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Plans for AGM 2006 in Singapore are well under way

By Ponno Kalastree

As we start a brand new year, I extend my best wishes to you, your families and staff and wish each on a very happy and safe year ahead.

We are now all geared up for the CII AGM in Singapore. With the dates finalized (15 - 19 August 2006) I am now confirming the arrangements with the hotel and other vendors. I have also fine tuned the conference theme to suit the security scenario in Asia. The theme, " Crossing International Borders - The Global Convergence of Security & Investigations", reflects the current trend of thought



Singapore Flag

among security/investigation professionals. Alongside, the CII AGM we will be holding SECUREX-ASIA as we did in 1997. SECUREX-ASIA will be organized with our local security association, Security Association Singapore and ASIS, Region XXXIII, and will cater to the security professionals, mainly non CII members in the region. The two-day conference will be jointly attended by both groups who will have the opportunity to deliberate on security and investigation topics. CII can also promote membership among the attendees at SECUREX-

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Private Detective pleads guilty to unlawfully disclosing information

A private detective was given a one-year conditional discharge and ordered to pay costs of £1200 today by Croydon Magistrates after pleading guilty to unlawfully disclosing personal data, an offence under the Data Protection Act 1998.

David Sibley, of West Wickham, Kent, was prosecuted by the Information Commissioner's Office under Section 55 of the Data Protection Act 1998 having disclosed information relating to an individual's bank account details. Mr. Sibley was instructed by a solicitors' firm to gain access to information on the individual who was making an insurance claim. The evidence gathered by the ICO showed that he disclosed personal account information after calls were made by third parties to the victim's elderly mother and to two of the victim's banks.

Richard Thomas, Information Commissioner, said: "I am delighted with the outcome of this investigation and prosecution. Obtaining other people's personal information by unlawful means is a serious offence and my Office will not hesitate to pursue those who knowingly breach the Data Protection Act in this way.

"Many different people and organizations hold this sort of information about us and we have a right to feel safe and secure that the data is controlled properly and is not used for purposes other than those for

which we intended. Today's prosecution shows that the Data Protection Act is there to ensure that individuals' personal information is secure, accurate, up-to-date and is processed fairly."

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MRI vs Polygraph - Who's the liar?

Radiological Society of North America

Traditional polygraph tests to determine whether someone is lying may take a back seat to functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI), according to a study appearing in the February issue of *Radiology*. Researchers from Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia used fMRI to show how specific areas of the brain light up when a person tells a lie.

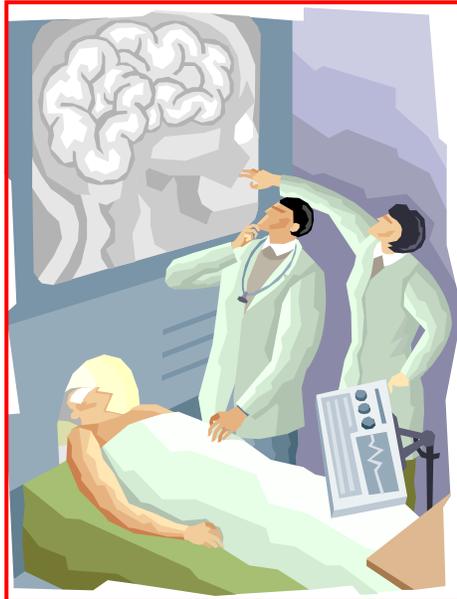
"We have detected areas of the brain activated by deception and truth-telling by using a method that is verifiable against the current gold standard method of lie detection—the conventional polygraph," said lead author Feroze B. Mohamed, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Radiology at Temple.

Dr. Mohamed explained how the standard polygraph test has failed to produce consistently reliable results, largely because it relies on outward manifestations of certain emotions that people feel when lying. These manifestations, including increased perspiration, changing body positions and subtle facial expressions, while natural, can be suppressed by a large enough number of people that the accuracy and consistency of the polygraph results are compromised.

"Since brain activation is arguably less susceptible to being controlled by an individual, our research will hopefully eliminate the shortcomings of the conventional polygraph test and produce a new method of objective lie detection that can be used reliably in a courtroom or other setting," Dr. Mohamed said.

Dr. Mohamed and colleagues recruited 11 healthy subjects for the study. A mock shooting was staged, in which blank bullets were fired in a testing room. Five volunteers were asked to tell the truth when asked a series of questions

about their involvement, and six were asked to deliberately lie. Each volunteer was examined with fMRI to observe brain activation while they answered questions either truthfully or deceptively. They also underwent a conventional polygraph test, where respiration, cardiovascular activity and perspiration responses were monitored. The same questions were asked in both examinations, and results were compared among the groups.



"With fMRI, there were consistently unique areas of the brain, and more of them, that were activated during the deceptive process than during truth-telling," Dr. Mohamed said. In producing a deceptive response, a person must inhibit or conceal the truth, which activates parts of the brain that are not required for truth-telling. Thus, fewer areas of the brain are active when telling the truth. Fourteen areas of the brain were active during the deceptive process. In contrast, only seven areas lit up when subjects answered truthfully.

By studying the images, investigators were able to develop a better picture of the deception process in the brain. The increased activity in the frontal lobe, especially, indicated how the brain works to inhibit the truth and construct a lie.

Polygraph test results correlated well with actual events when subjects were asked to lie (92 percent accuracy); however, the results were not as conclusive when subjects were asked to tell the truth (70 percent accuracy).

The largest implications for a credible method of lie detection are in the field of crime investigation and prevention, and in the judicial determination of the guilt or innocence of accused individuals. Since the polygraph has not been embraced as a fully credible means of lie detection, the authors hope to provide a more accurate means of determining whether or not someone is telling the truth. "A more consistent and verifiable method of lie detection could lead to changes in this particular realm of the legal system down the road," Dr. Mohamed said.

-Contributed by Fred Dehmel



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The Singapore Sling – have the original at Raffles during our 2006 AGM

The Singapore Sling is one of those wonderful drinks that we probably have all heard of, but perhaps have never had. And because this recipe is often incorrectly recorded in most recipe books, even if you've think you've had it, you probably haven't.

One of the key, and often overlooked ingredients in this drink is Benedictine. While the resultant flavor is not overly predominate, it does add a certain flavor profile that would be totally missing without this secret ingredient.

None dispute that the Singapore Sling was originally created by Mr. Ngiam Tong Boon for the Raffles Hotel in Singapore. However that is where the agreements end. The exact date is in question, with some people claiming it was in 1915, some 1913, while the hotel itself claims that it was created sometime prior to 1910. In the Hotel's museum, visitors may view the safe in which Mr. Ngiam locked away his precious recipe books, as well as the Sling recipe hastily jotted on a bar-chit in 1936 by a visitor to the Hotel who asked the waiter for it.

Originally, the Singapore Sling was meant as a woman's drink, hence the attractive pink colour. Today, it is very definitely a drink enjoyed by all, without which any visit to Raffles Hotel is incomplete.

There is also plenty of disagreement as to how closely the current version of this drink that is served at Raffles is to what was originally served. Apparently the original recipe was lost and forgotten sometime in the 1930's, and the drink that they currently serve at the hotel's Long Bar is based on memories of former bartenders, and some written notes that they were able to discover.



Recipe

30ml Gin
 15 ml Cherry Brandy
 120 ml Pineapple Juice
 15 ml Lime Juice
 7.5 ml Cointreau
 7.5 ml Dom Benedictine
 10 ml Grenadine
 A Dash of Angostura Bitters
 Garnish with a slice of Pineapple and Cherry

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ASIA. It will also be a good platform for networking for our members.

There was no budget presented for the AGM earlier, I am attaching the proposed budget for our easy reference. I am computing the registration fees as US\$385.00 for Members and US\$350.00 for guests.

As for the payments, I am happy with the registration fees being paid directly to CII and for our Treasurer Rod Webb to forward the payments to me. I am proposing that the payments be sent to us periodically

to meet with the expenses as we go along. The payments can be forwarded as follows: a. Seed Money - Immediately; b. US\$10,000 - April 2006; c. Balance - July 2006; d. Payments received after July can be forwarded to me whenever these are received. We can announce the dates in the coming issue of the Councillor and the full details can be published later in 2006.

I would welcome any comments/suggestions on the above.

Nominations for officers an important function at Singapore AGM

By Chairwoman Joan Beach

Our 2006 Annual General Meeting will be held in Singapore in August 2006. As the Chairman of the Nominating Committee, please be advised that it is not too soon to thinking about nominations for officers in the Council.

Summing up the information, the election of Officers and Board Members shall be held at the Annual General Meeting. Candidates for office, except for Secretary and Treasurer, shall be nominated by mail. Each nomination shall bear the signature of one Certified Member in good standing and be filed with the Chairman of the Nominating Committee at least sixty days prior to the date of the Annual General Meeting.

All nominees for the Board of Directors must be Certified or Senior Members in good standing for one year and shall have attended at least one meeting in the last five years prior to the nomination.

Candidates may not nominate themselves for office.

A nominee for the office of Third Vice President, Secretary or Treasurer must have served a minimum of one year on the Executive Board.

There shall be no soliciting for any office or award.

A nominee shall accept or reject a nomination in writing, filed with the Chairman of the Nominating Committee no later than sixty days prior to the Annual General Meeting. Failure to respond will be considered as rejection. A nominee who is nominated for more than one office shall specify in writing which nomination he/she accepts, which shall automatically reject all other nominations.

Election procedures are as set forth in Rules & Regulations.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

As the worm turns

THE SOFT CAGE

Surveillance in America

From Slave Passes to the War on Terror
2003 Published by Basic Books

By: Christian Parenti,
Author of Lockdown America

*Book Review by Glenn Eiden (SA/CII-
Chicago)*

Mr. Parenti has a Ph.D. in sociology from the London School of Economics and is currently a Soros Senior Justice Fellow at the Open Society Institute. He is the author of *Lockdown America: Police and Prisons in the Age of Crisis*. He lives in Brooklyn, New York, and his writings appear regularly in *The Nation*.

Vivid and chilling, *The Soft Cage* explores the hidden history of surveillance—from controlling slaves in the old South to implementing early criminal justice, tracking immigrants, and closely monitoring the poor as part of modern social work. It also explores the role computers play in creating a whole new world of seemingly benign technologies—such as credit cards, website “cookies”, electronic toll collection, “data mining”, and iris scanners at airports. *The Soft Cage* offers a compelling, vitally important lesson for everyone concerned about the expansion of surveillance into our public and private lives.



Next issue The
Councillor will focus on
our eastern neighbours
in
honour of our
upcoming AGM in
Singapore. Deadline
for copy and photos is
20 May 2006

Wedded Bliss!



It is with pleasure
that I announce
the February 10th marriage
between Eva Szigethy, MD, Ph.D.
and CII member, Robert "Bob"
Kresson of Empire Investigations
in Pittsburgh, PA.

-Joan Beach

In Memoriam

All of CII extends its condolences to Ruth Hoffman on the death of her husband, Gerd Hoffman who was a long standing member of CII. He joined CII 1986 and as recently as last year, served on the Executive Board of CII. Mr. Hoffman was well known for his international contacts, his service during World War II and his dedication to the profession.

Jim Carino recalled that in 2003 Gerd Hoffman was made a Lifetime Member of Intelnet. Gerd Hoffman joined Intelnet from his membership in a Group called Assets 2000 in 1988. Jim Carino recalled that Ruth and Gerd Hoffman hosted a conference in Amsterdam in 1994. After the conference, the Hoffmans invited Connie and Jim Carino to their house. "It was a place that hid out some people from you know who and he showed us the "secret door" as to where they hid (successfully) when you know who came for a knock knock check." Jim Carino wrote that Gerd Hoffman was "one of the true heroes of World War II."

Francie Koehler recalled that she attended the Berlin CII Conference in 2000: "It was the first time we met the Hoffman's. One night we went to dinner at an Argentinean restaurant with Gerd and Ruth and a couple of others. The menu, translated literally, offered a baked potato with "angry cream" (instead of sour cream). We laughed that night until our sides hurt. We always intended to pay them a visit in the Netherlands but, unfortunately, did not make it in time.

Robert Dudash recalled: "I have known Gerd and Ruth for well over 10 years and, for me, it has always been one of the highlights of every conference I attended to see and visit with them for brief periods as they always seem to have been. What a dynamic couple, always friendly, compassionate and a couple you immediately liked and admired.

"I have always enjoyed and shall miss Gerd's quick wit, warmth and friendliness. He is/was a giant amongst his peers and a true hero having worked in the underground during WWII.

"I think the highlight for me was when Gerd was awarded a Lifetime Membership the evening of Intelnet's 25th Anniversary gala affair in the Cayman Islands on April 25, 2003. I have attached a photo of the presentation of him being so honored by Intelnet Executive Director, Jim Carino."

Nancy Poss-Hatchl writes: "Sidney and I first met Gerd and Ruth Hoffman in 1986, when he joined CII. A true gentleman with his lady is the way I remember him. He smiled through troubles. He brought joy to others and shared his knowledge like a true friend.

I remember one specific evening at a hospitality suite when CII had its AGM in New Delhi, hosted by Ramesh Madan, Gerd kept us in stitches playing Queen Cleopatra and all her oarsmen in an Egyptian barque going down the Nile. We all literally laughed until we cried. The next day he gave a seminar about doing international business that was exceptional. He was a cherished friend and a mentor. He is already missed."

Alan Marr, who attended the service for Gerd, wrote this: It was with great sadness I attended the funeral of member Gerd Hoffmann, held in St Annes church, Alderney, Channel Islands. For those that do not know, Alderney is part of the British Commonwealth, but has never been subject to British Parliament. It is self governing, acting through a Privy Council and the British Crown does not interfere. The island is just three and a half miles by one and a half miles and only 9 miles from the Normandy coast of France. It has a population of 2,300 people. I attended on behalf of C.I.I. and Intelnet, together with Ian Hopkins, Principal of the Institute of Professional Investigators and Richard Newman, President of the Association of British Investigators. On arrival at the 1850's Victorian church Gerd's coffin was already on the dais. The church was almost full with family and friends. Ruth arrived, escorted by her family and younger son Rene. The service was a mix between dignity and robust, hearty hymns. At the end the family escorted the coffin out of the church and onto a small aircraft to fly to the neighbouring Guernsey for a private cremation. At a later time Gerd's ashes will be scattered in the sea around Alderney. Ruth is facing the loss well, with the support of her family and appreciates the messages and cards that she has received from the members.

Alan Marr also discussed with Ruth a donation to a charity in Gerd's name. Ruth suggested donations be made to the Alderney Ambulance Service, which is privately funded. Alan has the details and has graciously volunteered to handle the donations.

In Memoriam

Our beloved Roberta left this world after a short battle with cancer on Saturday, February 18, 2006. She leaves behind her devoted husband of 48 years, Bert; her children, Vance (Tammy) and Stacy; her brothers, Larry Wetterschneider (Laurie), Stuart Wetterschneider (Ilene); her sister, Terry Bracket (Bill); her precious grandchildren, Sophia, Mason, Barrett, Ryan and Tyler, and other family and friends too numerous to count, all of whom will miss her greatly. Roberta was an active member of our community. She worked tirelessly to organize fundraising events for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates), and volunteered to read to local elementary students. It is the wish of her family, that Roberta's gracious and generous spirit be carried on by all whose lives she touched. A memorial service was held at La Paloma Country Club March 2.



Roberta Falbaum

Julia Abraham Bombet

We offer condolences to CII member, Buddy Bombet, on the death of his mother. Julia Abraham Bombet, 85 died on Saturday, January 28, 2006, at Our Lady of the Lake Regional Medical Center in Baton Rouge, LA.

Services were held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 30th at B'nai Israel Synagogue in Baton Rouge. She was preceded in death by her husband, Dr. Charles N. Bombet. Survivors include: three sons, Julius Bombet, Dr. Ronald L. Bombet and Richard A. Chappel (Garland, Tx).

A donation may be made in the name of Julia Bombet to her favorite charity, her Synagogue's building fund. That address is as follows: B'nai Israel, 3354 Kleinert Ave, Baton Rouge, LA 70806.

GERD HERBERT HOFFMANN **1931-2006**

By Paul Elliott, FII Sec MIPI CPP

G.H. Hoffman Sr., founded Hoffmann Bedrijfsrecherche in 1962. He was active in the company until 1996. In 2001, Gerd moved to Alderney in the Channel Islands where he continued to be active until his death in 2006. Some of Gerd's accomplishments include: Member of the Council of International Investigators of which he was a Director for many years; Director of the International Intelligence Network (INTELNET); Recipient of Lifetime Membership Award with Citation in INTELNET; Founding Member and director of the World Investigators Network; Recipient of the Tom J. Connell Security Award; Member and Fellow of the Institute of Professional Investigators; Recipient of the Award for Excellence from the Institute of Professional Investigators; Recipient of Life Membership in the World Association of



Cayman Islands, April 25, 2003. Jim Carino, left, presented Gerd with a Lifetime membership to Intelnet.

Detectives; Certified Fraud Examiner and Member of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners; and friend and professional to all.

I knew Gerd Hoffmann both as a friend and a business colleague for the last 20 of his 74 years and was pleased to have

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GERD HERBERT HOFFMANN - 1931-2006

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introduced him to the island of Alderney where he came to live in 2001 and lived happily until his death at home on 27 February 2006.

I always thought of Gerd as “the real Hercule Poirot”. He was an accomplished private detective of international repute and built his trade from those early beginnings when he was an errand boy for the Dutch Resistance during the Second World War. Gerd was born in Berlin, the son of a Jewish father and Gentile mother. His family fled to Amsterdam after the Nazis assumed power. His father was interned by the Germans in a concentration camp.

After leaving school, Gerd’s first job with an import/export company involved tracing missing consignments, bringing elusive debtors to book and dealing generally with matters of a criminal nature for his employers. Because of his wartime experiences at the hands of the fascists, Gerd leaned towards the left wing politics. This was noticed by his employer’s eastern bloc clients and he was approached to work for communist governments. He agreed to this whilst informing the Dutch government and as a result Gerd was employed as a double agent by the BVD (Dutch

Security Service) for six years.

In 1962, Gerd turned his professional experience towards commercial endeavors and formed Hoffmann Bedrijfsrecherche BV, a prominent private investigation agency which grew to employ around 40 staff with Gerd remaining active in the company until 1996. Marketing of the company was achieved by the regular distribution of booklets entitled “Hoffmann’s Tales” in which Gerd recounted criminal scams which he had uncovered and presented them, in a subtly amusing way, as salutary lessons to the less worldly of those engaged in business and commerce.

Such was the style of the man who, amongst his prolific academic achievements, spoke eight languages, was a Certified Fraud Examiner, A Fellow of the Institute of Professional Investigators, a Director of INTELNET, and a Life Member of the World Association of Detectives. Indeed the world of international security and law enforcement will undoubtedly be the poorer for the loss of Gerd Hoffmann but he leaves a legacy of documented experience and the memory of a “Poirot” like character with a twinkle in the eye that withered the ego of many a villain.



Last month while in Western Nebraska, I cam across this rest stop and thought some of the “big city folk” might like to see what it’s like here in Nebraska.

Photo by Robert Dudash

Yeah, but Robert aren’t the facilities a little BREEZY????

Knock-offs and counterfeit goods becoming global problem

In China, every time someone lights up a Panda cigarette, a little puff of DNA will go up in smoke along with the tobacco. That's because a Halifax, Nova Scotia (Canada) based company, DNA Technologies has just landed a contract to supply DNA-laced printing ink to the company that manufactures Panda cigarettes, Shanghai Tobacco Industry Printing Company.

It's the latest in anti-counterfeiting – implanting DNA into the product that will allow buyers to be assured that the item is “the real deal”.

China is widely reputed to be the knock off capital of the world – it is the source of much of the world's fake goods – consumer items like handbags, designer clothing, even toothbrushes, razor blades and brake pads. As a double threat, China is also the world's largest exporter.

DNA Technologies was able to capitalize on the growing need for world wide retailers to be able to ensure that the products they are selling are legitimate. The company is currently working only in the domestic Chinese market, providing dyes for packaging inks that can contain an invisible DNA marker. DNA Technologies also provides the technology to extract and verify DNA markers for verification purposes.

Knockoffs are becoming more than an annoyance though, as the US Chamber of Commerce, which represents about 3 million American businesses has recently released estimates that the global market in counterfeit goods could be worth up to \$2 trillion US within the next two decades.

Currently standing at about \$500 billion US, the global market in “knockoffs” or fake branded goods is growing at an ever increasing pace as counterfeiters have taken to making everything from counterfeit tires to handbags for fashion conscious divas.

Counterfeiters are becoming more and more adept at copying top branded goods with the result that millions of consumers have been duped. The days of buying a Nike sneaker spelled Nyke are long gone, and some executives of major branded goods have even admitted that they are unable to distinguish between their own branded goods and those seized from the counterfeiters.

Manufacturing in China and Brazil, the counterfeiters often have production facilities that rival the size of those operated by Gillette or Sony and employ thousands of people. They send representatives to all trade shows with instructions to pick up

samples of the latest products and are up and running in production of the replicas, sometimes even before the real product hits stores.

Among the top selling knock-off products today are such things as Oral B toothbrushes, Gillette razor blades (no wonder when the new Fusion blades are selling for as much as \$18.00 CDN for a 4 pack!) and Duracell batteries. When most of us think of pirated goods we tend to think Louis Vuitton, Hilfiger, etc, but alarmingly, some of the biggest trade in counterfeit goods right now is in prescription drugs. These knock-offs see life-saving drugs replaced with dangerous compounds or talcum powder, and packaged like the real item, often resulting in tragic results, particularly in Third World countries. Counterfeit drugs for deadly illnesses, such as malaria, have been found only after the fake drugs have been administered with devastating effects.

In one case the FBI intercepted a shipment of drugs that they suspected were counterfeit, but released the shipment after comparing it to drugs already on the shelf, not realizing that the drugs already on the shelf were also counterfeit.

The US Chamber cited other horror stories of brake pads made in China from compressed grass, that disintegrated into dust and exploding cell phone batteries that have resulted in serious burns. - Amalgamated stories from James Doran of the London Times and Halifax Herald



Louis Vuitton handbag from the Spring collection

Chairwoman Joan Beach hosted a dinner at the Old Ebbitt Grill, Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, March 14, 2006 in honor of visiting former Chairman/President Chris Brogan of London. Watch next issue for photos and news about the dinner.

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Melissa and Steve Bibler of Kalamazoo, Michigan, announce the safe arrival of

David Rommel Rito

born on February 16, 2006 at 1:30 p.m. He weighed 6 pounds 8 ounces and was 19 1/2 " long. We wish the family the best with their new addition.

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Hellman mayonnaise

Most people don't know that back in 1912 Hellman's mayonnaise was manufactured in England. In fact, the "Titanic" was carrying 12,000 jars of the condiment scheduled for delivery in Vera Cruz, Mexico which was to be the next port of call for the great ship after New York City.

Mexicans were crazy about the stuff.

The Mexican people were eagerly awaiting delivery and were disconsolate("desperados") at the loss. So much so that they declared a national day of mourning which they still observe today.

It is known, of course, as ...Sinko de Mayo.