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**PROGRAMS FOR JUNE 2005**

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**Tuesday, June 7, 2005**

**Speaker: Andy Horne, Swift Boat Vet**  
<http://www.swiftvets.com>



Andy volunteered for Swift Boat duty and served our country during the Vietnam War. He will recount some of his experiences while serving during the same time as another infamous Swift Vet, John Kerry.

**Tuesday, June 14, 2005**

**Speaker: H. Frank Stanley, Associate Director,**  
**Cushman & Wakefield of Texas and U.S. Army Reservist**  
<http://www.army.mil>



Having recently completed 20 years of military service leaving as a Captain in 2004, Frank served the U.S. Army as Chief of Intelligence to the War Crimes Investigation Team. Frank will share some of his experiences while stationed in Baghdad, Iraq.

**Tuesday, June 21, 2005**

**Speaker: Bert Keller, Vice President-Sales,**  
**Nestor Traffic Systems**  
<http://www.nestor.com>



Former Houston City Councilmember serving District G, Bert now works for Nestor, an emerging leader in video-based monitoring products and services for traffic management and safety. Bert will tell us about some of the latest technology used in these innovative systems.

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Tuesday, June 28, 2005

Speaker: **S. Ward Casscells, M.D.**  
<http://www.publicaffairs.uth.tmc.edu/distinctions>



Dr. Casscells leads the U.S. Army's T5 program, Texas Training and Technology against Trauma, which he will discuss. He is also the founding chairman of Defense of Houston. Dr. Casscells is involved in patient care, teaching and research in the detection and prevention of heart attacks and strokes.

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A Band of Brothers...Rick Rescorla  
*By Rick Scavetta*  
Stars and Stripes

During combat in Vietnam, Lt. Rick Rescorla would sing to his troops to keep their spirits high while under fire. As head of security for Morgan Stanley Dean Witter in New York, Rescorla used the same tactics to calm co-workers as he led them from their offices during the attacks on the world trade center.

Rescorla survived battlefields in Southwest Asia, but he apparently was not so fortunate Sept. 11. Currently on the missing list, Rescorla was last seen in a 10-th floor staircase. He is credited with saving 3,800 colleagues, while sacrificing himself.

Rescorla is a featured character in "We Were Soldiers Once...And Young," a factual account of combat in Vietnam's Ia Drang Valley. Written by Army Gen. Hal Moore and reporter Joe Galloway, the book is considered required reading among Army officers.

Rescorla, 62, took charge during the terrorist attack on his building, just as if he was again in combat, Galloway said during a telephone interview from his home in Washington, D.C. "No one would have expected anything less of him," Galloway said. Rescorla was in his office on the 44th floor at 8:48 a.m., when the first plane struck the neighboring tower. At 9:10 a.m., a plane hit the second building where Morgan Stanley, an international financial services firm, had offices between the 43rd and 66th floors. Survivors said Rescorla grabbed a bullhorn and cleared out 3,800 workers from 20 floors. When newspapers published accounts of Rescorla's calming office workers with his songs, Galloway remembered Rescorla singing Welsh mining

songs during combat in Vietnam. Comrades who served with Rescorla said he would sing and tell jokes to motivate troops. "He was doing what he always did, singing to them," Galloway said. "Just as he did in battle."

According to a press account, Morgan Stanley employee Bob Sloss last saw Rescorla in a 10th floor stairwell, calming the fleeing mob of office workers. "Rick was down toward the base trying to make sure people got down and out," Sloss was quoted in the report. "He was definitely there well after it had been established that the building was in trouble."

"If you can go to the grave knowing you helped save people, it seems to be a life well-lived," Galloway said. "He died as he lived, a great soldier."

The Growing Class of Americans Who Pay  
No Federal Income Taxes  
*By Scott A. Hodge and J. Scott Moody*

By midnight on April 15 a year from now, Americans will have filed roughly 132 million tax returns with the IRS. While most of the tax day stories will focus on how much less typical families are paying because of the recent tax cuts, little attention will be given to the millions of Americans who will have no income tax liability at all.

Tax Foundation economists estimate that for tax year 2004, a record 44 million tax returns were correctly demanding the return of every dollar (or more) that is being withheld from their paychecks during the year. In other words, after taking all the available credits and deductions, they will owe no income taxes and Uncle Sam may well owe them. Of course, this is quite different from the situation of people who

have paid a great deal in income taxes throughout the year but are getting a small refund because the government withheld even more than the amount due.

The group of zero-tax filers is growing rapidly because of the Bush tax cuts. It was 29 million in 2000, and 44 million in 2004, a 50 percent increase.

Even 58 million is not the actual number of people because one tax return often represents several people. When all of the dependents of these income-producing households are counted, roughly 122 million Americans—44 percent of the U.S. population—are outside of the federal income tax system.

The Muslim groups who wouldn't attend the  
March Against Terror  
*By Joel Mowbray*

In the first of its kind for an event organized by a major national Muslim organization, Kamal Nawash and the Free Muslims Coalition (FMC) recently held the Free Muslims March Against Terrorism. Not surprisingly, the leaders of every other major Muslim organization shunned the march and declined to take a public stand against terrorism and extremism.

Noticeably missing from the list of over 80 sponsors Nawash rounded up was any of the Muslim groups that claim to be moderates, such as the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) and Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC). Though these groups pay lip service to opposing terrorism, they couldn't put their money where their mouth is and bring themselves to stand side-by-side with the Free Muslim Coalition.

The reasons for the absence of the major national Muslim groups are obvious. The empirical evidence has clearly demonstrated where the true loyalties of organizations such as CAIR and MPAC lie. In this particular case, it is anathema for many Muslim groups to identify themselves with these unambiguous message of the rally. Nawash is among the few Muslim leaders—and certainly one of the very few leaders of the overtly political Muslim groups—to explicitly confront the real threat, the real root cause of terrorism: radical Islam.

Where most prominent Muslim leaders prefer ambiguity and moral equivalence, Nawash stakes out an unmistakable position not only opposing just violent jihad, but the doctrines of Wahhabism and political Islam as well. Nawash is, without exception, against the creation of Islamic states—anywhere. The other major Islamic organizations simply can't take this position. Their refusal to back even Nawash's message exposes their true sympathies.

If other Muslim groups could even go as far as condemning specific acts of Islamic terror, that would be a step in Nawash's direction.

### Competitive Politics

A couple of opposing candidates for county office happened to be sitting next to each other in the local diner. One turned to the other and said, "You know why I'm going to win this election? Because of my 'personal touch.' For example, I always tip waitresses really well and then ask them to vote for me." "Oh, really?" replied the other. "I always tip them a nickel and ask them to vote for you."