Wolters Kluwer business, the China Staff Awards, established in 1998, recognizes individuals and companies whose dedication to the HR profession is acknowledged by their peers."We are thrilled to win the award for HR Cons...

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Chevron Energy Solutions, Oceanic Time Warner Cable, Tioga Energy Announce Groundbreaking Event for Largest Solar Canopy Project on Oahu

WHAT: Chevron Energy Solutions, Oceanic Time Warner Cable and Tioga Energy will announce the groundbreaking of the largest solar canopy project on Oahu. This solar project is an example of how companies are helping the State of Hawaii meet its clean energy goals. WHEN: Tuesday, December

14, 20103:30 p.m.WHERE:Oceanic Time Warner Cable's Mililani Tech Park151 Pali'i StreetMililani, HI 96789 WHO:Mike Betz, Group Manager, PankowRandall Corey, Vice President of Operat...

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Easter Seals New York and the Kessler Family to Break Ground for a Cutting-Edge Program for Upstate New York's Children and Young Adults with Disabilities

December 14, 2010 at 11 am, 400 Rogers Parkway, Rochester, NY 14617ROCHESTER, N.Y., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Easter Seals New York, in partnership with the Kessler Family, is proud to announce the groundbreaking for The Kessler Center, a service of Easter Seals New York, on December 14th. The Center will offer highly individualized special education, fully-supported residential living, clinical care, and emergency respite services for children and young adults with disabilities i...

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GOLDCORP SECURES PERMIT FOR CERRO NEGRO PROJECT

Toronto Stock Exchange: G New York Stock Exchange: GG VANCOUVER, Dec. 13 /PRNewswire/ - GOLDCORP INC. (TSX: G, NYSE: GG) andAndean Resources Limited ("Andean") announced today the approval of the Environmental Impact Assessment by the Santa Cruz province in Argentina for the development and production of the Cerro Negro gold project, a high-grade world-class deposit located on the low-elevation Patagonian plains of southern A...

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CS Capital Management, Inc.'s Response to Department of Labor Press Release No. 10-1680-NAT

ATLANTA, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- The following is a news release being issued by CS Capital Management, Inc.:The press release regarding the Department of Labor's Complaint filing against CS Capital Management, Inc., and Paul H. Saylor is misleading. A settlement was made with the Department of Labor so that this matter would be resolved rather than extended. CS Capital Management, Inc. and Mr. Saylor have vigorously denied Department of Labor allegations since the date they were made un...

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Parkway Announces Update on GSA Renewal in Chicago

JACKSON, Miss., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Parkway Properties, Inc. (NYSE: PKY) announced the commencement of the 10-year lease with the General Services Administration ("GSA") for 184,000 square feet at 233 North Michigan in Chicago effective December 1, 2010. As previously announced on November 23, 2009, the GSA's renewal consisted of an initial 12-month renewal on an "as-is" basis which expired on November 30, 2010, followed by a 10-year lease extension which expires on November 30, 2020....

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XGEVA™ (Denosumab) Significantly Improved Bone Metastasis-Free Survival in Men With Prostate Cancer

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif., Dec. 13, 3010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Amgen (Nasdaq: AMGN) today announced top-line results from a Phase 3 trial evaluating XGEVA™ (denosumab) versus placebo in 1,432 men with castrate-resistant prostate cancer. The trial, known as the '147 study, demonstrated

that XGEVA significantly improved median bone metastasis-free survival by 4.2 months (HR=0.85, 95 percent CI 0.73-0.98, p=0.03) compared to placebo (primary endpoint), and significantly improved time to first occur...

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Longwei Petroleum Files S-3 Registration Statement

TAIYUAN CITY, China, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-Asia-FirstCall/ -- Longwei Petroleum Investment Holding Ltd. (NYSE Amex: LPH) ("Longwei" or the "Company"), an energy company engaged in the storage and distribution of finished petroleum products in the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), today announced it has filed an S-3 Registration Statement with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission. The S-3 Registration Statement includes the registration of all outstanding warrants and a shel...

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Webcast Alert: Southwest Airlines Co. 2010 Analyst Meeting

DALLAS, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Southwest Airlines Co. (NYSE: LUV) invites you to listen to a live webcast of its 2010 Analyst Meeting. Southwest will be webcasting the audio presentation live, and a link to the webcast will be made available via the Investor Relations homepage on the Southwest Airlines website. Details of the audio webcast are as follows:Date:Thursday, December 16, 2010Time:10:30 a.m. Eastern TimeSpeakers:Gary Kelly, Chairman, President, and Chief Executive OfficerBob ...

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Forbes Energy Services Reports Selected Operating Data for November 2010

ALICE, Texas, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Forbes Energy Services Ltd. (TSX: FRB) today announced its rig and trucking hours for the month of November 2010. November 30, 2010October 31, 2010November 30, 2009Working days192119Rig hoursU.S.25,72429,97117,804Mexico3,2166,2165,520Total rig hours28,94036,18723,324Truck hours102,839102,22574,478John Crisp, Forbes Energy's President and Chief Executive Officer, commented, "Our operating hours continue to improve in line with industry trends, although...

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BioNeutral Group Featured in 'Exec Access' Column in Bergen Record and Newark Star Ledger

NEWARK, N.J., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- BioNeutral Group (OTC Bulletin Board: BONU), a specialty chemical technology-based life science company, was featured in the "Exec Access" column of the Bergen Record on Sunday, December 12, 2010.
http://www.northjersey.com/news/121210_Firm_developing_formulas_to_clean_disinfect.html?page=all The article, entitled, "Germs, Mold, Smelly Shoes are the Enemy," was written by veteran business reporter Joan Verdon, and includes background information on...

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New Political Group - The Justice Movement - Quickly Gathers Support, Organizes a March for Justice

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- A coalition of Americans from across the political spectrum – united in a desire to repair and reinvigorate the American political system – have organized a new movement centered on a single paramount idea: Justice for all.The Justice

Movement is picking up support quickly. Formed just last week, it already has signed-up strong supporters on its website – www.justicemovementnow.net – and has begun to garner commitments for busloads of people t...

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Schedule of Upcoming Luncheons at the National Press Club

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Following is a schedule of upcoming luncheons at the National Press Club. Luncheon tickets are open to the public except where noted as "members and guests only." Credentialed press may cover Luncheons and Newsmakers. Events listed are subject to last-minute changes. Space may be reserved at any NPC Luncheon by calling 202-662-7501. To save time and avoid waiting in line, tickets can be paid for in advance by using a credit card or putting ti...

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The Journal of Commerce Ranks US Top 40 Container Carriers, MSC Rises to No. 1 in Exports, Maersk Holds Imports Lead

NEWARK, N.J., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- U.S. import and export volume carried by top ocean carriers expanded a combined 12.2 percent this year, shifting market share percentages and highlighting capacity concerns for 2011, reports The Journal of Commerce today in its Top 40 Container Lines ranking and special report. (Photo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20101213/NY16749>)Total exports increased by 8 percent and imports by 15.3 percent, but overall trade still lags pre-recessionary 2008...

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New ITC Report on Copyright Infringement in China Details Harms to U.S. Companies, Says BSA

Highlights key issues for participants in bilateral trade talks this weekWASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ --Intellectual property infringement in China reduces market opportunities and undermines the success of right holders, the U.S. International Trade Commission reported today in the first of two landmark studies on the subject. Moreover, the report found, China is implementing a web of indigenous innovation policies that make it difficult for foreign companies to compete on ...

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Nobamacare - Federal Judge Rules Healthcare Bill Unconstitutional

HOUSTON, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Breaking News - Winning Strategies www.winningstrategies.net - reports that a U.S. judge in Virginia Monday invalidated a key part of the landmark healthcare law that requires individuals to buy health insurance, the first major setback for President Barack Obama on an issue virtually certain to be decided by the Supreme Court. U.S. District Judge Henry Hudson agreed with arguments by the state of Virginia that Congress exceeded its authority by requiring t...

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Coalition to Salute America's Heroes and The American Legion Kick Off 6th Annual Road to Recovery Conference and Tribute

Nearly 400 guests, including wounded veterans of Iraq and Afghanistan wars and their families,

attending event at Walt Disney World's Swan Resort ORLANDO, Fla., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- With a program featuring a wide array of inspirational speakers and educational presentations, the Coalition to Salute America's Heroes (CSAH) and The American Legion officially opened the 6th annual Road to Recovery Conference and Tribute today for severely wounded military service members from th...

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Fino Consulting Names Craig Nottingham CTO

NEW YORK, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Fino Consulting announced today that Craig Nottingham has been named its Chief Technology Officer. Nottingham will be responsible for technology solutions at Fino Consulting. "Craig's experience and technical skills will shape the services we offer our clients," said Brian Fino, CEO and founder of Fino Consulting. "Craig will immediately begin designing enterprise applications for our most prestigious clients. His mobile technology background will also be u...

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UFE Calls Obama-GOP Tax Package Shameful - Urges House Democrats to Fight for a Better Deal and a Stronger Estate Tax

BOSTON, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- "The Senate's decision to approve the ill-conceived tax package negotiated between Obama and GOP leaders is shameful," stated Brian Miller, executive director of United for a Fair Economy (UFE), after the Obama-GOP tax compromise cleared its first procedural hurdle in the Senate today. "Fortunately, the buck does not stop in the Senate. We are calling on the House to fight back and win a better deal for the sake of middle and working class America...

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EMR Technologies Joins MaxxVault LLC as a Platinum Reseller Partner

ISLANDIA, N.Y. and IRVINE, Calif., Dec 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- (<http://www.myprgenie.com>) -- MaxxVault LLC is pleased to announce that EMR Technologies, a leading provider of workflow solutions in southern California, has joined with MaxxVault as a Platinum reseller partner. EMR Technologies, based in Irvine, California, is ideally suited to resell MaxxVault Enterprise server as the tools included allow documents to be routed securely according to the efficient workflow the EMR experts design."...

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Community Education Centers, Inc. Signs New Credit Facilities

WEST CALDWELL, N.J., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Community Education Centers, Inc. ("CEC") announced the closing of \$105 million of new first lien credit facilities consisting of a \$40 million First Lien Revolving Credit Facility and a \$65 million First Lien Term Loan. Wells Fargo Capital Finance, part of Wells Fargo & Company (NYSE: WFC) is agent for the new first lien credit facilities which mature in December 2014. The Company also announced the closing of a new \$130 million Second Lien...

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Actuaries Comment on Public Pension Plan Disclosures

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The American Academy of Actuaries emphasized today the importance of meaningful and consistent disclosures by state and local government pension plans. With the Dec. 2 introduction of the Public Employee Pension

Transparency Act by Rep. Devin Nunes, the Academy offered context for evaluating the pension disclosures included in that legislation or that may be included in any other disclosure proposals. (Logo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/2...>)

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A Clean Transportation Milestone: New Electric Car Hits U.S. Streets

CHICAGO, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The first new-generation electric car was driven off a U.S. lot today, marking a major milestone in efforts to reduce air pollution, decrease our dependence on oil and reinvigorate our automobile industry. The car was a Nissan Leaf, the first of several all-electric and plug-in models, including the Chevy Volt, set to hit the auto market in coming years. "Today's modern electric car technology is both real and available," said Howard Learner, Exec...

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SkyWest, Inc., Reports Combined November Traffic

ST. GEORGE, Utah, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- SkyWest, Inc., (Nasdaq: SKYW) ("SkyWest") today announced monthly traffic data for its combined airline operations. Due to the acquisition of ExpressJet Holdings, Inc., ("ExpressJet Holdings") on November 12, 2010 by SkyWest, Inc., through its wholly-owned subsidiary, Atlantic Southeast Airlines, Inc., the normally reported traffic data for the month of November 2010, includes 19 days of operations for ExpressJet Airlines, Inc., the prima...

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Hoyer Says House Will Pass Tax Bill But Dems Will Offer Amendments to Reduce Breaks For Estates, Wealthy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer (D-MD) told a National Press Club Newsmakers News Conference today (Dec. 13) that the House will pass President Obama's tax compromise bill but because of "concerns," Democrats will offer amendments to reduce breaks for estates and the wealthy. Hoyer said that while the middle class tax cuts will have large positive economic impact, the rich tax breaks have minimal value. He was particularly critical of rais...

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Presidential Elections in Cote d'Ivoire: Can a Country Afford Two Presidents?

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Office of advisors to the President of the Republic of Cote d'Ivoire, in Washington DC, will hold a press conference on behalf of the Ivorian community in the USA. The advisors will discuss the Ivorian political crisis in the aftermath of the run-off of the presidential election of November 28, 2010 where the electoral process was held in the Northern part of the country still controlled by the heavily armed rebellion. WHAT: The president...

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NASA Selects Unisys for Simulation, Aircraft Technical Services

HAMPTON, Va., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- NASA has selected the Unisys Corp. in Reston, Va., to provide simulation and aircraft technical services for the agency's Langley

Research Center in Hampton, Va.(Logo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20081007/38461LOGO>)
The cost-plus-fixed-fee award is valued at \$48.5 million over a three-year base period with one two-year option.Unisys will provide simulation-related hardware and software technology support services, including analysis, d...

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New Job Listings on NFB-NEWSLINE® Create Access and Employment Opportunities for Blind and Print-Disabled Americans

Hundreds of Thousands of Job Listings Now AvailableBALTIMORE, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ --The National Federation of the Blind (NFB), the nation's oldest and largest organization of the blind, is pleased to announce that a revolutionary new feature has been added to NFB-NEWSLINE®, the free audible information service for the blind and others who cannot read print due to a physical or learning disability. With this groundbreaking job-listings feature, blind and print-disabled people ...

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Legendary Athlete Kobe Bryant Named New Global Brand Ambassador for Turkish Airlines

ISTANBUL, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Turkish Airlines today announced that legendary basketball star Kobe Bryant has been named a global brand ambassador for the airline for the next two years. Turkish Airlines, the fourth biggest network carrier in Europe, has rapidly expanded its U.S. presence in recent years and will be launching its first non-stop flight from the West Coast. The airline will offer four flights per week from Los Angeles' LAX Airport to Ataturk Airport in Istanbul beginnin...

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BHG Enters the North Region of Brazil with the Acquisition of Two Hotels in Belem do Para

SAO PAULO, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- BHG S.A. – Brazil Hospitality Group (BM&FBOVESPA: BHGR3) is reporting the acquisition of two hotels in Belem, capital of the state of Para, adding another 190 rooms to its network and consolidating the company's position as the third largest hotel group in the country. Through these acquisitions, BHG has now planted its flag in the north and has a presence in all of Brazil's regions.The announcement came shortly after the disclosure Wednesda...

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Lilly Declares First-Quarter 2011 Dividend

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The board of directors of Eli Lilly and Company (NYSE: LLY) today declared a dividend for the first quarter of 2011 of \$0.49 a share on outstanding common stock. The dividend is payable March 10, 2011 to shareholders of record at the close of business on February 15, 2011.Lilly, a leading innovation-driven corporation, is developing a growing portfolio of pharmaceutical products by applying the latest research from its own worldwide laborato...

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TRX Compressed Swell Plug Stops Basement Rod Hole Leaks Instantly

NOVI, Mich., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Mr. Sponge Waterproofing, the leading polyurethane injection waterproofing company in southeast Michigan, announced today that it is now offering its newly developed tie-rod hole leak device called "TRX Compressed Swell Plug". Homeowners, property managers and maintenance repair personnel can now save time and money on costly

basement repairs by doing this repair process themselves. The new TRX Compressed Swell Plug was developed from 15 years of in-fi...

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ANHAM FZCO, LLC Completes Transition to Prime Vendor

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- On November 16, 2010, ANHAM FZCO, LLC became fully responsible for the Prime Vendor contract with the U.S. Government, providing full-line food and non-food distribution and support services in Kuwait and Iraq. This marks the end of the seven-month transition from the previous vendor, as outlined in the original contract awarded in April 2010, in which ANHAM became the Prime Vendor for the contract. The contract requires ANHAM to provide a range of food p...

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Simply Shari's - Gluten Free & Fabulous Hires Windstone Capital Partners

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Simply Shari's Gluten Free & Fabulous a leading manufacturer of Gluten Free Pizzas, Pastas and Baked Goods, announced today the hiring of Windstone Capital Partners, Inc. -- ("Windstone") as its investment bank. Windstone, a specialized Financial Advisory and Merchant Banking Firm, provides institutional financing, merger, acquisition and divestiture opportunities for small to medium-sized private and public companies, as well as selected midd...

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FilmOn.com Enters Multi-Year Strategic Partnership With FTTH Communications

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- FilmOn.com Inc., (www.FilmOn.com) the first Internet-based, high-definition television service in the U.S., today announced that it entered into a strategic partnership with the cable provider FTTH Communications, the next-generation communications provider of phone, cable and Internet all over a fiber network, and an EveresTV company. Through the multi-year partnership. FTTH will provide its existing subscriber base of more than 1,200 homes in the Tr...

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Penn Virginia Resource Partners, L.P. and Penn Virginia GP Holdings, L.P. Announce Record and Meeting Dates for Merger Votes

RADNOR, Pa., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Penn Virginia Resource Partners, L.P. ("PVR") (NYSE: PVR) and Penn Virginia GP Holdings, L.P. ("PVG") (NYSE: PVG) today announced that they each have established a record date of December 20, 2010, and a meeting date of February 16, 2011, for special meetings of their respective unitholders. At the special meetings, which will be held in Radnor, Pennsylvania, unitholders will vote on the previously announced proposed merger of PVG and its gen...

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O-I Acquires Two Plants in Northern China

PERRYSBURG, Ohio, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Owens-Illinois, Inc. (NYSE: OI), the world's largest maker of glass packaging, today announced it had entered into an agreement to acquire the glass container manufacturing business of Hebei Rixin Glass Group Co., Ltd. in northern China. The deal, expected to close before year-end, means O-I has more than doubled its capacity in China in the past year to more than one million tonnes (up from 440,000 tonnes), making the company China's sec...

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RailAmerica, Inc. Reports November 2010 Monthly Carloads

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- RailAmerica, Inc. (NYSE: RA) today reported that its total freight carloads for the month ended November 30, 2010 were 71,419, up 5.3% from 67,834 in November 2009. These results include the Ottawa Valley Railway (OVR) operation. The Company increased shipments in November 2010 in nine out of twelve commodity groups compared to November 2009. Much of the increase was due to shipments of Coal, Chemicals and Non-Metallic Minerals and Products. C...

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Belzberg Announces Organization Changes

TORONTO, Dec. 13 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ - Belzberg Technologies Inc. (TSX -BLZ), a provider of technology-based equity and options trading services, announced organization changes. Chris Jackson has informed the Company that he intends to resign as President, Canadian Operations effective December 23, 2010. The Company will distribute his responsibilities across other executives and expects a smooth transition with Chris's active involvement. "Chris has been an important contributor to...

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Registration Period for North American Companies for the 2011 IR Global Rankings Starts Tomorrow

NEW YORK, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- IR Global Rankings ("IRGR"), the most comprehensive technical ranking system for investor relations websites, corporate governance practices and financial disclosure procedures, is pleased to announce that the registration period for North American Companies for the IR Global Rankings starts tomorrow, December 14, 2010. The registration period will go until January 14, 2011. Join our conference call for details on the 2011 edition: Date: Tuesday,...

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Digicel to Challenge Movistar's Mobile Market Position in Panama, Pyramid Finds

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- By 2015, new entrants Claro and Digicel are expected to increase their mobile phone market share in Panama to 11.7 percent and 21.3 percent, respectively, helping to boost competition levels in the market still dominated by C&W and Movistar, according to a new report from Pyramid Research (www.pyr.com). Panama: New Entrants Put Pressure on Established Operators offers a precise profile of the country's telecommunications, media, and technology s...

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Lilly Suspends Phase III Trial in Metastatic Melanoma

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Eli Lilly and Company announced today that it has suspended its global Phase III study evaluating tasisulam, an investigational, small-molecule anti-cancer compound, as a second-line treatment for those with unresectable or metastatic melanoma. Lilly, in consultation with an independent data monitoring committee, recommended a "full clinical hold," because of safety concerns. A full clinical hold ensures that no new or existing patients in the trial r...

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SAIC Prices \$750 Million Senior Notes

MCLEAN, Va., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- SAIC, Inc. (NYSE: SAI) today announced the pricing of its sale of \$450 million of 4.450% Notes due 2020 (the "2020 Notes") and \$300 million of 5.950% Notes due 2040 (the "2040 Notes" and together with the 2020 Notes, the "Notes"). The offering is expected to settle on Dec. 20, 2010. The 2020 Notes will bear interest at the rate of 4.450% per year and the 2040 Notes will bear interest at the rate of 5.950% per year. Interest will be payable se...

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The Force is Now With Mac® Players

SAN DIEGO and SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Sony Online Entertainment LLC (SOE) and LucasArts, a division of Lucasfilm Entertainment Company Ltd., in collaboration with TransGaming, Inc. (TSX-V: TNG), today announced that Star Wars®:Clone Wars Adventures™, a free-to-play family-friendly online virtual world, is now available for Macintosh® Platform users at www.CloneWarsAdventures.com. Clone Wars Adventures is an action-packed browser-based virtual world where fans can live out th...

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VIDEO from U.S. Department of State Available on thenewsmarket.com: Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton Remarks at the Brookings Institution's Saban Center for Middle East Policy Seventh Annual Forum

NEW YORK, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- See video from U.S. Department of State at: <http://www.thenewsmarket.com/Releases/StoryDetailPage.aspx?GUID=de30b14d-fd97-4fd5-990d-1e1fa5e32fc9> In addressing the Brookings Institution's Saban Center for Middle East Policy seventh annual forum, Secretary Clinton discusses the way forward in efforts toward achieving a final peace treaty between the Israelis and Palestinians and ending the conflict. She calls on both sides to begin to grapple with the core iss...

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Announcing...the 24th Annual iaedp 2011 Symposium, Featuring the Nation's Leading Eating Disorder Experts

PEKIN, Ill., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- The International Association of Eating Disorders Professionals (iaedp) announces its 2011 Symposium March 3-6 at the Pointe Hilton at Squaw Peak in Phoenix. The 24th annual program will bring together eating disorder specialists and medical professionals from across the United States by providing further training on the treatment of disordered eating. As part of the symposium, attendees will be part of the red-carpet premiere of Darryl Robert's America...

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Home Inns & Hotels Management Inc. Announces Proposed Convertible Senior Notes Offering

NEW YORK, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-Asia/ -- Home Inns & Hotels Management Inc. (NASDAQ: HMIN) today announced that it proposes to offer \$160 million in aggregate principal amount of convertible senior notes due 2015 through a convertible notes offering. The interest rate, conversion price and other terms of the notes will be determined at the time of pricing of the offering. The Company intends to grant to the initial purchasers a 30-day option to purchase up to an additional US\$24 million o...

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The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company Announces Pricing of Offering of \$200 Million of Senior Notes

MARYSVILLE, Ohio, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Scotts Miracle-Gro Company (NYSE: SMG), the world's leading marketer of branded consumer lawn and garden products, announced today that it has priced its \$200 million aggregate principal amount of 6.625 percent Senior Notes due 2020. The notes are being sold at 100 percent of the principal amount. The notes will be general unsecured senior obligations of the Company. As of the issue date, the notes will be guaranteed by each of the...

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VIDEO From NATO TV Available on thenewsmarket.com: Gen. Abrial We Have Much Work Ahead

NEW YORK, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- See video from NATO TV at: <http://www.thenewsmarket.com/Releases/StoryDetailPage.aspx?GUID=315f3573-981b-4159-af0e-d96fb0bf9b7dNatochannel> speaks with the Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, Gen. Abrial about the work ahead after the Lisbon Summit. About thenewsmarket.com thenewsmarket.com delivers free broadcast- and streaming-quality video and multimedia content directly to media around the world, 24/7. More than 25,000 media outlets in 190+ countries...

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VIDEO From European Media Center, U.S. Department of State Available on thenewsmarket.com: Young Roma Leaders Get to Know Us!

NEW YORK, Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- See video from European Media Center, U.S. Department of State at: <http://www.thenewsmarket.com/Releases/StoryDetailPage.aspx?GUID=118ee8de-f80e-43ef-8658-71a9758e1b45YoungRoma> leaders speak out about the importance of inclusion for a successful European future. Available material includes soundbites. About thenewsmarket.com thenewsmarket.com delivers free broadcast- and streaming-quality video and multimedia content directly to media around the world, 24/7...

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Alabama Law Judge Bill Thompson Receives BNA Tax & Accounting Award For Distinguished Service in State Tax

ARLINGTON, Va., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- BNA Tax & Accounting announces that the 2010 Franklin C. Latcham Award for Distinguished Service in State and Local Tax Law honors Judge Bill Thompson, the Alabama Department of Revenue's chief administrative law judge. The award was presented Dec. 13 at a meeting of the BNA Tax & Accounting Multistate Tax Advisory Board in New York City. The Latcham Award is named for Franklin C. Latcham, former Advisory Board chair and founder of ...

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International Coal Group Announces Offering of

Common Stock by Selling Stockholders

SCOTT DEPOT, W.Va., Dec. 13, 2010 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- International Coal Group, Inc. (NYSE: ICO) (the "Company") announced today that affiliates of each of WL Ross & Co. and Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited commenced an offering of 12,268,700 and 22,577,800 shares of the Company's common stock, respectively. Upon completion of this offering, affiliates of WL Ross & Co. and Fairfax Financial Holdings Limited would own 12,268,723 and 22,577,788 shares of the Company's common stock, ...

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