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o India's I-flex to Acquire Herndon-Based Mantas for \$122.6 Million

Herndon, Va. -- India's **i-flex solutions** said on Monday that it will pay \$122.6 million in cash to acquire Herndon-based **Mantas**, a developer of anti-money laundering and compliance software, from parent **Safeguard Scientifics**. Mantas was originally formed as a business unit of SRA International, which spun out the company in 2001. Safeguard now holds an 88% stake in the Virginia company. Mantas' platform currently processes millions of financial transactions per day to flag potential fraud, money laundering and other illegal activities. The company's customers include ABN Amro, Barclays, Bear Stearns, Citigroup and Merrill Lynch. The deal is expected to close by the end of the current quarter.
<http://www.mantas.com/NewsEvents/PressReleases/iflexacquiresMantas.html>

o Dulles-Based AOL Acquires Web-Based Chat and IM Firm Userplane

Dulles, Va. -- In its third acquisition of the year, Dulles-based **AOL** said on Monday that it has paid an undisclosed amount for **Userplane**, a Los Angeles-based developer of web-based chat and instant messaging tools. Founded in 2001 by Michael Jones, Nate Thelen and Javier Hall, Userplane has licensed its chat technology to more than 100,000 web sites and online

communities, and has a presence in more than 25 countries. Key customers include MySpace.com, Honda, Date.com and IGN. Ted Leonsis, AOL's vice chairman, said the acquisition will "expand and extend the reach and relevance" of the company's instant messenger services, which currently have more than 83 million users. Userplane will operate as a unit of AOL, and its 12 employees will continue to be based in L.A. Earlier this year, AOL also acquired DC-based **Lightningcast** and **Truveo**.

http://press.aol.com/article_display.cfm?article_id=1031§ion_id=14

o Ashburn-Based AeroAstro Acquires Signal Research Corporation

Ashburn, Va. -- **AeroAstro**, an Ashburn-based developer of micro-satellite systems, said on Monday that it has acquired a majority stake in Colorado-based intelligence and space technology firm **Signal Research Corporation** (SRC) for an undisclosed sum. AeroAstro said that the deal extends its capabilities into space-based payloads, radios, communications, signal detection and space systems. SRC, which recently opened a second office in New Mexico, also gives AeroAstro a strong regional presence in the western U.S. Craig Gravelle, SRC's founder and COO, will join AeroAstro as its vice president of business development.

<http://www.aeroastro.com/>

<http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/060814/20060814005093.html?.v=1>

o Software Engineer Wins \$5.1 Million Verdict Against Landover-Based L-Soft

Landover, Md. -- A Brazilian software engineer has won a \$5.1 million judgment against Landover-based **L-Soft** for failing to properly compensate him for email delivery software that he developed, **The Daily Record** reported on Monday. **Juan Pizzorno** claimed that L-Soft -- developer of the **LISTSERV** email list management system -- kept selling the software after he severed ties with the company in 1999, even though it stopped paying him royalties. Following a two-week trial in Greenbelt, the U.S. District Court found against the company for breach of contract and copyright infringement. According to The Daily Record, the software, developed by Pizzorno in Germany, worked in concert with LISTSERV to deliver millions of messages that the system managed.

http://www.mddailyrecord.com/pub/5_644_law/legalnews/181097-1.html

<http://www.lsoft.com/>

o Alexandria-Based Robbins-Gioia Names John Marselle as New CEO

Alexandria, Va. -- **John Marselle**, a former executive at **Sun Microsystems**, has been named the new CEO of Alexandria-based **Robbins-Gioia**, a provider of program management services. A member of the Robbins-Gioia's board of directors, Marselle most recently led Sun's government division, and previously served as vice president of the Americas at Sun. He also serves as the chairman of the United Services Organization (USO) of Metropolitan Washington.

<http://www.robbinsgioia.com/>

<http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/060814/20060814005596.html?.v=1>

o Bethesda Softworks Signs Star Trek's "Five Captains" For Video Game

Rockville, Md. -- Rockville-based **Bethesda Softworks**, a developer and publisher of interactive entertainment software, said on Monday that it has signed all five actors who portrayed captains in the series **Star Trek** -- **William Shatner, Patrick Stewart, Scott Bakula, Avery Brooks, and Kate Mulgrew** -- as voice talent for its upcoming "Star Trek: Legacy" video game. The collaboration marks the first time the five actors have participated on a single Star Trek project together.
http://startrek.bethsoft.com/news/pressrelease_081406.html

o comScore: Microsoft is Most Visited Web Property in June

Reston, Va. -- **Microsoft** topped the list of the most visited global web properties in June, according to new figures from Reston-based Internet research firm **comScore Networks**. Microsoft-owned sites drew approximately 500 million visitors, followed by **Yahoo** (481 million) and **Google** (454 million). Each company drew about 200 million more visitors than the next closest web property. While the established Internet players grabbed the top spots in the worldwide rankings, comScore said that several upstarts have quickly found their way into the top 15 properties. **Wikipedia** ranked eighth on a worldwide basis, while **MySpace** ranked 15th.
<http://www.comscore.com/press/release.asp?press=976>



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Where: Ritz Carlton, Pentagon City



o Briefly Noted:

(Vienna, Va.) Vienna-based **Parature**, a provider of customer support and help desk software, on Monday named **Elaine Harvey** as its vice president of engineering. Harvey, who has 18 years of software development experience, most recently served as director of the Secure Software Development Practice at NetSec's Government Solutions Group.
http://www.parature.com/press_release.aspx?ID=06-0025

(Dulles, Va.) Dulles-based **SER Solutions**, a developer of call management and speech analytics software, on Monday named **Scott Wielar** as its senior vice president of marketing and business development. Most recently, Wielar served as a senior director at Capital One where he was responsible for marketing launch and channel expansion activities. He also previously served as a strategy and operations consultant with Bain & Company, Deloitte & Touche and Arthur Andersen.

<http://www.ser.com/news/detail.asp?id=1150&sub=136>

(Springfield, Va.) Springfield-based **Cornet Technology Inc. (CTI)** said on Monday that its Video Convergence division has won a long-term contract to design, test and install surveillance camera systems on arterial roadways in **Northern Virginia**. The new system will transmit real-time video through an IP-based network, to the **Virginia Department of Transportation's Smart Traffic Center** in Arlington. The project is part of an effort by the department to manage congestion in the Tysons Corner area before construction of the Dulles Metro rail begins in early 2007.

<http://www.cornet.com>

<http://biz.yahoo.com/bw/060814/20060814005144.html?.v=1>

(Hunt Valley, Md.) Hunt Valley-based **BreakAway**, a developer of entertainment games and simulation software, on Monday named **Steve Meyer** as its vice president of development. Meyer most recently served as the president and CEO of toy invention design firm Meyer/Glass Design.

<http://www.breakawayltd.com/>

(Gaithersburg, Md.) Gaithersburg-based **MedImmune**, a developer of drugs to treat infectious diseases, cancer and inflammatory diseases, said on Monday that it has promoted **Edward Mathers** to executive vice president of corporate development and venture. Mathers, who has been with the company since 2002, will be responsible for MedImmune's licensing and business development activities. He will also be a key leader in the company's MedImmune Ventures team evaluating investment opportunities.

<http://phx.corporate-ir.net/phoenix.zhtml?c=83037&p=irol-investornewsArticle&ID=895511&highlight=>