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### Quote of the Week:

*"I don't know that there are any shortcuts to doing a good job."*

~ Sandra Day O'Connor ~

## 2005 Global Business Continuity Awareness Week Activities

During 2005 there will be a number of events revolving around the theme Global Business Continuity Awareness Week (BCAW). In the UK and Europe, BCAW will be held March 13-18. In North America, it is scheduled for September 18-24. Dates for BCAW in Asia will be finalized soon.

<http://www.contingencyplanning.com/news/7.aspx?ebid=329>

## DRI International to promote Global Business Continuity Awareness Week

DRI International is urging companies to participate in Global Business Continuity Awareness Week, March 13th-18th, 2005.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/news01682.htm>

## Backup to the Future

An interview with Allen Ruster of EMC. Why has "Backup-to-Disk" become important, what are its benefits, how does it relate to existing tape infrastructures, how does one assess its implementation? Find expert answers to these questions and more.

<http://pizzazzemail.com/t?ctl=AE9A14:22ED146>

### **Resilient data centre selection and design**

The threat of interruption or unplanned downtime can be greatly reduced through the careful choice of location and good design. IBM Business Continuity and Recovery Services has provided Continuity Central with a comprehensive white paper which explores the principle design considerations and offers some useful checklists. [More>>](#)

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0166.htm>

### **CPM, Deloitte & Touche LLP Announce 2005 Benchmark Survey**

The CPM Group and Deloitte & Touche LLP have announced that they will be mailing out the 2005 Benchmark Survey questionnaires in the next few weeks. The survey, aimed at business continuity professionals worldwide, provides a view of an industry - and profession - that continues to grow steadily.

<http://www.contingencyplanning.com/news/5.aspx?ebid=329>

### **What's your enterprise testing strategy?**

Deciding whether to test enterprise applications isn't the question. The issue is what to test and how much testing is enough. Get these best practices which will help you align your IT efforts. The IT efforts are risk-based according to core business requirements.

Learn more during this webcast.

<http://www.accelacomm.com/jlp/cwnl/11/10002575/>

### **The Unexpected Benefits of Good Business Continuity**

For many organizations the cost of comprehensive business continuity and disaster recovery programs can be significant. Few realize that the benefits of a business continuity management program extend far beyond the ability to recover from unpleasant events.

In order to determine continuity related risks, critical business processes and critical resources as part of the business impact analysis (BIA) process it is necessary to analyze the subject organization in some detail. For many organizations this sort of scrutiny, extending across every aspect of the business, will never have been done before. The discoveries made as a result of business continuity related analyses could come as quite a surprise to executive managers.

<http://www.contingencyplanning.com/archives/2005/jan/1.aspx?ebid=319>

### Communicable diseases: business continuity issues

Continued concern over Avian flu and the threat of a global influenza pandemic make planning for such eventualities a high priority. Jeremy Haworth, MBCI, outlines the lessons he learned during the 2003 SARS crisis.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0162.htm>

### The threat within - why businesses need to manage and monitor employee e-mail usage

What are the main risks of allowing staff uncontrolled access to e-mail services? Jamie Cowper explores.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0164.htm><http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0159.htm>

### Business continuity in 2005 **UPDATED**

**What developments can we expect to see in the coming year? David Honour gives his top ten predictions.**

Over the past few years there have been clearly definable events which have stood out as being the major business continuity story for that year:

2000's happened at the start of the year with the Millennium Bug and the huge sigh of relief that was breathed when this failed to result in major problems. This was partly due to the high quality of the business continuity planning that took place to mitigate the problem and partly due to the whole issue being over-hyped and exaggerated. This second factor led to a depression in the business continuity market over the coming year as business continuity managers attempted to rebuild confidence in boards that became sceptical about the genuine importance of business continuity. More >>

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0163.htm>

### The 'art' of business continuity – BC recruiting

Hiring business continuity managers can be a tricky business. As with any recruiting exercise, there is much at stake and many factors to consider...

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0161.htm>

### Selecting a Disaster Restoration Provider

If you're working on a business continuity or disaster recovery plan, it's a good idea to consider what you'll be doing following the event, especially if a major cleanup and restoration/replacement of damaged assets are needed. Munters Moisture Control Services offers some timely counsel on how to identify and select a disaster restoration firm.

Thousands of commercial and industrial buildings are damaged each year by unforeseen disasters, ranging from fire or smoke and soot to water that infiltrates walls, floors, and equipment through burst water pipes, seepage, fire sprinkler flooding or leaks from a rainstorm.

<http://www.contingencyplanning.com/archives/2005/jan/3.aspx?ebid=319>

### How To Plan For A Network Attack

"Lack of prior planning on your part does not constitute an emergency on mine." This simply means that if you failed to plan, you planned to fail. This article from WindowSecurity.com covers the basics on assessing your chances for attack and ways to plan ahead.

<http://www.computerworld.com/newsletter/0,4902,98844,00.html?nlid=DIS>

### DSPN Workshops Receive Rave Reviews

Learn best practices for designing and implementing a properly sequenced Business Continuity Plan. Study proven steps for constructing exercises efficiently, using industry best practices. Group discounts are available.

<http://pizzazzemail.com/t?ctl=AE9A40:22ED146>

### NIST Report Urges Caution With VoIP Security

A report by the National Institute of Standards and Technology urges IT managers to keep close tabs on the security of VoIP installations by using firewalls and running voice and data networks separately.

<http://www.computerworld.com/newsletter/0,4902,99258,00.html?nlid=PM>

### Text Messages Aid Disaster Recovery

Text messaging was put to good use in the aftermath of the tsunami when cell phone signals were too weak to hold a voice conversation. Can it be put to use during any emergency?

<http://pizzazemail.com/t?ct=AE9A16:22ED146>

### Comment: Does the business continuity model start in the wrong place?

Do the standard BC models leave organisations that are developing their first plans vulnerable for too long?

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0167.htm>

**By Charles Sterling [mailto:ecs@hal-pc.org]**

The following links have an array of BCP / Security and related points of information that I am constantly expanding.

The Security/Hoax page is under serious reconstruction and update, yet all links are accurate.

The BCP page is targeted at BCP study items (glossary's, etc.) and will grow this month to better identify related seminars as it relates to the ACP.

Over the next few days there will be additional changes to the BCP links on my website.

[www.astronet.net](http://www.astronet.net)

<http://www.astronet.net/BCP/disaster%20recovery%20has%20grown%20into.htm>

<http://www.astronet.net/security-hoax.htm>

## Treasurer's Report

The South Texas ACP Chapter Checking Account Balance as of 1/13/2005 is \$5,275.93.

## Current Membership Numbers

As of January 2005, we have 42 active ACP members. The South Texas Chapter thanks you for your participation, time, and commitment to continual growth.

Remember, every visitor is a potential member, so BRING a friend or two!!

## New and Renew Members

Timothy O'Neil – email: [toneil@hcch.com](mailto:toneil@hcch.com)

David Marx – email: [david.marx@aegismtg.com](mailto:david.marx@aegismtg.com)

## Next Meeting

When: Tuesday, February 08, 2004  
Subject: **Emerging Trends in Backup & Recovery**  
Speaker: David Edborg  
Affiliation: Director of High Availability Solutions, Corigelan LLC  
Location: IBM Building, 2 Riverway, Houston, TX - Room 1553  
Time: 11:30 am to 1:30 pm

### **Abstract:**

The disciplines of High Availability and Disaster Recovery are typically found in separate IT organizations. High Availability or HA is traditionally in the IT Infrastructure Group while Disaster Recovery or DR is often part of the Business Continuity Group. Both disciplines deal with ensuring that an application is made available to the user community; HA for immediate fail-over typically without human response and DR for those cases where a site or regionally failure has occurred. Is it possible to combine the two strategies for continuity of operations? This session will examine real-life solutions where organizations have leveraged the two together to improve operational resiliency and improve the availability of an application while reducing cost.

## Speaker Profile:

David Edborg is the Director of High Availability Solutions for Corigelan LLC. Prior to his work at Corigelan, Mr. Edborg was the Solution Design Manager for Comdisco's Advanced Recovery & Storage Solutions Division. Mr. Edborg has implemented high availability and internal recovery solutions for many of Fortune's top 500 Companies, including companies in the following verticals: Manufacturing, Financial Services, Retail, Application/Internet Hosting, Insurance and Banking.

Before joining Comdisco, Mr. Edborg held various positions at Computer Associates where he gained significant commercial software development experience in the areas of NCSC approved computer security software and enterprise management software. As a talented speaker and author, Mr. Edborg has designed and presented coursework on topics ranging from the "ABC's of Disaster Recovery" to "How to Survive the Big One".

David Edborg has pursued post-graduate studies in Computer Science at Illinois Institute of Technology, he holds a masters degree in Mathematics and Computer Science in Education from Concordia University and a bachelor's degree in Information Systems from Purdue University.

***The chapter meets regularly on the second Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. at IBM Building, Room 1553, Two Riverway, Houston Texas. Please feel free to bring a guest. We would love the opportunity to make them members.***

Remember that attendance at ACP chapter meetings count toward your continuing education credits CEUs).

## Upcoming Conferences / Major Events

March 6-9, 2005 Spring World 2005 Disaster Recovery Journal <a href="http://www.drj.com/conferences/orl2005/8pg/">http://www.drj.com/conferences/orl2005/8pg/</a>	Disney's Coronado Springs Resort Orlando, Fl
March 15 - 16, 2005 The Sarbanes-Oxley Strategic Symposium: Lessons Learned and What Lies Ahead MIS Training Institute <a href="http://www.misti.com/northamerica.asp?type=RegInfo&amp;nav1=4&amp;page=0&amp;subpage=3&amp;region=1&amp;disp=showsym&amp;id=OAP500M">http://www.misti.com/northamerica.asp?type=RegInfo&amp;nav1=4&amp;page=0&amp;subpage=3&amp;region=1&amp;disp=showsym&amp;id=OAP500M</a>	Hyatt Regency New Orleans
March 22-23, 2005 2005 Business Continuity & Corporate Security Flagg Management <a href="http://www.flaggmgmt.com/bc/">http://www.flaggmgmt.com/bc/</a>	Metropolitan Pavilion New York, NY
April 3-6, 2005 IDRA Annual Conference IDRA (International Disaster Recovery Association) <a href="http://www.idra.com/">http://www.idra.com/</a>	Holiday Inn, Inner Harbor Baltimore, MA

<p>April 24-28, 2005  North America CACS  Computer Audit, Control and Security  <a href="http://www.isaca.org/nacacs">www.isaca.org/nacacs</a></p>	<p>Flamingo Las Vegas  Las Vegas, Nevada USA</p>
<p>April 27-29, 2005  SuperStrategies 2005  MIS Training Institute  <a href="http://www.misti.com/northamerica.asp?page=0&amp;subpage=0&amp;region=1&amp;disp=showconf&amp;type=&amp;id=SS05">http://www.misti.com/northamerica.asp?page=0&amp;subpage=0&amp;region=1&amp;disp=showconf&amp;type=&amp;id=SS05</a></p>	<p>JW Marriott  Las Vegas, NV</p>
<p>May 16-18, 2005  Continuity Insights  <a href="http://www.continuityinsights.com">www.continuityinsights.com</a></p>	<p>Sharaton New Orleans  New Orleans, LA</p>
<p>April 4-6, 2005 - Orlando  INFOSEC WORLD™ 2005  MIS Training Institute  <a href="http://www.misti.com/northamerica.asp?type=RegInfo&amp;nav1=5&amp;page=4&amp;subpage=2&amp;region=1&amp;disp=showconf&amp;id=OS05">http://www.misti.com/northamerica.asp?type=RegInfo&amp;nav1=5&amp;page=4&amp;subpage=2&amp;region=1&amp;disp=showconf&amp;id=OS05</a></p>	<p>Coronado Springs Resort  Lake Buena Vista, FL</p>
<p>April 24-28, 2005  North America CACS  <a href="http://www.isaca.org">http://www.isaca.org</a></p>	<p>Flamingo Hotel  Las Vegas, NA</p>
<p>May 24-26, 2005  CPM 2005 West  Contingency Planning Management  <a href="http://www.contingencyplanningexpo.com/">http://www.contingencyplanningexpo.com/</a></p>	<p>Mirage Hotel &amp; Conference  Center  Las Vegas, NV</p>
<p>June 13-15, 2005  NetSec 2005: The Fine Art of Security  Computer Security Institute (CSI)  <a href="http://www.gocsi.com/netsec/">http://www.gocsi.com/netsec/</a></p>	<p>The Phoenician  Scottsdale, AZ</p>
<p>July 10-13, 2005  15th World Conference on Disaster Management (WCDM)  The Canadian Centre for Emergency Preparedness (CCEP)  <a href="http://www.wcdm.org/main.html/">http://www.wcdm.org/main.html/</a></p>	<p>Metro Toronto Convention  Centre, Toronto, Canada</p>

### Upcoming Training/Workshops

CPM (Contingency Planning & Management) is holding their west conference, which will occur May 24-26, 2005, in Las Vegas. The super saver rate of \$895 for a full conference pass is available until 2/15. After this date, any ACP member who registers will get a 10% discount off the early bird, pre-show, and after 4/29 rates. Please see their website for full details (<http://www.contingencyplanning.com/events/>).

The Association of Contingency Planners (ACP) is pleased to announce the following significant membership discount to the Spring and Fall Disaster Recovery Journal (DRJ) conferences.

**Registration Interval**  
**Catalog Price**  
**ACP Price**

Earliest Cutoff	2nd Cutoff	Up Until Show
\$795	\$895	\$995
\$650	\$750	\$795

To register for the discount, fill out the registration form and in the Discount Line enter (ACP/DRJ Discount) and enter your ACP Membership #. Please note - no other discounts can be applied with the ACP Discount.

If you have already registered for Spring World 2005, ACP members will be offered a credit that can be used for their next DRJ symposium.

Don't miss your chance to attend the top-rated conference dedicated to business continuity! Spring World 2005 will be held March 6-9 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Orlando, Florida. Early registration discounts are available, so sign up now!

Spring World 2005 offers a variety of sessions, workshops, courses and networking opportunities to help you Unlock Your Potential. In today's challenging business continuity industry, it is important to stay prepared, informed and ready. You will find the tools to succeed at Spring World 2005.

DRJ's conferences are consistently ranked number one by attendees for information, quality and value. At Spring World 2005, plan to network with business continuity professionals, learn from expert speakers, tour the exhibit hall and gain hands-on experience in our workshops and breakout sessions.

The conference is designed to meet the needs of planners of all experience levels. Attendees can customize schedules by choosing from more than 60 sessions, workshops and pre- and post-conference classes. The new Advanced Networking breakout is geared towards planners in the industry for 7+ years.

Unlock Your Potential at Spring World 2005! Sign up now to attend the world's largest business continuity conference.

Please visit [www.drj.com](http://www.drj.com) for more information.

<http://www.prismintl.org/page.aspx?pid=7>

PRISM has updated their events page with the following descriptions.

February 16-19, 2005 Business Across Borders Sheraton Waikiki and Sheraton Royal Hawaiian Honolulu, Hawaii	May 18-22, 2005 25th Anniversary Annual Conference Sanibel Harbor Resort & Spa Sanibel, Florida	September 5-7, 2005 Business Across Borders Europe Amsterdam, Netherlands
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ACP Members Receive \$50 Discounts on these Workshops Coming to a City Near You:

**#1: How to Create A Business Continuity Plan...That Works!**

**#2: How to Create Drills and Exercises...That Works!**

These two one-day workshops were developed by Judy Bell, author of the first book on business continuity for the private sector, [Disaster Survival Planning: A Practical Guide for Businesses](#), and a former Division Manager for Pacific Bell.

In the first workshop, you will study best practices for designing and implementing a comprehensive, properly sequenced, enterprise-wide Business Continuity Plan. All elements of disaster response and business recovery are included. The workshop includes examples collected from exemplary programs, such as Toyota, Macy's, California State Lottery, American AgCredit, The Discovery Channel, and many more. More than 800 people have attended this session, always to rave reviews!

The second workshop is a new follow-on to Workshop #1, but it may be taken as a stand alone workshop for experienced business continuity professionals. Participants review best practices for designing and implementing effective drills and exercises for a business continuity program.

You will examine examples of 4 types of exercises, including an orientation session for executives, a communications drill for an IT department, and a table-top exercise for a business unit. Then using simulation software, you will participate in designing and executing a functional exercise for an Emergency Operations Center.

DRII-certified professionals earn 8 continuing education points for re-certification for attending each session. Tuition is \$395 per workshop. To receive your \$50 discount from list price, use this promotional code: ACP 2005

To register online and receive your discount, visit <http://www.disaster-survival.com/workshop.html>

### **DRI International Course Schedule – January 2005 – December 2005**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Dates</b>	<b>Course /Exam</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>
Orlando, FL	Mar. 9-11	<a href="#">BCP 501</a>	DRJ
Orlando, FL	Mar. 9-11	<a href="#">BCP 601</a>	DRJ
Orlando, FL	Mar. 9-11	<a href="#">BCLE 100-300</a>	DRJ
Orlando, FL	Mar. 9-11	BCLE 350	DRJ
Orlando, FL	Mar. 9-11	BCLE 930	DRJ
Orlando, FL	Mar. 9	<a href="#">CBCP Exam</a>	DRJ
Orlando, FL	Mar. 11	<a href="#">CBCP Exam</a>	DRJ
Orlando, FL	Mar. 11	<a href="#">MBCP Exam</a>	DRJ
King of Prussia, PA	Mar. 14-17	<a href="#">BCLE 2000</a>	Strohl Systems
King of Prussia, PA	Mar. 18	<a href="#">CBCP Exam</a>	Strohl Systems
New York, NY	Mar. 30-31	<a href="#">BCP 501</a>	Protiviti
New York, NY	Apr. 1	<a href="#">CBCP Exam</a>	Protiviti
Atlanta, GA	Apr. 4-8 & 11-14	<a href="#">BCLE 1000</a>	DRII
Atlanta, GA	Apr. 15	<a href="#">CBCP Exam</a>	DRII
Sacramento, CA	Apr. 18-21	<a href="#">BCLE 2000</a>	DRII
Sacramento, CA	Apr. 22	<a href="#">CBCP Exam</a>	DRII
Pittsburgh, PA	Apr. 27-28	<a href="#">BCP 501</a>	Tri Rivers ACP
Pittsburgh, PA	Apr. 27-28	<a href="#">BCP 601</a>	Tri Rivers ACP

Pittsburgh, PA	Apr. 29	<a href="#">CBCP Exam</a>	Tri Rivers ACP
Pittsburgh, PA	Apr. 29	<a href="#">MBCP Exam</a>	Tri Rivers ACP
Los Angeles, CA	May 4-6	<a href="#">BCP 501</a>	Protiviti
Los Angeles, CA	May 6	<a href="#">CBCP Exam</a>	Protiviti
New Orleans, LA	May 18-20	<a href="#">BCP 501</a>	Continuity Insight
New Orleans, LA	May 20	<a href="#">CBCP Exam</a>	Continuity Insight
King of Prussia, PA	May 23-26	<a href="#">BCLE 2000</a>	Strohl Systems
King of Prussia, PA	May 27	<a href="#">CBCP Exam</a>	Strohl Systems
Las Vegas, NV	May 26-28	<a href="#">BCP 501</a>	CPM
Las Vegas, NV	May 28	<a href="#">CBCP Exam</a>	CPM
Falls Church, VA	June 1-2	<a href="#">BCP 501</a>	DRII
Falls Church, VA	June 3	<a href="#">CBCP Exam</a>	DRII
Boston, MA	June 13-16	<a href="#">BCLE 1000</a>	
Boston, MA	June 17	<a href="#">CBCP Exam</a>	
King of Prussia, PA	July 25-28	<a href="#">BCLE 2000</a>	Strohl Systems
King of Prussia, PA	July 29	<a href="#">CBCP Exam</a>	Strohl Systems
King of Prussia, PA	Sept. 19-22	<a href="#">BCLE 2000</a>	Strohl Systems
King of Prussia, PA	Sept. 23	<a href="#">CBCP Exam</a>	Strohl Systems
Newport, RI	Oct. 26-27	<a href="#">BCP 501</a>	NEDRIX
Newport, RI	Oct. 28	<a href="#">CBCP Exam</a>	NEDRIX
King of Prussia, PA	Nov. 28-Dec. 1	<a href="#">BCLE 2000</a>	Strohl Systems
King of Prussia, PA	Dec. 2	<a href="#">CBCP Exam</a>	Strohl Systems

To register or for further class schedules, visit [www.drii.org](http://www.drii.org)

### [“Silly, Bizarre and Unknown” Monthly, Weekly & Daily February Observances](#)

Here are some of the crazy things you can celebrate during the month of February!!

#### Monthly Observances

Bake for Family Fun Month  
 International Boost Self Esteem Month  
 National Parent Leadership Month  
 National Time Management Month  
 Relationship Wellness Month  
 Youth Leadership Month

#### Weekly Observances

Get Paid to Shop Week: 6-12  
 Just Say No to Powerpoints Week: 7-11  
 Boy Scout Anniversary Week: 8-14  
 International Friendship Week: 20-26  
 Live to Give Week: 21-27  
 Read Me Week: 27-3/5

#### Daily Observances

Groundhog Day Day: 2  
 Pay A Compliment Day: 6  
 Laugh and Get Rich Day: 8  
 Leadership Success Day: 10  
 National Have a Heart Day: 14  
 My Way Day: 17  
 Presidents Day: 21

Source: <http://www.brownielocks.com>