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New Credit Card Regulations About 'Swipe Fees' Will Not Protect E-commerce Merchants, Says Merchant Rights Advocate Robert Livingstone of IdealCost.com

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WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., June 30 /PRNewswire/ -- E-commerce merchants, one of the fastest-growing segments of the retail and service economy, will not be protected by new Congressional legislation, according to merchant rights advocate Robert Livingstone, president and founder of IdealCost.com, a consulting firm that reduces credit card acceptance fees for merchants without switching their existing provider.

"It is a tragedy that Congress is forgetting about the rights of e-commerce merchants conducting business on the Internet," said Robert Livingstone, president of IdealCost.com. "Consumers won't save any money and e-commerce merchants will wind up paying higher fees."

The proposed legislation, known as the Durbin Amendment, would direct the Federal Reserve Board to issue rules to ensure that debit interchange fees are reasonable and proportional to the processing costs incurred.

However, Livingstone says this language is vague and misleading. He questions the merits of this proposal.

"What exactly will this accomplish? I don't see any numbers in place. Additionally, who is going to pay the Fed to monitor the compliance with this program?" he said. "And why, as a small business, should I trust the Fed to have my best interests in mind? "

IdealCost.com's founder also says: "This legislation has no true value and if fees are even reduced in any slight measure, we can surely expect the deficit to be made up on the credit card interchange fees or consumer interest rates. Additionally, Australia already tried to legislate these fees and failed miserably. Let's not make the same mistake here in the United States."

In effect, the e-commerce businesses won't save any money.

Instead, Livingstone proposes that Congress let the industry regulate itself. He also suggests that the industry require licensing for its sales people similar to the Real Estate and Insurance industries.

"This would ensure far more stability and accountability in the industry," he said.

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.

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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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Lionsgate Adopts Shareholder Rights Plan

SANTA MONICA, Calif. and VANCOUVER, British Columbia, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Lionsgate (NYSE: LGF) (the "Company") today announced that its Board of Directors has adopted a Shareholder Rights Plan that is designed to encourage the fair and equal treatment of Lionsgate's shareholders in connection with any initiative to acquire effective control of the Company. The Rights Plan specifically addresses circumstances in which current Canadian and U.S. securities legislation allows significa...

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Leading Human Rights Groups to Protest at Craigslist's HQ on 7/08/10

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- On July 8, 2010 at noon the Coalition Against Trafficking in Women (CATW), Prostitution Research and Education (PRE) and our over 75 Co-Sponsors will protest Craigslist's facilitation of sex trafficking at Craigslist's office, 1381 9th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94122. A large portion of Craigslist's profits come from the sale of commercial sexual exploitation, much of it trafficked, all of it prostituted. Craigslist normalizes and facilitates onli...

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The Cast Of THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE Will Be Surprising Fans & Moviegoers Across The Country

LOS ANGELES, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- It's official! THE TWILIGHT SAGA: ECLIPSE stars will be visiting theaters across the U.S. to introduce the latest film in the franchise which is already shattering box office records. Beginning tomorrow, July 2nd and extending through the holiday weekend, approximately 20 cast members will be popping up in theaters all over the country to show their appreciation for their fans, and thanking them for all of the excitement, enthusiasm and support they have shown...

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Texas Children's Hospital Acquires 'Partners in OB/GYN Care' as Part of a New Era of Maternity and Newborn Care

HOUSTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Texas Children's Hospital announced today that it has completed the acquisition of Partners in OB/GYN Care, a prominent private obstetrics and gynecology practice based in Houston. As the construction of Texas Children's new 15-story maternity center progresses, this acquisition is a strategic cornerstone of the hospital's expansion into a new era -- caring for women prior to pregnancy, during pregnancy and after delivery. For more information on the n...

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Progen Nasdaq Delisting Update

BRISBANE, Australia, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Progen Pharmaceuticals Limited (ASX: PGL; Nasdaq: PGLA) today provided an update relating to the Nasdaq Delisting Notification received on 23 June 2010 advising that its securities would be delisted due to a minimum bid price deficiency under Nasdaq Listing rule 5500 (a) (2). The Company has not appealed the determination, as it is unlikely Progen would be able to satisfy the minimum bid price requirement in a timeframe acceptable to the Nasdaq, said Su...

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Knight Capital Group Completes Acquisition of Urban Financial Group

JERSEY CITY, N.J., July 1/PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Knight Capital Group, Inc. (NYSE Euronext: KCG) today announced the completion of the acquisition of Urban Financial Group, Inc., an independent mortgage company and a leading originator of home equity conversion mortgages (HECM), or reverse mortgages, insured by the Federal Housing Administration. Terms of the acquisition were not disclosed. "Knight has acquired one of the leading originators of reverse mortgages in the U.S. and created an origi...

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Scotland Celebrates Excellent Links With China at

Shanghai World Expo 2010

EDINBURGH, Scotland, July 2, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Unique performances and interactive experiences will showcase Scotland in China at the Shanghai World Expo 2010, an event expected to attract 70 million visitors, as a great place to visit, live and work, learn, do business and invest in. To view the Multimedia News Release, please click:
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Neff Rental, Inc. Obtains Final Approval of \$175 Million in DIP Financing

MIAMI, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- On June 30, 2010, Neff Rental, Inc. ("Neff"), a privately owned rental equipment company, and certain of its affiliates received final approval from the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of New York (the "Court") for the company's \$175 million debtor-in-possession financing. Neff's \$175 million borrowing facility provides stability and ample liquidity to fund daily operations without interruption, including payments to vendors and to meet all...

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Singer/Songwriter Marie Digby's Debut Film 'Breathing Underwater--The Movie' to Air in 17 Episodes on ABCMusicLounge.com

BURBANK, Calif., July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Hollywood Records recording artist Marie Digby has announced a July 1st premiere for "Breathing Underwater--The Movie," a film starring Digby and based on themes explored on the singer-songwriter's latest album, BREATHING UNDERWATER. Comprised of 17 episodes, each of which is 3-5 minutes long, the film captures the story of a young woman's heart as told through her music. Episodes of "Breathing Underwater--The Movie" will post on ABCMusicLounge.com through...

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Andrew Garfield Cast as Peter Parker in Columbia Pictures' Next Installment of 'Spider-Man'

CULVER CITY, Calif., July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- After a comprehensive worldwide casting search, Andrew Garfield has been chosen to portray Peter Parker when Spider-Man swings back onto the screen in 3D on July 3, 2012. The new film will begin production in early December, directed by Marc Webb from a screenplay by James Vanderbilt. Laura Ziskin and Avi Arad will produce the film from Columbia Pictures and Marvel Studios. Today's confirmation culminates what has been one of the most eagerly anticipa...

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Pelosi: Fiscal 2011 Budget Another Key Step by New Direction Congress in Restoring Fiscal

Responsibility

WASHINGTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Speaker Nancy Pelosi released the following statement on H. Res. 1493, the fiscal 2011 budget, which the House passed this evening as part of the rule on the Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2010: "Today's 2011 budget is another key step by the New Direction Congress in restoring fiscal responsibility. It will require cuts below the President's budget. It is also a statement of our values as a Congress and as a nation, recognizing that job creatio...

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First Mercury Financial Corporation Announces Acquisition of Valiant Insurance Group, Inc.

SOUTHFIELD, Mich., July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- First Mercury Financial Corporation (NYSE: FMR) ("First Mercury" or the "Company") today announced that it entered into a definitive agreement whereby its principal insurance subsidiary, First Mercury Insurance Company, will acquire Valiant Insurance Group, Inc. ("Valiant"), a subsidiary of Ariel Holdings, Ltd. ("Ariel"). First Mercury will purchase Valiant for an amount equal to Valiant's tangible book value, which is anticipated to be approx...

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TRX's Latest CORREX Version Expands Flexibility and Processing Efficiency

ATLANTA, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- TRX, Inc. (www.trx.com) (Other OTC: TRXI), a world-leading provider of travel technology, process automation, consulting and data services, today announced the latest release of TRX's reservations processing solution, CORREX v6.6. CORREX is the world's leading reservation processing platform enabling efficient, automated quality control, file finishing, and ticketing of travel reservations. CORREX processes approximately 100 million traveler reservations ...

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Starz Announces Resignations of Overture Films Executives

ENGLEWOOD, Colo., July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Chris Albrecht, president and chief executive officer of Starz, LLC, announced that Overture Films executives, Chris McGurk and Danny Rosett, tendered their resignations today due to differences over the strategic direction of the company. Peter Adeo, president, worldwide marketing, distribution and new media for Overture, will assume day-to-day operational responsibilities for the company and report directly to Albrecht. (Logo: <http://photos.p...>)

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California Gubernatorial Candidate Meg Whitman Tours Santa Paula Water Recycling Facility

SANTA PAULA, Calif., July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- California Gubernatorial candidate Meg Whitman toured the recently completed Santa Paula Water Recycling Facility in Ventura County yesterday. After touring the facility, she addressed approximately 150 members of the community and media outlets in front of the facility about job creation. The facility utilized 88% local union labor and employed on average 60 workers per day over the length of the 18 month project. (Logo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/...>)

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UCAP, Inc. Awarded DOL - Women in Apprenticeship and Non-traditional Occupations Grant

CAPITOL HEIGHTS, Md., July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- United Communities Against Poverty, Inc. (UCAP), and five (5) other organizations in California, Illinois, New York, Ohio, and Pennsylvania received funding from the U.S. Department of Labor total award of \$1.8 million. The awards will support partnerships between the grantees and currently existing Registered Apprenticeship programs to ensure that women have training opportunities and career support to succeed in non-traditional occupatio...

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Lawmakers Want Federal Traffic Safety Agency to Focus on Motorcycle Crash Prevention

PICKERINGTON, Ohio, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- U.S. Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner (R-Wis.) has introduced a resolution urging the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) to concentrate on motorcycle crash prevention and rider education instead of lobbying state lawmakers to enact mandatory helmet laws, the American Motorcyclist Association (AMA) reports. The resolution is in response to a statement made by NHTSA Administrator David Strickland in May reemphasizing Congressional test...

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Travelong Advances on Travel Weekly's Esteemed Power List 2010

NEW YORK, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- In Travel Weekly's prestigious Power List, released today, Travelong enjoyed significant advancements over last year's standings, moving three spots from number 16 to number 13. This advancement positions Travelong among the top 15 travel companies, ranking it alongside industry leaders such as Expedia, Orbitz, Priceline and AAA. This year's Power List celebrates Travelong's and its affiliate brand's significant 2009 and 2010 developments, including ARC sales of \$...

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Key Energy Services Appointed Tommy Pipes as Senior Vice President - Industry Relations and Jeff Skelly as Senior Vice President - Rig Services

HOUSTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Key Energy Services, Inc. (NYSE: KEG) appointed Tommy Pipes to the new position of Senior Vice President – Industry Relations effective June 21, 2010. Mr. Pipes has responsibility over maintaining executive level relationships with Key's diverse customer base and helping to ensure that it is best positioned to satisfy its customers' current and future business needs. Previously, Mr. Pipes was Senior Vice President – Rig Services since October 2008, and...

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M&I Announces Extension of Foreclosure Moratorium

MILWAUKEE, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Marshall & Ilsley Corporation (NYSE: MI) (M&I) today announced it has extended its foreclosure moratorium an additional three months – through September 30, 2010. The initial moratorium was announced on December 18, 2008, as part of M&I's Homeowner Assistance Program. The moratorium is on all owner-occupied residential loans for customers who agree to work in good faith to reach a successful repayment agreement. The moratorium applies to ap...

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Caraco Pharmaceutical Laboratories, Ltd. Markets Generic Exelon® Capsules

DETROIT, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Caraco Pharmaceutical Laboratories, Ltd. (NYSE Amex: CPD) has started shipping rivastigmine tartrate capsules. These products, approved by the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for Sun Pharma's Abbreviated New Drug Application (ANDA), are therapeutically equivalent to Exelon® capsules from Novartis. Rivastigmine tartrate is indicated for treatment of mild to moderate Alzheimer's dementia and mild to moderate Parkinson's disease dementia. Exelon® caps...

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IHG Announces Sale of InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta

LONDON, July 2, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- InterContinental Hotels Group PLC ("IHG") [LON: IHG; NYSE: IHG (ADRs)] announces the sale of the 422 room InterContinental Buckhead Atlanta to Maryland based Pebblebrook Hotel Trust ("Pebblebrook") for US\$105 million in cash. IHG will continue to manage the hotel under a long term management contract. IHG opened the hotel in November 2004 as the first newly built luxury hotel to enter the Buckhead market for over a decade. The hotel generated revenues of...

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Jury Convicts District of Columbia Fish Wholesaler & Two Employees for Purchasing Illegally Harvested Striped Bass

WASHINGTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Following a five-week trial, a fish wholesaler and two of its employees were found guilty with purchasing illegally harvested striped bass, known locally as rockfish, from the Potomac River in Virginia and Maryland from 1995 through 2007, the Justice Department announced today. Ocean Pro Ltd. d/b/a Profish, one of the largest District of Columbia seafood wholesalers, its vice-president Timothy Lydon of Bethesda, Md., and its fish buyer, Benjamin Clou...

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Webcast Alert: PG&E Corporation Schedules Second Quarter 2010 Earnings Release and Conference Call

SAN FRANCISCO, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- PG&E Corporation (NYSE: PCG) will hold a conference call for members of the financial community on August 4, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. Eastern Time to discuss its second quarter 2010 earnings results. The public can access the conference call via a simultaneous webcast. The link is provided below and will also be available from the PG&E Corporation website. What: Second Quarter 2010 Earnings When: Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at 1:00p.m. Eastern Time Whe...

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Patton Boggs Acquires Breaux-Lott Group

WASHINGTON, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Patton Boggs LLP is acquiring the Breaux-Lott Leadership Group, combining two of the most recognizable firms in public policy at the nation's highest-revenue producing public policy law firm. (Photo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20100701/PH30116-a>) (Photo: <http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20100701/PH30116-a>) (Logo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20100701/PH30116LOGO-b>) (Logo: <http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20100701/PH30116LOGO-b>) Former Lou...

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Lions Gate Lighting Corp. Completes Acquisition of Kali Tuna and Finalizes Financing

NEW YORK, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Lions Gate Lighting Corp. ("Lions Gate" or the

"Company") (OTC Bulletin Board: LNL) today announced that, on June 30, 2010, it closed the previously announced share exchange agreement dated May 3, 2010 among Lions Gate, Kali Tuna d.o.o., a Croatian limited liability company, Bluefin Acquisition Group Inc., a New York company and sole shareholder of Kali Tuna, created for the specific purpose of holding the Kali Tuna shares, and Atlantis Group hf., an I...

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Berkery Noyes Releases First Half 2010 Media Industry Merger & Acquisition Trends - Multiple Opportunities

NEW YORK, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Berkery Noyes, a leading middle market investment bank, has released its 2010 Half Year Media M&A Trends Report. This report analyzes merger and acquisition activity in the Media Industry in the first half of 2010 and compares it with activity in the four previous sixth month periods from 2008-2009. Revenue multiples in the media industry experienced a half-to-half gain with a 14% increase in the median enterprise value/revenue multiple, from 1.5 in 2nd Half 2...

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Lion Air Celebrates 10-Year Anniversary With Two New 737-900ERs

SEATTLE, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Coinciding with the 10th anniversary of Lion Air, Boeing (NYSE: BA) today delivered two Next-Generation 737-900ERs (extended range) to the Jakarta-based carrier. Lion Air, which operates an all-Boeing fleet, was the launch customer of the 737-900ER and is currently the largest operator of the airplane. With today's deliveries, the Lion Air fleet consists of 36 737-900ERs and two 747-400s. In addition, Lion Air is a launch customer for the new 737 Boeing ...

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Helix Updates Oil and Gas Divestment Efforts and Mid Year Reserves

HOUSTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Earlier this year, Helix Energy Solutions Group, Inc. (NYSE: HLX) announced the engagement of advisors to evaluate strategic alternatives for a potential divestment of its oil and gas business. The Company remains committed to the pursuit of this objective as it is consistent with its long-term business strategy. While the evaluation process has progressed, the Company believes that based on the situation in the Gulf of Mexico related to the oil spill fr...

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Pre-Paid Legal Announces 2010 2nd Quarter Production Results

ADA, Okla., July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Pre-Paid Legal Services, Inc. (NYSE: PPD) reported new sales associates enrolled and new memberships produced for the 2010 second quarter. During the 2nd quarter of 2010, new sales associates enrolled increased 44.3% to 36,313 from the 25,172 enrolled in the 2nd quarter of 2009 and new memberships produced increased 2.6% to 125,417 during the 2010 quarter compared to 122,230 for the 2009 quarter. On a sequential quarterly basis, new associates enrolled...

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Travelong Awarded First Ever Peak of Excellence Award from Sabre Inc.

NEW YORK, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Travelong, a travel company that's one part travel management,

one part travel website and one part technology infrastructure, has recently been honored as a recipient of Sabre Travel Network's first ever Peak of Excellence award for its achievements in 2009. This award recognizes a limited number of leaders, innovators and passionate professionals in the travel industry for their distinction and excellence in their field. As one of Sabre's top agencies in the com...

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Mazda Announces Launch of Certified Pre-Owned Program

IRVINE, Calif., July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Mazda North American Operations (MNAO) today announced the launch of a NEW Certified Pre-Owned (CPO) program designed to maximize the value of a pre-owned Mazda, ease customers' pre-owned vehicle buying experience and lower customers' cost of ownership. Under the program, Mazda dealers will follow a rigorous multi-point inspection and reconditioning program to ensure that Certified vehicles are as close to the quality of a new car as possible, and Mazda wi...

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Elements Behavioral Health, Owner of Promises Treatment Centers in Malibu and Los Angeles, Acquires The Ranch Treatment Center in Tennessee

LOS ANGELES, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Elements Behavioral Health, provider of residential treatment services for addiction and co-occurring disorders, announced this week the acquisition of The Ranch in Nunnally, Tennessee. Elements is best known to the public as the owner of the internationally famous Promises Treatment Centers in Malibu and Los Angeles, where many Hollywood celebrities have been treated successfully for substance abuse. The Ranch is a multidisciplinary program that offers compreh...

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Seniors and People with Disabilities Will Pay Steep Price for Medicare's 'Competitive' Bidding Program for Home Medical Equipment

Homecare Association Calls for an End to the Controversial Bidding Program that Will Cost Thousands of Lost Jobs and Business Failures and Will Not Save Money for Seniors WASHINGTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Seniors and people with disabilities who rely on home medical equipment and services will pay a steep price under Medicare's controversial and mislabeled "competitive" bidding program for durable medical equipment. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) announced tod...

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Applicant Review Panel for the Citizens Redistricting Commission Holds Public Meeting

SACRAMENTO, Calif., July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- The Applicant Review Panel (ARP) for California's first Citizens Redistricting Commission held a public meeting to continue the process of narrowing down the applicant pool of those applicants who completed the Supplemental Application for California's first Citizens Redistricting Commission (Commission). Now, 314 of the most qualified applicants remain in the applicant pool. "The task of narrowing down the pool of applicants has been a rigorous proce...

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Statement from US Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis on mining death at Pocahontas Mine in West Virginia

WASHINGTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- U.S. Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis issued the following statement on the death of an electrician at the Pocahontas Mine in West Virginia: "I offer my heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the mine worker in West Virginia who lost his life today. In 2010, no worker should lose his or her life simply because they showed up for work. We know that accidents are preventable when proper safety procedures are followed, and when mine operat...

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Pelosi Statement on Official Launch of HealthCare.gov and Announcement of Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan

WASHINGTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Speaker Nancy Pelosi issued the following statement on the official launch of HealthCare.gov, a new website to allow consumers and small business owners to compare health plans and find information about the Affordable Care Act. Today, the Department of Health and Human Services also announced the creation of the Pre-Existing Condition Insurance Plan, which makes insurance available to many adults denied coverage due to a pre-existing condition: "The...

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OneTravel Advances 14 Spots on Travel Weekly's Esteemed 2010 Power List

LAS VEGAS, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- In Travel Weekly's esteemed Power List, released today, OneTravel enjoyed significant advancements over last year's standings, moving 14 spots from number 59 to number 45. This advancement positions OneTravel among the top 50 travel companies, ranking it alongside leading organizations such as TravelExperts, Colpitts World Travel, America's Vacation Center and Atlas Travel International. This year's Power List celebrates OneTravel's advancements as a company and ...

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'World of Color' Goes Online and On Tour

ANAHEIM, Calif., July 1/PRNewswire/ -- Viewers around the world will join a one-of-a-kind, online phenomenon in July to experience the extraordinary magic of "World of Color," the new after-dark spectacular presented nightly in Disney California Adventure park in Anaheim. The interactive tour will feature live shows in four California cities, and the online audience will travel "virtually" to each location to watch the shows and interact with the webcast. In each city, specially produced animatio...

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University of Michigan Report Cites Nuevo Juan

Del Grijalva Rural City as a Model for Building Sustainable Communities Worldwide

MEXICO CITY, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Grupo Salinas, a group of dynamic, fast-growing and technologically advanced companies deeply committed to the modernization of the countries in which they operate - founded by Ricardo Salinas (www.ricardosalinas.com)— announced that the University of Michigan's Ross School of Business has completed an intensive study on living standard improvements at Nuevo Juan del Grijalva, in the state of Chiapas. In 2007, Juan del Grijalva was severely affected by heavy ra...

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President Obama Expresses Strong Support for the Jamaican Government

PRESIDENT OBAMA ACCEPTS LETTERS OF CREDENCE FROM JAMAICA'S FIRST FEMALE AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S., AUDREY P. MARKSWASHINGTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- President of the United States, Barack Obama, accepted Letters of Credence from her Excellency Audrey P. Marks, Jamaica's first female Ambassador to the U.S., at the White House on Monday, June 28, 2010. During this meeting, President Obama welcomed Ambassador Marks to Washington. He also expressed strong support for the Jamaican Governmen...

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Boeing, Air China Finalize Order for 20 Next-Generation 737-800s

SEATTLE, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Boeing (NYSE: BA) has finalized an order with Air China, the flag carrier of the People's Republic of China, for 20 Next-Generation 737-800 jetliners. Air China operates international and domestic passenger and cargo services. The carrier will use the airplanes to expand its domestic routes. "Our long-standing and productive partnership with Air China goes back to the airline's beginning and we're proud to be part of their success," said Jim Simon, vice pr...

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Pelosi Statement Following House Passage of Extension of Unemployment Benefits

WASHINGTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Speaker Nancy Pelosi released the following statement today after the House passed H.R. 5618, the Restoration of Emergency Unemployment Compensation Act, which will extend unemployment benefits until November 30. The bill passed by a vote of 270-153, with nearly 80 percent of Republicans voting "no": "Today, the House voted once again to extend a lifeline to millions of Americans who lost their jobs through no fault of their own, while Republicans co...

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Patients With Treatment-Resistant Chronic Leukemia Respond Positively to Stem Cell Transplants

WASHINGTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Allogeneic (donor-derived) stem cell transplant (alloSCT) may be a promising option for patients with treatment-resistant chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL), regardless of the patient's underlying genetic abnormalities, according to the results of a study published online today in Blood, the journal of the American Society of Hematology. About 15,000 new CLL cases were diagnosed in the United States in 2009 and about 4,000 deaths were documented (ac...

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GSC Investment Corp. to Report Q1 2011 Financial Results on July 15th

NEW YORK, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- GSC Investment Corp. (the "Company") (NYSE: GNV) announced today that it will report its financial results for the quarter ended May 31, 2010 on Thursday, July 15, 2010, after the close of the financial markets. The first fiscal quarter ended May 31, 2010 shareholder presentation will be available in the investor relations section of the Company's web site, www.gscinvestmentcorp.com. About GSC Investment Corp. GSC Investment Corp. is a specialty finance...

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Nigerian Oil Savings Fund Requires Strong Protections, Revenue Watch Advises Leaders

NEW YORK, July 1, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- To promote sustainable economic development, the government of Nigeria is considering the creation of a Sovereign Wealth Fund, a savings tool that could protect against the volatility of the country's main revenue source: oil. But, according to new analysis by the Revenue Watch Institute (RWI), Nigeria risks repeating patterns of weak economic governance and volatile spending unless its new Fund features certain safeguards. Sovereign Wealth Funds enabl...

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Mexco Energy Corporation Reports Profitable Fiscal 2010

MIDLAND, Texas, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Mexco Energy Corporation (Amex: MXC) reported results on its Annual Report on Form 10-K to the Securities and Exchange Commission for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2010. The Company reported net income of \$400,839, or \$.21 per diluted share, for fiscal year 2010 as compared to \$1,170,570, or \$.61 per diluted share, for fiscal 2009, a decrease of 66%. Operating revenues in fiscal 2010 were \$3,245,756, a decrease of 34% over 2009 operating revenue...

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Goodrich Petroleum Announces Second Quarter 2010 Earnings Conference Call

HOUSTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Goodrich Petroleum Corporation (NYSE: GDP) today announced that it has scheduled a conference call on Thursday, August 5, 2010, at 11:00 AM, Eastern Time, to discuss its second quarter 2010 operations and earnings. The Company plans to issue its second quarter 2010 earnings release on Wednesday, August 4, 2010 after the close of trading on the NYSE. To access the conference call, domestic participants should dial (866) 804-6928 and international partic...

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AK Steel Announces August 2010 Surcharges for Electrical and Stainless Steels

WEST CHESTER, Ohio, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- AK Steel (NYSE: AKS) has advised its customers that a \$385 per ton surcharge will be added to invoices for electrical steel products shipped in August 2010. August 2010 surcharges for the broad range of stainless steel products that AK Steel produces can be found on the company's web site at www.aksteel.com. AK Steel's surcharges are based on reported prices for raw materials and energy used to manufacture the products, with the June 2010 purc...

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Imaging Industry Executive Jay D. Miller Tapped

to Lead ZONARE

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif., July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- ZONARE Medical Systems, Inc. announced today that veteran medical imaging industry executive Jay D. Miller has joined the company as president and chief executive officer. ZONARE's former CEO, Donald J. Southard, has resigned. "I want to thank Don for his strong contributions over the last six years. Under his leadership ZONARE has grown from a raw start-up to a significant competitor with industry-leading technology. I and the rest of the Board wish ...

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Hodgkin Lymphoma Patients With Cardiovascular Disease Have Increased Risk of Post-Treatment Cardiac Hospitalization

WASHINGTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Older patients with Hodgkin lymphoma (HL) and a history of heart disease face a high risk of hospitalization for cardiac complications after completing treatment, according to research published online today in *Blood*, the journal of the American Society of Hematology. HL is a form of cancer of arising in the lymph nodes, and approximately 8,500 people were diagnosed with the disease in 2009, according to the American Cancer Society. Treatment for HL ...

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Chef Salaries Begin to Show Signs of Recovery

NEW YORK, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- StarChefs.com, the online magazine for culinary insiders, is pleased to announce the results of its nationwide 2009 Salary Survey. While the 2008 Survey posted significant losses, 2009 showed that some chefs are regaining their fiscal footing. After a 13% dip from 2007 to 2008, pastry chefs salaries rose 5.7% in 2009, with an average salary of \$48,861. Executive chef salaries similarly rebounded by 6.1% from last year's figures. Meanwhile, the lower ranks continu...

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EASEUS Partition Master 6.0.1 - Newly Upgraded Hard Disk Management Solution Released

NEW YORK, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- EASEUS Partition Master 6.0.1, the all-in-one hard disk management solution is enhanced by the ability to support GPT disks, with features such as initialize hard disk as GPT disk, manage/resize/move GPT partition, copy GPT partition, wipe and recover GPT disk data, etc., released by EASEUS Software. The ability to manage/resize/copy GPT disk partition is a must-have function as the GPT disk format is growing fast in popularity. The new version 6.0.1 of EASEUS Par...

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

NEW YORK, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Micrus Endovascular Corp. (NASDAQ:MEND) will replace CKE Restaurants Inc. (NYSE:CKR) in the S&P SmallCap 600 index after the close of trading on Wednesday, July 7. CKE Restaurants is being acquired by affiliates of Apollo Management in a transaction expected to be completed on or about that date. Standard & Poor's will monitor this transaction, and post any relevant updates on its website: www.standardandpoors.com/. Micrus Endovascular Corporation develop...

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Savvis Commences Tender Offer for Its 3% Convertible Senior Notes Due 2012

ST. LOUIS, July 1, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Savvis, Inc. (Nasdaq: SVVS), a global leader in cloud infrastructure and hosted IT solutions for enterprises, today announced that it has commenced a tender offer for all of its outstanding 3% Convertible Senior Notes due May 2012. The principal amount outstanding on the notes is US\$345 million. The tender offer will expire at midnight EDT on July 29, 2010, unless extended or terminated by Savvis. Holders of notes who validly tender their notes on or ...

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Bucking the System: Chicago's Saint Anthony Hospital Marks 1st Year of Independence With Stronger Bottom Line

CHICAGO, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Despite a healthcare environment that tested even powerhouse players, Saint Anthony Hospital — a community hospital in an underserved Chicago neighborhood — grew its business during its first year as a stand-alone hospital. A year ago, it separated from Ascension Health, the nation's largest Catholic and largest nonprofit health system.(Photo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20100701/CG30099>)(Photo: <http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20100701/CG30099>)"When we...

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Traffic Safety Coalition Reminds Illinois Drivers to Exercise Good Judgment and Caution During Fourth of July Weekend

CHICAGO, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- In advance of the upcoming Fourth of July long weekend, the Traffic Safety Coalition is reminding Illinois drivers to put safety first. Whether it is packing up the car for a weekend getaway, heading out to watch the fireworks, or visiting with family and friends at a picnic or barbeque, all Illinois drivers should exercise caution and good judgment to reach their destinations safely. In order to encourage a safer weekend, the Traffic Safety Coalition reminds Il...

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Traffic Safety Coalition Reminds Ohio Drivers to Exercise Good Judgment and Caution During Fourth of July Weekend

COLUMBUS, Ohio, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- In advance of the upcoming Fourth of July long weekend, the Traffic Safety Coalition is reminding Ohio drivers to put safety first. Whether it is packing up the car for a weekend getaway, heading out to watch the fireworks, or visiting with family and friends at a picnic or barbeque, all Ohio drivers should exercise caution and good judgment to reach their destinations safely. In order to encourage a safer weekend, the Traffic Safety Coalition reminds Ohi...

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East Resources Inc Questions Basis for PA Department of Agriculture Cattle Quarantine

WARRENDALE, Pa., July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- East Resources, Inc., today released the following statement regarding the order issued by the Department of Agriculture to quarantine cattle on the Tioga County farm owned by Don and Carol Johnson in Shippen Township, Tioga County. East performed a hydraulic fracturing operation on a horizontal Marcellus shale gas well drilled on the farm that the Johnsons leased to East.On May 2, the Department of Environmental Protection notified East Resources about a ...

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Pelosi Statement on House CAO Dan Beard

WASHINGTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Speaker Nancy Pelosi released the following statement on the resignation of House Chief Administrative Officer Dan Beard: "Today, Dan Beard offered his resignation as CAO of the House of Representatives and I have accepted it. "It is with gratitude that we recognize Dan's contributions to the House: spearheading the 'Green the Capitol' initiative and leading the development of online transparency efforts on Member expenses, among other achievements." As...

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DNC Hispanic Caucus Chairwoman Iris Martinez Applauds President Obama's Address on Immigration Reform

WASHINGTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Following President Obama's speech on comprehensive immigration reform, DNC Hispanic Caucus Chairwoman Iris Y. Martinez released the following statement: (Logo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20080519/DNCLOGO>) "President Obama's speech on immigration reform is a powerful reminder of his administration's commitment and actions toward fixing the broken immigration system through common-sense, comprehensive immigration reform – one that makes the feder...

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CTIA-The Wireless Association® Statement on the Introduction of H.R. 5649 - the Digital Goods and Services Tax Fairness Act of 2010

WASHINGTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Upon introduction of legislation by Reps. Rick Boucher (D-VA) and Lamar Smith (R-TX) to provide a national framework for the taxation of digital goods and services, CTIA-The Wireless Association® President and CEO Steve Largent released the following statement: (Logo: <http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20100629/DC28223LOGO-a>) (Logo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20100629/DC28223LOGO-a>) "CTIA is pleased Congressmen Boucher and Smith recognize th...

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Continental Airlines Reports June 2010 Operational Performance

HOUSTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Continental Airlines (NYSE: CAL) today reported a June consolidated (mainline plus regional) load factor of 86.9 percent, 2.1 points above the June 2009 consolidated load factor, and a mainline load factor of 87.3 percent, 2.1 points above the June 2009 mainline load factor. Both June load factors were records for the month. The carrier reported a record June domestic mainline load factor of 88.2 percent, 0.1 points above the June 2009 domestic mainline...

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Thor Issues Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for Period Ended April 30, 2010

JACKSON CENTER, Ohio, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Thor Industries (NYSE: THO) announced today that the Company has completed its evaluation of certain accounting positions previously taken in its audited financial statements included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended July 31, 2009 and the unaudited financial statements included in the Company's Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the periods ended January 31, 2009, April 30, 2009, October 31, 2009 and Janu...

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Blockbuster Continues to Explore Various Recapitalization Opportunities, Reaches Forbearance Agreement With Senior Secured Note Holders

DALLAS, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Blockbuster Inc. (NYSE: BBI, BBI.B), a leading provider of media entertainment, today announced that it has entered into a Forbearance Agreement with certain of its senior secured noteholders that provides the Company with additional time and flexibility as it continues to engage in productive discussions with certain of these noteholders and strategic parties regarding various recapitalization opportunities. Blockbuster's Forbearance Agreement is with n...

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Nu Skin Launches Global Contest to Identify New 'Fresh Faces' of ageLOC

PROVO, Utah, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Nu Skin Enterprises, a leading anti-aging consumer products company, today announced the launch of a global search for those Nu Skin distributors and customers who defy their age and embody the Nu Skin spirit of 'living young.' The company has partnered with the New York-based agency Don Jagoda Associates (DJA) to execute its 'Keep Your Age a Mystery' photo challenge that will span nearly 50 countries. To view the multimedia assets associated with this release...

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Cargill to Manufacture and Distribute Triple Crown(R) Horse Feed Products

MINNEAPOLIS, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Cargill announced today that it will manufacture and distribute Triple Crown® horse feed products through its Nutrena®, ACCO® and Agway® dealer networks in 31 states throughout the country (see complete state listing below). In these states, Cargill will replace Triple Crown's current manufacturing and distribution agreements with Kent®, Blue Seal®, Evergreen®, Ranchway®, and Kalmbach®."Cargill's manufacturing expertise and vast dealer network made it an obvi...

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BancorpSouth's Randy Burchfield Named Board President of Mississippi Main Street Association

TUPELO, Miss., July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- BancorpSouth, Inc. (NYSE: BXS), a \$13.2 billion asset financial holding company, announced that BancorpSouth Senior Vice President and Director of Marketing Randy Burchfield of Tupelo has been elected to serve a two-year term as president of the Mississippi Main Street Association (MMSA). MMSA is an economic development program based in historic preservation and focused on developing Mississippi's downtowns through the Main Street Four Point Appr...

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Savvis Commences Tender Offer for Its 3% Convertible Senior Notes Due 2012

ST. LOUIS, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Savvis, Inc. (Nasdaq: SVVS), a global leader in cloud infrastructure and hosted IT solutions for enterprises, today announced that it has commenced a tender offer for all of its outstanding 3% Convertible Senior Notes due May 2012. The principal amount outstanding on the notes is \$345 million. The tender offer will expire at midnight EDT on July 29, 2010, unless extended or terminated by Savvis. Holders of notes who validly tender their notes on or prio...

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Successful Restaurant Chain Opens Florida Markets for Franchise Development

LARGO, Fla., July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Ker's WingHouse Bar & Grill, a wing and sports themed casual dining restaurant chain founded by NFL veteran Crawford Ker, announced today that they have opened Florida markets for franchise development. Plans are to open WingHouse Restaurant franchises in prime markets such as South Florida, SW Florida, the East Coast of Florida, the Panhandle and the Jacksonville area. Currently, WingHouse operates 19 corporate locations in the Tampa Bay, Orlando and Day...

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Greenwood Retires from Bank of Asheville, Hall Named Interim CEO

ASHEVILLE, N.C., July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- G. Gordon Greenwood, President and Chief Executive Officer of Weststar Financial Services Corporation and Bank of Asheville since 2000, has retired, effective June 30, and Randall C. Hall, who has been with the bank since its founding in 1997, has been named Interim President and CEO. Hall has served as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Secretary/Treasurer since 1999. Greenwood has led the bank during a decade of strong growth,...

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Alliance Data's Epsilon Completes Acquisition of Equifax's Direct Marketing Services Division

DALLAS, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Alliance Data Systems Corporation (NYSE: ADS), a leading provider of loyalty and marketing solutions derived from transaction-rich data, today announced that it has completed its previously announced acquisition of the Direct Marketing Services (DMS) division of Equifax, Inc. for \$117 million in cash. (Logo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20051024/ADSLOGO>)(Logo: <http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20051024/ADSLOGO>)Equifax's DMS division provides prop...

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Pelosi Statement Following House Passage of BP Oil Spill Victims Legislation

WASHINGTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ --Speaker Nancy Pelosi released the following statement following passage of H.R. 5503, the SPILL Act ("Securing Protections for the Injured from Limitations on Liability Act"), a bill to ensure just compensation for maritime disaster victims. The legislation passed the House this afternoon by a voice vote. "The family members of the 11 people who were killed on the Deepwater Horizon have taken their pain and turned it into advocacy – in the memory of...

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Geokinetics Announces Amendment to Revolving Credit Facility

HOUSTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Geokinetics Inc. (NYSE Amex: GOK) announced today that effective June 30, 2010, the Company has amended its revolving credit facility with Royal Bank of Canada to, among other things, provide greater flexibility in meeting financial covenants. This amendment provides favorable adjustments to the maximum total leverage ratio and minimum interest coverage ratio for the quarters ending June 30, 2010 and September 30, 2010. It also removes the fixed charge...

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Healthcare Trust of America, Inc. Acquires a 45,500

Square Foot Medical Office Building in Charleston, South Carolina

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz., July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Healthcare Trust of America, Inc. ("HTA"), a self-managed, non-traded real estate investment trust, announced the purchase of a medical office building located in Charleston, South Carolina for approximately \$10,446,000. Cannon Park Place is an approximately 45,500 square foot, 100% leased, Class A medical office building that is located immediately adjacent to the campus of the Medical University of South Carolina ("MUSC") and MUSC Children's Hospital. M...

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Manpower Inc. to Announce 2nd Quarter 2010 Earnings Results

MILWAUKEE, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Manpower Inc. (NYSE: MAN) today announced that it plans to release 2nd quarter earnings results before the market opens on Wednesday, July 21, 2010. Management will discuss the results the same day in a live webcast at 7:30 a.m. CDT (8:30 a.m. EDT), which can be accessed on the company's website at <http://investor.manpower.com>. (Logo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20060221/CGTU012LOGO>) (Logo: <http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20060221/CGTU012LOGO>)...

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Online Auction of Government Assets, Including Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment from Four Western Florida Locations

MAINEVILLE, Ohio, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Penny Worley Auctioneers (www.worleyauctioneers.com) announces online auctions of government assets from four Western Florida locations, according to Jerry Jenkins. "All these government assets from locations in Tampa, Oldsmar and St. Petersburg, Fla., will sell to the highest bidders during two online auctions," Jenkins said. "We have lots of IT equipment, high-end executive office furniture and office equipment in these three auctions." Items from the f...

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Philadelphia Drug Dealer Sentenced to 70 Months in Prison

WASHINGTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Quang Nguyen, 22, of Philadelphia was sentenced today by U.S. District Court Judge Paul S. Diamond to 70 months in prison for his role in distributing large amounts of marijuana and ecstasy pills in the United States, announced Assistant Attorney General Lanny A. Breuer of the Criminal Division and U.S. Attorney Zane David Memeger for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Nguyen was also ordered to pay a \$1,250 fine and to serve a five-year term of ...

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Black Hills Corp. to Ring Closing Bell at New York Stock Exchange

RAPID CITY, S.D., July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Black Hills Corp. (NYSE: BKH) today announced it will be celebrating 30 years as a listed company on the New York Stock Exchange by ringing the closing bell at 4 p.m. EDT Friday, July 9, 2010. At the invitation of the NYSE, Black Hills leaders will participate in the closing bell ceremony. "We look forward to celebrating 30 years of our BKH listing at the New York Stock Exchange and thank them for the opportunity to mark this milestone. Black Hil...

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Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne Demonstrates Descent Engine Technologies for Future Space Vehicle Landings

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne's Common Extensible Cryogenic Engine (CECE) demonstrated a throttling range 35 percent greater than in previous tests, as well as several new technology breakthroughs to support space exploration. The CECE is a 15,000-pound thrust class cryogenic demonstrator rocket engine. Pratt & Whitney Rocketdyne is a unit of United Technologies Corp. (NYSE: UTX). This was the fourth series of CECE tests conducted at Pratt &...

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GES Begins Contract Manufacturing Services in Viet Nam

SAN JOSE, Calif. and HO CHI MINH CITY, Viet Nam, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Global Equipment Services, Inc. (GES) announces that first customer shipments have been completed from their Manufacturing, Service and Training Center located in Saigon High Tech Park in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. Opened in May 2009, the new 100,000 s.f. center contains modern manufacturing operations, a customer training center, design engineering and field service offices. "This represents a major milestone for GES and f...

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Thanks to Harry Reid, Obamacare Tanning Tax Starts Today

The first of Obamacare's 21 tax hikes takes effect today – a new ten percent federal excise tax on indoor tanning. WASHINGTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Starting today, the 81,000 Nevadans who visit tanning salons will be getting an unwelcome lesson in Obamacare as a new 10 percent federal excise tax on indoor tanning takes effect. Sen. Harry Reid voted for Obamacare, which contains 21 tax hikes, several of which violate President Barack Obama's "firm pledge" not to raise "any form of taxes..."

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Online Auction of Government Assets, Including Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment from Three Indiana and Illinois Locations

MAINEVILLE, Ohio, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Penny Worley Auctioneers (www.worleyauctioneers.com) announces online auctions of government assets from three Indiana and Illinois locations, according to Jerry Jenkins. "All these government assets from locations in Mishawaka, Ind., Elmhurst and Lisle, Ill., will sell to the highest bidders during two online auctions," Jenkins said. "We have lots of IT equipment, high-end executive office furniture and office equipment in these three auctions." Items fr...

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Wounded Warrior Project Soldier Ride Invites Public to Ride Along on Long Island

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- On July 23 and 24, New Yorkers are invited to join injured service men and women as they participate in a three-day rehabilitative bicycling ride across Long Island. As wounded warriors from the current conflicts benefit from the physical rehabilitation and are honored by local supporters, the public is encouraged to ride along, get to know the riders and thank them for their service. The New York leg of this national event will begin in Manh...

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Mid-America Apartment Communities Announces Date of Second Quarter Earnings Release, Conference Call

MEMPHIS, Tenn., July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Mid-America Apartment Communities, Inc. (NYSE: MAA) announced today that the company expects to release its second quarter results on Thursday, August 5, 2010 after market close and will hold its second quarter conference call on Friday, August 6, 2010 at 9:15 A.M. (Central Time). During the conference call, company officers will review second quarter performance and conduct a question-and-answer period. The conference call-in number is (866) 793-...

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No Need to Travel to Beverly Hills, Miami or Manhattan for Your Hair Transplant

PHOENIX, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- To receive the "gold standard" of hair transplant procedures used to require a trip to Beverly Hills, Miami, Manhattan or other locales. Not anymore! National Hair Centers, a local Phoenix-based hair restoration company, is the first in Arizona to offer the latest method in hair transplantation called Follicular Unit Extraction (FUE). This technique is the newest and least invasive procedure available to restore hair loss suitable for both men and women. Tradition...

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United Therapeutics and Lee's Pharmaceutical Sign Remodulin Distribution Agreement for China

SILVER SPRING, Md., July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- United Therapeutics Corporation (Nasdaq: UTHR) and Lee's Pharmaceutical Holdings Ltd. (HKEx: 0950) announced today that they have entered into an exclusive agreement for the distribution of Remodulin (treprostinil) Injection in China. Remodulin is a subcutaneously or intravenously administered prostacyclin analogue for the treatment of pulmonary arterial hypertension. Lee's Pharmaceutical is a leading Chinese pharmaceutical company with both...

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QBE Completes Acquisition of NAU Country Insurance

NEW YORK, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- QBE the Americas today disclosed that it has completed its previously announced acquisition of NAU Country Insurance Company, a leading writer of crop insurance business based in Ramsey, Minn. The acquisition supports QBE's commitment to growing the business through product diversification and new distribution channels, and strengthens its position as a leading insurer in the United States. QBE the Americas is one of the top 25 property and casualty insurers in th...

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FGM Positioned for Double Digit Growth with Senior Management Realignment

RESTON, Va., July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- FGM announced today new changes to their Senior Management Corporate structure. Joe Gawlik has joined the FGM team as their newly appointed Senior Vice President for Business Development while his predecessor, Mike Morehouse, will be leading up a new position at FGM as Senior Vice President of Corporate Development. Mike Morehouse will be exploring and leading FGM's corporate development efforts and will be teaming up with Joe Gawlik to continue establishing...

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Susan Daywitt Offers Advice to Afghan and Rwandan Businesswomen

DALLAS, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Susan Daywitt was invited to meet with Afghan and Rwandan female business owners to share business advice and offer guidance. Held at Northwood University in Dallas, this conference was sponsored by the PEACE THROUGH BUSINESS organization.(Photo: <http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20100701/PH29907>)(Photo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20100701/PH29907>)Daywitt is president and CEO of SLM – Facilities Solutions Nationwide, Environmental Commodities Managemen...

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Graphic Packaging Announces Release Date for Second Quarter 2010 Earnings

MARIETTA, Ga., July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Graphic Packaging Holding Company (NYSE: GPK) will release results for the second quarter 2010 on Thursday, August 5th before the market opens. The same morning, the company will host a conference call at 8:30 a.m. to discuss second quarter results. To access the live conference call, listeners calling from within North America should dial 800-392-9489 at least 10 minutes prior to the start of the conference call (Conference ID #85804255). Listene...

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DNC Chairman Tim Kaine's Statement on the President's Speech on Comprehensive Immigration Reform

WASHINGTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Today, President Obama delivered a speech on comprehensive immigration reform at the American University School of International Service. Following the President's speech, DNC Chairman Tim Kaine issued the following statement:(Logo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20080519/DNCLOGO>)(Logo: <http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20080519/DNCLOGO>)"Americans of both parties agree that our immigration system is broken. Today, President Obama demonstrated ...

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U.S. Solicitor General, Elena Kagan, Receives the Endorsement of the HNBA to Serve as Associate Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Today the Hispanic National Bar Association (HNBA) announced its support of the appointment of U.S. Solicitor General Elena Kagan to serve as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. Through its judicial due diligence review process, the HNBA has endorsed Solicitor Kagan after careful consideration of her background and qualifications in the context of the requirements of the position she seeks. "Based on our review, it is clear ...

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Lemons, Booze, Biking, and More to Aid the Gulf Coast

NEW ORLEANS, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Donations to the Gulf Coast Oil Spill Fund from people everywhere will make a big impact in helping our communities recover in the months and years to come. Just as inspiring as the generosity of donors, is the imagination they have used in creating fun, unique fundraisers to benefit the Gulf Coast region. The Fund is administered by the Greater New Orleans Foundation.(Photo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20100701/DC29961>)(Photo: <http://www.n...>

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Lockheed Martin Opens Expansion of Newtown, PA Facility

NEWTOWN, Pa., July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Lockheed Martin (NYSE: LMT) today opened the doors to new facilities at its Space Systems Company operations in Newtown, Pa. Ribbon-cutting ceremonies with community leaders and customers were conducted today for the \$24 million expansion project which includes an addition to the facility's manufacturing capabilities as well as a conference center. The new 15,000-square-foot multi-purpose Patriot Center will facilitate large-scale meetings such as spacecraft p...

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AGL Resources Completes Sale of AGL Networks Telecommunications Business

ATLANTA, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- AGL Resources (NYSE: AGL) today completed the previously announced transaction to sell its AGL Networks dark-fiber telecommunications business to Colorado-based Zayo Group, LLC. "The sale of AGL Networks provided us an opportunity to monetize a non-core business at an attractive level and concentrate our focus on core operations consistent with our commitment to shareholders," said Steve Cave, vice president of finance for AGL Resources. "Proceeds from th...

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Online Auction of Government Assets, Including Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment from Los Angeles Location

MAINEVILLE, Ohio, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Penny Worley Auctioneers (www.worleyauctioneers.com) announces online auctions of government assets from a Los Angeles location, according to Jerry Jenkins. "All these government assets from a location in Los Angeles, Calif., will sell to the highest bidders during two online auctions," Jenkins said. "We have lots of IT equipment, high-end executive office furniture and office equipment in this auction." "We even have some antiques and collectibles in thi...

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Global Food Service Giant Sodexo Under Scrutiny by Workers and Unions in Six Countries

PARIS, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Scrutiny of Sodexo's efforts in the United States and Colombia to stop workers from forming a union and reports of substandard working conditions in those countries has expanded to unions in six countries. Workers and union leaders from the CGT and CFDT in France, UNISON and Unite in England, the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) in the United States, SINALTRAINAL in Colombia, Tek Gida in Turkey and Fentiabehta in the Dominican Republic vowed t...

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Parkvale Financial Corporation Announces Employee Hire and Promotions

MONROEVILLE, Pa., July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Parkvale Financial Corporation (the "Company") announced today that Linda K. Butia, CPA joined Parkvale Bank as its Controller on June 30, 2010. As Controller, Ms. Butia will be responsible for day-to-day activities of the Bank's general accounting system, financial information reporting, and external reporting to the Company's shareholders and the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Ms. Butia brings to this position valuable knowledge an...

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Dodge Celebrates the Ultimate Factory Customized Viper

AUBURN HILLS, Mich., July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Dodge Brand President and CEO Ralph Gilles (right) and plant manager Shelly Brown Gordon (third from right) welcomed more than 400 hundred loyal Viper owners at the Conner Avenue Assembly Plant in Detroit today to present the ultimate factory customized 2010 Dodge Viper coupe to proud new owner D'Ann Rauh (second from right). Rauh and her husband Wayne from Arp, Texas, own more than 40 Dodge Vipers - the largest personal collection of Vipers in the wor...

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LyondellBasell Restarts Refinery Unit

HOUSTON, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- LyondellBasell today announced that its Houston refinery returned a crude distillation unit to service on July 1. The unit, one of two heavy crude distillation units at the 268,000 barrels per day refinery, was shut down on May 17 as a result of a fire. LyondellBasell is one of the world's largest plastics, chemical and refining companies. The company manufactures products at 59 sites in 18 countries. LyondellBasell products and technologies are used to make ite...

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Atalasoftware Announces Interactive Demo for Vizeit Essential

EASTHAMPTON, Massachusetts, July 1, 2010 /PRNewswire/ -- Atalasoftware, a provider of document viewing solutions for Microsoft SharePoint, announced today that it is providing public access to Vizeit Essential, a universal document viewer for SharePoint (<http://www.atalasoftware.com/products/vizeit>). Open access to the Vizeit Essential viewer enables SharePoint customers to interact with the viewer prior to making a decision to evaluate or purchase the product. The Vizeit Essential viewer enhances the ...

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Amedica® Partners With SUNY Upstate Medical University in Study to Measure Fusion Performance in Orthopaedic Implant Devices

SALT LAKE CITY, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Amedica Corporation, a spinal and orthopaedic implant and instrument manufacturer focused on unique silicon nitride (SiN) ceramic technologies, announced that it has entered into an agreement with SUNY Upstate Medical University to conduct an additional research study that evaluates the company's SiN ceramic technology compared to PEEK interbody fusion devices. The two-year study will measure the fusion performance of the two biomaterials. PEEK (polyetheret...

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Be Summer Safe by Following Safety Tips

SACRAMENTO, July 1 /PRNewswire/ --Core News FactsSummer vacation means crowded highways and waterwaysVehicle maintenance and being prepared before you hit the road for your summer vacation are keys to a safe return homeWater safety begins at home around the pool and on your boatHelpful LinksState Farm Auto Learning CenterSwimming Pool SafetyBoat Safetystatefarm.comFull StorySummer Auto SafetyWith the start of summer travel season the number of Americans hitting the road will increase and whether...

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DAVACO's Restaurant Team Executes Chainwide

Initiatives

DALLAS, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- DAVACO, Inc. (www.davacoinc.com), the national leading provider of restaurant and retail services, recently announced that the company continues to expand its offering of services for national and regional restaurant chains and has since completed rollout programs that have delivered results for an entire chain from 50 or 15,000 stores."DAVACO understands the challenges and the unique skills needed to perform work in a restaurant environment — whether it is quick s...

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Vertical Healthcare Solutions and SnAPPnet, Two Subsidiaries of Vertical Computer Systems, Engage William Shaw, III as Chief Operating Officer

RICHARDSON, Texas, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Vertical Computer Systems, Inc. (OTC Bulletin Board: VCSY)(www.vcsy.com) is pleased to announce today that the company has entered into an agreement with William W. Shaw, III to act as Chief Operating Officer of its two subsidiaries, Vertical Healthcare Solutions, Inc. (VHS) and SnAPPnet, Inc.Mr. Shaw brings over 30 years of healthcare experience in software, services and devices. He will be tasked with organizing, branding and raising financi...

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Timken-XEMC Joint Venture in China Shipping Ultra-Large Bore Bearings from Its Xiangtan, Hunan Facility

CANTON, Ohio, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The Timken Company (NYSE: TKR) said its Timken-XEMC Joint Venture in Xiangtan, Hunan province, China, recently began delivering its initial production of ultra-large bore bearings to XEMC Windpower Co., Ltd. The Timken® double-row tapered roller bearings have an outer diameter of approximately two meters (six feet).(Logo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20100210/TIMKENLOGO>)(Logo: <http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20100210/TIMKENLOGO>)This is Ti...

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United States University Announces Tuition Reduction Up to 38%

NATIONAL CITY, Calif., July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- United States University (USU) has announced an immediate cut in tuition for its teaching credential programs and all undergraduate courses. The tuition for teaching credential courses is being cut by 38% and it's a 37% cut for undergraduate courses. The tuition reduction makes USU's teaching credential programs the least expensive of its kind in California."The decision was made to make higher education more affordable and accessible to our target ...

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Akorn, Inc. Announces Second Quarter 2010 Earnings Release and Conference Call Information

LAKE FOREST, Ill., July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Akorn, Inc. (Nasdaq: AKRX) will host a conference call on Tuesday, August 3, 2010, to discuss second quarter 2010 results followed by a Q&A session. The company will release earnings the same day before the market opens. Subject: Akorn Second Quarter 2010 Conference CallDate/Time: Tuesday, August 3, 2010, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern TimeDomestic Callers: (800) 289-0569International Callers: (913) 312-1388Confirmation Code: 2482959URL For Webcast:ht...

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Glenn R. James Appointed Renaissance Learning Chief Executive Officer

WISCONSIN RAPIDS, Wis., July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Renaissance Learning™, Inc. (Nasdaq: RLRN), a leading provider of technology to support personalized practice, differentiated instruction, and progress monitoring in reading, math, and writing for pre-K-12 schools and districts, today announced that Glenn R. James has been appointed to the position of Chief Executive Officer effective July 6, 2010. Mr. James, who was also appointed as a member of the Board of Directors, succeeds Terrance ...

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Ten Finalists Chosen In America's Best Restroom Contest

Public Voting Begins for Ninth Annual Awards Program Presented by CintasCINCINNATI, July 1 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Immaculate, inviting and, most of all, memorable; finalists in the America's Best Restroom IX contest, sponsored by Cintas Corporation, have established a new standard for restroom quality. These washrooms are testaments to their proprietors' sense of taste, flair and attention to detail, and feature some of the world's finest materials and customer comforts as well as a few surp...

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John Hancock Closed-End Funds Declare Monthly Distributions

BOSTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- The four John Hancock closed-end funds listed below declared their monthly distributions today as follows:Declaration Date:July 1, 2010Ex Date:July 8, 2010Record Date:July 12, 2010Payment Date:July 30, 2010TickerFund NameAmountChange From Previous MonthMarket Price as of 06/30/2010Annualized Current Distribution Rate at MarketHPIPreferred Income Fund\$0.1240-\$17.348.58%HPFPreferred Income Fund II\$0.1240-\$17.398.56%HPSPPreferred Income Fund III\$0.1122-\$15.43...

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John Hancock Patriot Premium Dividend Fund II Declares Increased Monthly Distribution

BOSTON, July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- John Hancock Patriot Premium Dividend Fund II (NYSE: PDT) (the "Fund") announced today it will increase its monthly distribution rate by 7.09% to \$0.0755 per share, up from the previous month's distribution rate of \$0.0705 per share. The increased distribution rate is effective with the Fund's next distribution payment on July 30, 2010 and is payable to holders of record on July 12, 2010 with an ex-dividend date of July 8, 2010. On an annualized basis, th...

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Habitat for Humanity of Greater Stark & Carroll Counties Teams with Timken to Build LEED-Certified Green Home

CANTON, Ohio, July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- As this year's Habitat for Humanity homebuilding campaign gets under way, the organization based in Greater Stark and Carroll Counties will continue its leadership contributing to the international aim of building 5,000 energy-efficient, environmentally sustainable homes. (Logo: <http://photos.prnewswire.com/prnh/20100210/TIMKENLOGO>)(Logo: <http://www.newscom.com/cgi-bin/prnh/20100210/TIMKENLOGO>)Local leaders this year launched the "Habitat Grows Green" initi...

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Extreme Networks Adopts Tax Benefit Preservation Amendment to Rights Plan

SANTA CLARA, Calif., July 1 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Extreme Networks, Inc. (Nasdaq: EXTR) today announced that its Board has adopted an amendment to the Company's Rights Plan designed to preserve net operating losses for future use. Extreme Networks can utilize its net operating losses in certain circumstances to offset taxable income and reduce its federal income tax liability. The company currently has approximately \$259.2M of net operating losses. "We believe preserving the full value of t...

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Campus Management Provides Customers with Online Training

BOCA RATON, Fla., July 1 /PRNewswire/ -- Campus Management Corp. announced today the release of 13 new courses, featuring 50 hours of self-paced instruction for users of its student administrative software. Customers can receive unlimited access to the catalog at no additional cost, and the courses are available 24/7 on the company's online customer community, www.mycampusinsight.com. "The Campus Management Learning Center is offering these training courses to ensure that each user gains the...

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Detroit Metro Airport and Delta Expand Public Recycling Program

DETROIT, July 1/PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) and Delta Air Lines (NYSE: DAL) have expanded their commitment to the environment with the introduction of a new public recycling program at Detroit Metro Airport (DTW). Beginning today, nearly 70,000 travelers who pass through DTW's McNamara Terminal each day will find that the airport's trash receptacles have been augmented by new, divided waste bins to collect recyclable plastic bottles, metal cans and paper sepa...

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Goozex Promotion Update: Clarification to Enter Sweepstakes

COLLEGE PARK, Md., July 1/PRNewswire/ --Goozex, Inc., is sending an announcement to clarify a previous press release sent on July 1, 2010 regarding a promotional marketing campaign. The promotion is to giveaway one new Xbox 360 250GB Elite console to a lucky Goozex member. To be eligible members may send a private message through the website to the user account, Blackcoyote. Details to do this are provided below. It is a free promotion to enter with no gift card purchase necessary. However, if a...

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