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Quote of the Week:

"I don't believe in failure. It is not failure if you enjoyed the process."

~ Oprah Winfrey ~

We will not be having a regular ACP Meeting in May – Please attend the 2005 Hurricane Workshop on May 26, 2005, 4:30 – 9:00 p.m. Details follow.

2005 Hurricane Workshop – Jim Nowak

You are cordially invited to attend the 2005 Hurricane Workshop sponsored by the National Weather Service of Houston-Galveston. The theme of this year's workshop is, "Florida 2004 – What if it Happened in Texas?" The workshop date will be Thursday, May 26, 2005 from 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM. The location will be the Pasadena Convention Center, 7902 Fairmont, Pasadena, Texas 77505. The workshop is open to the general public, emergency managers, disaster recovery and business continuity representatives, elected officials, and first responders from jurisdictions within the Houston-Galveston region. The workshop will feature main audience speakers and workshop training sessions. Vendors will be exhibiting their services and products throughout the event time. A food and drink concession will also be available. I encourage all ACP members and interested parties to attend. By attending this event, you will be eligible for those much needed CEU's required for maintaining your BCP certification. The ACP South Texas Chapter will have a table set up at the workshop and I encourage those attending to stop and say hello. Look forward to seeing you all there.

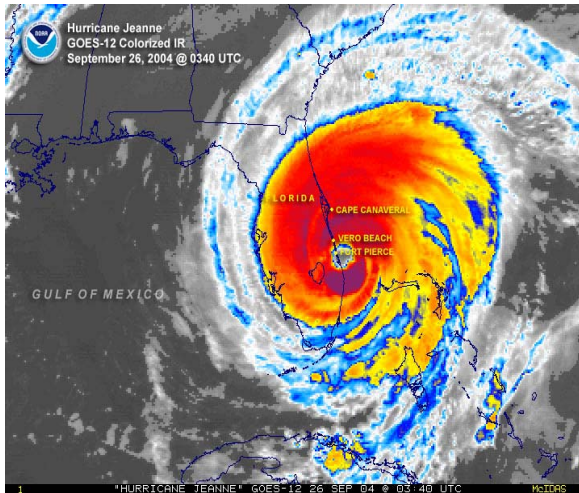
The Florida Hurricanes of 2004

Lessons Learned from an Unprecedented Season

The losses far exceeded the ability of recovery and restoration contractors to mitigate quickly. They remind us of the importance of conducting planning well before disruptions occur to help mitigate the effects. Jim Wills tells us more.

http://disaster-resource.com/newsletter/subpages/v79/meet_the_experts.htm

2005 Houston/Galveston Hurricane Workshop Florida 2004: It Can Happen in Texas Presented by CenterPoint Energy



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Pasadena Convention Center

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The 2005 Workshop will focus on the 2004 Hurricane Season, in particular the impact on Florida. We will also try to imagine what the impact four hurricanes in one season would have on Texas. The workshop will consist of a main session with several keynote speakers along with several breakout sessions covering hurricane related topics. A vendor area will also be available for companies involved in hurricane preparedness and hurricane protection.

The Houston/Galveston National Weather Service is proud to announce that CenterPoint Energy will be the presenting sponsor for the 2005 Hurricane Workshop. CenterPoint Energy, the company that maintains the electrical lines throughout the Greater Houston area, is very involved in preparing for and recovering from a major hurricane.

CenterPoint Energy had hundreds of employees in Florida this past hurricane season helping in restoring power to the local communities. CenterPoint Energy Regional Manager Ed Russell, who led the crews in restoring power in Florida, will talk about the Florida recovery process and will share how it would apply in Texas if we experience a major hurricane.

The City of Pasadena continues to be a sponsor of the workshop by furnishing the use of the Pasadena Convention Center for the 12th year in a row.

<http://www.srh.noaa.gov/hgx/tropical/workshop05.htm>

Salaries increased in 2004 for Business Continuity professionals!

BC Management announces their 4th Annual Salary Review exclusively for BC professionals. If you ever wonder about your salary, make sure to benchmark yourself with this comprehensive salary review.

<http://pizzazemail.com/t?ctl=C6280A:22ED146>

International bank HSBC deluged by viruses

By Dan Ilett, ZDNet (UK)
Published on ZDNet News: April 5, 2005, 11:34 AM PT

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http://news.zdnet.com/2100-1009_22-5655520.html?tag=nl.e589

The GLB Crackdown Begins: Will Your Company Be Next?

If your company is not a depository bank should you care about the Gramm-Leach-Bliley (GLB) Data Protection Act? According to Jerry Montella (Vice President, Mail-Gard), it may be very important for you to care.

<http://pizzazemail.com/t?ctl=CAF231:22ED146>

NIST publishes World Trade Center collapse study

Future practices and technologies identified that potentially could have enhanced building performance and life safety capabilities on 9-11.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/news01832.htm>

BCI announces International National Rehearsal Day

The Business Continuity Institute is asking all governments and enterprises to use 19th March 2006 as a focal point for BC rehearsals.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/news01797.htm>

Boston to host anti-terrorism research and development collaboration meeting

More than 500 research scientists and engineers working in government, the private sector, and the academic community will present their innovative work to make the US nation safer at the conference, "Working Together: R&D Partnerships in Homeland Security."

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/news01821.htm>

Voice Continuity Services announces After Hours Service

Corporations needing to maintain communication with clients outside of normal working hours can now do so under the corporate umbrella without compromising individual employee privacy and security.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/news01826.htm>

Business Recovery Managers Association and the Information Systems Audit & Control Association meeting report

Joint meeting focused on auditing business continuity and disaster recovery plans.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/news01817.htm>

Designing resilience into secure power systems

Business continuity plans include an ever increasing reliance on secure power systems but more can be done at the design stage to increase their overall resilience and availability.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0194.htm>

Auditing the BC Process

BC audits are becoming most urgent issues. Regulatory initiatives drive the convergence of BC, security and info management under enterprise risk management. Auditors must review BC, and not just DR, in more detail than before. Eric Schmidt expounds.

http://disaster-resource.com/newsletter/subpages/v80/meet_the_experts.htm

BCI Announces Results of BC Awareness Survey

www.thebci.org

April 12, 2005 — During March's Business Continuity Awareness Week in London, the Business Continuity Institute (BCI) and IMP Events, developers of the conference, announced results of the BCI's annual business continuity awareness survey.

Carried out by Rosslyn Research Ltd, a market research company, the project examined attitudes toward business continuity management.

A total of 251 interviews were completed during January and February 2005. Among the key findings were:

- Nearly 70% of the companies surveyed have business continuity plans in place; it grows to over 80% in the financial and retails sectors.
- Where an organization has business continuity management in place almost 60% of development and maintenance is carried out at Board level.
- 27% of organizations have dedicated business continuity personnel.
- Business continuity management has emerged with a clear identity as a wide-ranging management discipline and is no longer synonymous with disaster recovery.
- Telecommunications protection is almost a blind spot in the planning efforts of many businesses. If asked to think of something adverse happening to their business, very few people spontaneously think of telecom failures. But when directly asked, nearly all acknowledge that it's one of the most serious threats of all.
- Over two-thirds of the companies surveyed do not outsource any of their core business activities. 18% outsource at least some of their IT, which is by far the most common area for outsourcing. However, only 27% of firms actually involve themselves in helping their suppliers to develop a business continuity management plan and get involved in plan exercises. Too many companies are vulnerable to a failure in their supply chain.
- Only 16% of companies have a business continuity strategy designed to protect the company's reputation.

<http://www.contingencyplanning.com/news/8.aspx?ebid=402>

Business continuity awareness raising: taking it to the next level

Various statistical and anecdotal evidence points to an increase in the awareness of business continuity, but how do we take this further? David Honour comments.

<http://www.continuitycentral.com/feature0185.htm>

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BCP In The Future: The Office-Less Office

A decentralized office can improve BCP by spreading informational and human resources over a diverse area. The social costs, however, may cause businesses to think twice before implementing it. Michael Seese tells us more.

<http://pizzazzemail.com/t?ctl=C8AC48:22ED146>

Treasurer's Report

As of April 30, 2005 the ending balance for the South Texas ACP Chapter is \$4,793.50.

Current Membership Numbers

As of March 2005, we have 41 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 / Renewed Members

Janty Tang
Rex Redfern

Lillibett Machado
Debbie Washington

Ian McClellan
Rene Sanchez

Next Meeting

When: Thursday, May 26, 2005

Subject: **Houston / Galveston Hurricane Workshop**

Theme: **Florida 2004? What if It Happened in Texas?**

Affiliation: Houston/Galveston National Weather Service and CenterPoint Energy

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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

May 10-13, 2005 Tivoli Technical User Conference IBM's IT Education Services and Tivoli brand http://www-304.ibm.com/jct03001c/services/learning/ites.wss/us/en?pageType=page&c=a0002156&ca=intconf&m=E&met=inli&re=email	Wyndham Anatole hotel Dallas, Tx
May 16-18, 2005 Continuity Insights www.continuityinsights.com	Sharaton New Orleans New Orleans, LA
May 18-19, 2005 2005 Wireless and Mobile WorldExpo http://wirelessandmobile.wowgao.com/agenda/	Hall C, National Trade Centre Toronto, Ontario, Canada
May 24-26, 2005 CPM 2005 West Contingency Planning Management http://www.contingencyplanningexpo.com/	Mirage Hotel & Conference Center Las Vegas, NV
June 6-8, 2005 Gartner IT Security Summit http://gartner.com/us/itsecurity	Marriott Wardman Park Hotel Washington, D.C
June 13-15, 2005 NetSec 2005: The Fine Art of Security Computer Security Institute (CSI) http://www.gocsi.com/netsec/	The Phoenician Scottsdale, AZ
June 16, 2005 2005 CPM Symposia Events: The Disaster Simulation / Hot Topics in Business Continuity http://www.contingencyplanning.com/events/symposia/disaster#disaster	The Union League Chicago, IL
June 13, 2005 Nedrix Conference New England Disaster Recovery Information Exchange http://www.nedrix.com/	Sheraton Hotel Nashua, NH
July 10-13, 2005 15th World Conference on Disaster Management (WCDM) The Canadian Centre for Emergency Preparedness (CCEP) http://www.wcdm.org/main.html/	Metro Toronto Convention Centre, Toronto, Canada
July 26-28, 2005 CIO Decisions Conference Search CIO http://ciodecisionsconference.techtarget.com	The Inn at Spanish Bay Pebble Beach, CA 93953

August 9, 10, 11, 2005
InfraGard 2005 National Conference
InfraGard National Member Alliance & the FBI
<http://www.infragardconferences.com/>

JW Marriott
Washington, DC

September 18-22
DRJ's Fall World 2005
Disaster Recovery Journal
<http://www.drj.com/conferences/sd2005/DRJ-SD2005-8pg.pdf>

Sheraton San Diego Hotel
& Marina
San Diego, CA

September 19-21, 2005
Network Security Conference
ISACA
<http://www.isaca.org/nsc>

Caesars Palace Hotel &
Resort
Las Vegas, NE

October 24-26, 2005
Nedrix Annual Conference
<http://www.nedrix.com/>

Hyatt Goat Island Resort
Newport, RI

October 25-26, 2005
SIA Business Continuity Planning Conference & Exhibit
<http://www.sia.com/bcp05/>

New York Marriott Brooklyn
Brooklyn, NY

November 2-4, 2005
CPM 2005 East
Contingency Planning Management
<http://www.contingencyplanning.com/events/east/>

Gaylord Palms Hotel
Orlando, FL

[Upcoming Training/Workshops](#)

DRI International Is On the Air!

DRI International now has its own monthly radio program, [Business Continuity Matters](#), which airs on WMET-AM 1160 in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. The program explores all aspects of business continuity issues, ranging from homeland security to how businesses can better protect their operations from unexpected interruptions. Join show host Al Rickard, president of Association Vision, a Washington, DC-based communications company, as he interviews distinguished guests in this rapidly growing profession. Business Continuity Matters is also available online for on-demand listening worldwide. To listen to past shows online, click

<http://wmet1160.com/businesscontinuumatters.php>

2005 CPM Symposia Events: [The Disaster Simulation](#) / [Hot Topics in Business Continuity](#)

Experience a disaster simulation so real, so wild, so exciting, it will leave you breathless, exhausted and ... *prepared*.

The next Disaster is coming ...

June 16, 2005

The Union League

65 West Jackson Blvd

Chicago, IL

Find out how you would perform in an actual disaster! **Register for this full-day workshop for just \$495!** [See exact locations and register here >>](#)

Agenda

8:00 to 8:30: Registration

8:30 to 8:45: Welcome and Introductions

8:45 to 9:15: The Value of Exercising

This session will discuss the importance of exercising, regardless if the activity is a tabletop review to a full-scale event that requires coordination with public authorities. We will also briefly discuss how to plan an exercise.

9:15 to 9:30: Ground Rules for Exercise

In this segment we will review how the exercise will proceed, what is permitted and what is not. The ground rules will be addressed just prior to the official launch of the exercise.

9:30 to 3:00: Exercise Underway

The exercise will be based on a real-life incident, and will involve a lot of quick thinking and responding, the same as in a real emergency. Although lunch will be brought into the room, the exercise will continue. As the exercise progresses there will be periodic pauses for briefings, recaps, and clarifications.

3:00 to 3:45: Team Recaps, Lessons Learned

Each team will present a brief synopsis of its experiences, lessons learned, and items that can be used within their own companies.

3:45 to 4:00: Wrap-up and Adjournment

The Disaster Simulation is also scheduled to arrive in the following cities:

July 14: Los Angeles

August 11: Washington, DC

September 15: Seattle

October 11: Philadelphia

The Disaster Simulation is conducted by Sal Lifrieri, former Director of Security and Intelligence Operations for the NYC Office of Emergency Management under Rudolph Giuliani.

DRI International will award 8 CEUs for attendance at this event

4th Annual 2005 Business Conference & Exhibitor Expo

LET'S PLANN... "The Weakest Link"

Best Practices: Business Continuity Management & Planning

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

Malachite Showroom, Hotel Intercontinental
15201 Dallas Parkway, Addison, TX

<http://www.aitpdallas.org/events.htm>

DRI International Course Schedule – May 2005 – December 2005

For Course Location Information, Click Below:	Dates	For Course /Exam Description Information, Click Below:	Sponsor
Minneapolis, MN	May 13	Certification Exam	
New Orleans, LA	May 18-20	BCP 501	Continuity Insight
New Orleans, LA	May 20	Certification Exam	Continuity Insight
Sacramento, CA	May 18-19	BCP 501	2005 Disaster Resistant California Conference
Sacramento, CA	May 20	Certification Exam	2005 Disaster Resistant California Conference
Charlotte, NC	May 18-19	BCP 501	CPAC
Charlotte, NC	May 20	Certification Exam	CPAC
Tulsa, OK	May 21	Certification Exam	
Las Vegas, NV	May 21-22	BCP 501	CPM
Las Vegas, NV	May 23	Certification Exam	CPM
King of Prussia, PA	May 23-26	BCLE 2000 (SOLD OUT: closed to new registrations)	Strohl Systems
King of Prussia, PA	May 27	Certification Exam (SOLD OUT: closed to new registrations)	Strohl Systems
Falls Church, VA	June 1-2	BCP 501 (SOLD OUT: closed to new registrations)	DRII HQ
Falls Church, VA	June 3	Certification Exam (SOLD OUT: Closed to new registrations)	DRII HQ
Buffalo, NY	June 6-9	BCLE 2000	
Buffalo, NY	June 10	Certification Exam	
Boston, MA	June 6-10	BCLE 1000	

Boston, MA	June 13-16	BCLE 1000	
Boston, MA	June 17	Certification Exam	
San Jose, CA	June 15-16	BCP 501	
San Jose, CA	June 17	Certification Exam	
Austin, TX	June 20-23	BCLE 2000	State of Texas
Austin, TX	June 24	Certification Exam	State of Texas
New York, NY	June 22-23	BCP 501 (In English)	
New York, NY	June 24	Certification Exam (In English)	
New York, NY	June 22-23	BCP 501 (In Spanish)	
New York, NY	June 24	Certification Exam (In Spanish)	
Chicago, IL	July 6-7	BCP 501	
Chicago, IL	July 8	Certification Exam	
Costa Mesa, CA	July 11-12	BCP 501	ACP/Orange Cty.
Costa Mesa, CA	July 13	Certification Exam	ACP/Orange Cty.
Des Moines, IA	July 13-14	BCP 501	IA Cont. Planners
Des Moines, IA	July 15	Certification Exam	IA Cont. Planners
Falls Church, VA	July 13-14	BCP 501	DRII
Falls Church, VA	July 15	Certification Exam	DRII
Little Rock, AR	July 23 & 30	BCP 501	
Little Rock, AR	Aug. 6	Certification Exam	
King of Prussia, PA	July 25-28	BCLE 2000	Strohl Systems
King of Prussia, PA	July 29	Certification Exam	Strohl Systems
Minneapolis, MN	Aug. 1-5, Aug, 8-11	BCLE 1000	
Minneapolis, MN	Aug. 12	Certification Exam	
Grand Rapids, MI	Aug. 3- 4	BCP 501	
Grand Rapids, MI	Aug. 5	Certification Exam	
Seattle, WA	Aug. 3- 4	BCP 501	
Seattle, WA	Aug. 5	Certification Exam	
New York, NY	Aug. 8-11	BCLE 2000	
New York, NY	Aug. 12	Certification Exam	
Falls Church, VA	Sept. 14-15	BCP 501	DRII
Falls Church, VA	Sept. 16	Certification Exam	DRII
San Diego, CA	Sept. 15-16	BCP 501	DRJ
San Diego, CA	Sept. 17	Certification Exam	DRJ
San Diego, CA	Sept. 15-16	BCP 501 (In Spanish)	DRJ
San Diego, CA	Sept. 17	Certification Exam (In Spanish)	DRJ
King of Prussia, PA	Sept. 19-22	BCLE 2000	Strohl Systems
King of Prussia, PA	Sept. 23	Certification Exam	Strohl Systems
San Diego, CA	Sept. 21-23	BCP 501	DRJ
San Diego, CA	Sept. 21-23	BCP 601	DRJ
San Diego, CA	Sept. 21-23	BCLE 930	DRJ
San Diego, CA	Sept. 21-23	BCLE 350	DRJ
San Diego, CA	Sept. 23	Certification Exam	DRJ
San Diego, CA	Sept. 23	Masters Exam	DRJ

San Diego, CA	Sept. 21-25	BCLE 2000	DRJ
San Diego, CA	Sept. 25	Certification Exam	DRJ
Dallas, TX	Oct. 5-6	BCP 501	
Dallas, TX	Oct. 7	Certification Exam	
New York, NY	Oct. 12-13	BCP 501	
New York, NY	Oct. 14	Certification Exam	
Chicago, IL	Oct. 19-20	BCP 501	
Chicago, IL	Oct. 21	Certification Exam	
Miami, FL	Oct. 26-27	BCP 501 (In Spanish)	
Miami, FL	Oct. 28	Certification Exam (In Spanish)	
Newport, RI	Oct. 26-27	BCP 501	NEDRIX
Newport, RI	Oct. 28	Certification Exam	NEDRIX
Columbus, OH	Oct. 26-27	BCP 501	
Columbus, OH	Oct. 26-27	BCP 601	
Columbus, OH	Oct. 28	Certification Exam	
Orlando, FL	Oct. 30-31	BCP 501	CPM
Orlando, FL	Nov. 1	Certification Exam	CPM
Orlando, FL	Oct. 30-31	BCP 501 (In Spanish)	CPM
Orlando, FL	Nov. 1	Certification Exam (In Spanish)	CPM
Denver, CO	(Oct.) TBD	BCLE 2000	
St. Louis, MO	(Oct.) TBD	BCP 501	
King of Prussia, PA	Nov. 28-Dec. 1	BCLE 2000	Strohl Systems
King of Prussia, PA	Dec. 2	Certification Exam	Strohl Systems
Phoenix, AZ	(Dec.) TBD	BCP 501	
New Orleans, LA	(Dec.) TBD	BCP 501	

To register or for further class schedules, visit www.drii.org

“Silly, Bizarre and Unknown” Monthly, Weekly & Daily May Observances

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

Monthly Observances

Clean Air Month
 Get Caught Reading Month
 Light the Night for Sight Month
 National Hamburger Month
 Smiles Month
 National Revise Your Schedule Month

Weekly Observances

Eat Desert First Week: 1-7
 National Pease of Mind Week: 1-7
 Update Your References Week: 2-6
 Reading Is Fun Week: 15-21
 Universal Family Week: 8-14
 National Effectiveness Week: 16-20

Daily Observances

Executive Coaching Day: 1
 No Diet Day: 6
 Join Hands Day: 7

Mother's Day: 8
 Trust Your Intuition Day: 10
 Eat What You Want Day: 11

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