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- Where to Go for Summer Fun on a Budget
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The Importance of Strategic Partners: Technology Platforms

By Vince Brodt

A growing trend amongst research providers is the need for ‘Strategic Partners’, which can be used to make doing business more enjoyable. In recent years several groups have come to the forefront of this movement, focusing specifically on technology.

There are many buzzwords that exist to define these groups, which simply aren’t accurate. The term ‘applicant tracking system’ has come to define the nature of what these groups offer, but this term is often times misleading. A better definition would be ‘technology platform’, or, ‘background screening technology provider’.

Examples of such groups are: AccioData, BackChecked, ClearStar, deverus, FRS, ISS, and TazWorks. Although each group has a fundamentally

different perspective in terms of the services they provide, the one common thread is that they provide a technological solution for providers to successfully integrate with their clientele, through a language called Extensible Markup Language (XML).

From the provider’s perspective, a strategic integration with a technology platform offers a definite advantage in providing the best service possible to their client base. Some of the many benefits include reducing the risk of human error in data transmission, reducing overall turnaround times, and enabling a greater focus to be on providing customer service. All of this can be accomplished through integrations with these partners, as opposed to processing an entire client’s activity through manual processes.

Celebrate at SJV

Happy Birthday:

Audrey 4/23	Rachel 4/27
Shane 4/24	Renee 4/16
Sheldon 4/21	Jeff T. 4/17
Mary 4/15	

Happy Anniversary

Tabitha	4/2/2007
Noelle	5/21/2007
Shane	6/22/2004
Cathy	6/21/2005

Congratulations to Jeff Green; new homeowner!



Summer on a Budget by Rachel Miller



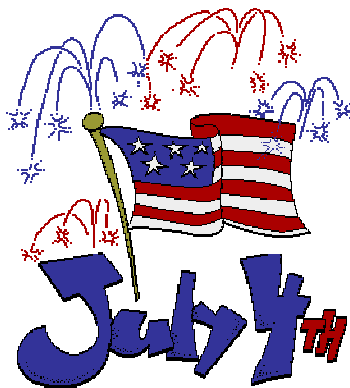
Summer's here and it's time to get out and do something fun! Here are a few suggestions that will help save some money.

Baseball: Everyone loves baseball, so think about heading down to Turner Field on 2 for 1 Tuesdays, when you can get two Upper Reserved tickets for just \$8! If you like sitting a little closer, try Wednesdays-you can get two Field/Terrace Pavilion tickets for \$22. Or check out the Gwinnett or Rome Braves-Ticket prices range from 6-15\$ in Gwinnett and 4-10\$ in Rome! <http://www.gwinnettbraves.com/> and <http://www.romebraves.com/>

For a relaxing day in a beautiful setting try Stone Mountain. Park entry is only \$8 and includes access to the natural areas. Bring a picnic and a Frisbee and you're all set.

For a weekend getaway try Helen, Georgia. Located only an hour and a half north of us, Helen offers lots of great activities like golf, tubing, horseback riding, boating, hiking and fishing, all in a beautiful Alpine setting.

If you've got guests coming or just want to see the sights of Atlanta that many of us take for granted, consider the City Pass. You can do 6 attractions (including the Aquarium, the Zoo, World of Coke and the High Museum) for just \$69 (kids \$49) <http://www.citypass.com/>. You can also find combo deals for a Braves game plus 1-4 other popular attractions on the Braves website (look for combo deals under "tickets").



Marietta-- held in Marietta Square, begins July 4 at 10 a.m. and includes a parade, free live concerts, museum tours, arts and crafts show, food, carnival games and fireworks finale.

Woodstock--Parade starts at 10am at the old Wal-Mart it will head North through Olde Towne. After the parade there will be food, games and arts and crafts in downtown City Park. The evening ends with fireworks on Hwy 92 near the Target shopping center

Stone Mountain--Enjoy live entertainment, fireworks and much more. The Lasershow Spectacular can be seen nightly July 3-5.

Decatur--A parade winds through downtown Decatur. Decorate your wagon, ride your bike, skate, or walk in this event. The concert, featuring the *Callanwolde Concert Band*, begins at 7 p.m. in the Community Bandstand. Fireworks begin at dark and are shot from the top of the DeKalb County parking deck.

Downtown--Centennial Olympic Park is the site of a day long celebration with live music and entertainment starting in the afternoon and ending with a huge fireworks show choreographed to music. Festivities begin at 4:30 PM, with the fireworks show at 9:30 PM.

Lenox Square--Home to the largest fireworks show in the southeast, starting at 9:40.

By Rachel Miller

History of Ice Cream

by Heather Corrubia



The origins of ice cream can be traced back as far as 4th Century B.C. Early references to ice cream include the Roman Emperor Nero (A.D. 37-68) who ordered slaves to bring ice from the mountains which was then flavored with fruit and juices.

King Tang of Shang, China (A.D. 618-697) developed a method of creating ice and milk concoctions. It is believed ice cream was brought from China back to Europe.

Over time, the recipes for ice cream evolved and spread throughout Europe making their way into Italian and French royal courts.

Ice cream was then imported to the United States in the 1700's and was served by several famous Americans including George Washington and Thomas Jefferson.

www.idfa.org

Betsy Hodges: 2008 SJV Employee of the Year

by Rachel Miller

Records Specialist Betsy Hodges has been with SJV for almost 5 years and was named the 2008 Employee of the Year. In addition to being an invaluable part of our team, she also makes us laugh on a daily basis!
Betsy Hodges-25 years old, born in Marietta, graduated from Kennesaw State, has a cat named P-Nut.

What's your favorite part of your job?

-My favorite part of my job is being able to collaborate with other departments to solve problems and straighten out and clarify issues. I also like being able to work at my own pace and work in a manner that allows me to be most efficient and productive.

What has been your favorite fun activity at SJV over the years?

- Picking up trash for Keeping Cobb Clean. I got partnered with Tabby who couldn't wear the protective gloves. So they gave her a home made trash picker upper that didn't work. She stabbed some of the trash and I had to pull it off of the picker upper as well as pick up all of the rest of the trash. Basically by the end of the adventure she was pointing to trash with the picker upper and I was picking it all up myself.

What's a good day for Betsy?

- A good day at work for me is having an overall productive day. It doesn't take much more for me to have a good day as long as I keep busy and have my blanket to keep me warm.

Aren't the Cubs really better than the Cardinals?

- Of course they are better- put a large bear cub and a cardinal into a cage and see who wins.

WATER SAFETY

by Heather Corrubia

Boating

- Check for all required safety equipment
- Don't overload your boat with equipment OR passengers
- Wear a life jacket!
- Do not consume alcohol
- Check the weather forecast

Swimming

- Swim only in designated swimming areas
- Never swim alone
- Know your swimming limits
- If caught in a current, swim parallel to the shore until the water stops pulling then swim back to shore
- Don't swim in the dark
- Don't chew gum or eat while you swim- you could choke!
- Never rely on float toys such as inner tubes or water wings to stay afloat

For more information: www.kidshealth.org and <http://watersafety.usace.army.mil/>



Summer-Simple "Cheesecake" by Rachel Miller

1 graham cracker crust
1/4 cup powdered sugar
1 small container strawberry glaze

8 oz cream cheese
2 1lb containers fresh strawberries



- Whip room temperature cream cheese and powdered sugar together until fluffy, then spread over piecrust.
- Thinly slice strawberries, then add strawberry glaze a little at a time (mix gently!) until coated to your taste.
- Spread berry mix over cream cheese mix
- Refrigerate 2 hours before serving

-You can then top with whipped cream or cool whip if desired. You can also substitute whole fresh raspberries if you like (still use the strawberry glaze).

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NAPBS Annual Conference 2009 Review

By Vince Brodt

This year's annual conference for the National Association of Professional Background Screener's was held in St. Louis, MO during the month of March. Traditionally the annual conference focuses on several educational sessions with various speakers informing all attendees of several trends or other interesting aspects of the background screening industry.

Also at the annual conference is one of the largest venues for exhibitors to present their companies and their services, and once again SJV exhibited amongst their peers in the industry to inform current and prospective clients of the firm's services.

For the first time, a member of SJV also presented an educational session. Vince Brodt presented a speech on The Importance of Quality Management Systems, focusing specifically on how groups can improve internally by obtaining a certified quality management system. Other firms can also benefit by working closely with firms that have certified quality management systems, as well.

In related news, Vince was also the grand prizewinner of TazWorks' promotional giveaway item. All it took was a business card dropped into a large bowl, and for his efforts Vince was awarded a brand new Nintendo Wii.

NAPBS has held an annual conference each year since 2003, and now also hosts a mid-year meeting that focuses on committee actions, in October. The mid-year meeting for 2009 will take place in Atlanta, GA.