

Jamestown resident makes colleges safer

By Sam Bari

Michael Glier, a 15-year Jamestown resident, is president and CEO of Campus Guardian, a Delaware-registered corporation that provides personal security for both students and staff on college campuses.

Glier, a software consultant, and co-founder Mark Laird, an engineer, assembled an experienced team of senior executives, advisors and engineers. The CG team applied its extensive experience and expertise in law enforcement, security, and communications to develop hardware and software that turns GPS-enabled cell phones into personal security devices.

According to Glier, using the CG system dramatically reduces response time to emergency situations by immediately notifying campus security when a button on a subscriber's phone is pressed or a 911 call is placed. The system pinpoints the location of the caller on an enhanced campus map.

"The campus security force becomes the first responder, and response time significantly improves in all emergency situations because security personnel are within feet, not miles, of the caller's location," Glier said. He also mentioned that the system is monitored 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

In 2003 and 2004, Campus Guardian was awarded two U.S.



Michael Glier, right, his wife Jeanne Spinosa, and their dog Mishka relax in their Jamestown home. Photo by Sam Bari

patents for the College Guardian system. In 2007, the United States Patent and Trademark Office added to the patent portfolio with a patent for the company's Mobile Emergency Notification System, Glier said.

"They chose Rhode Island to be the first to test the system because it was the only state with a statewide 911 agency. Since the initial successful testing, the CG system has been installed and is up and running for evaluation at Roger Williams University. It will also be a vital part of the Providence College security

program in the near future," he added.

Glier said the Rhode Island Business Plan Competition named Campus Guardian the 2007 winner in the entrepreneur track. With the monetary award, Campus Guardian won services from a number of local businesses to help with its start up effort.

Glier said that after watching a live demonstration of the system, the chief of security at a major university was very clear in his opinion. The man said, "This will drive crime off my campus," Glier said. He also mentioned

that other campus officials have said that availability of the Campus Guardian system at their university will be a differentiator in the selection of their school.

According to statistics, college campus security problems significantly escalated in the 1990s, Glier said. He explained that he and his partner had the resources and relationships with the right personnel to develop a system that would improve campus security and significantly reduce the number of incidents.

"Statistics tell us that most incidents, like assaults, last about 45-seconds," Glier said. He noted that the average campus security team takes anywhere from three-to five-minutes to respond to a call, and 911 can sometimes take 10 minutes or more to arrive at the scene. "By the time help arrives, the incidents are long over, and if a theft or assault has occurred, the perpetrator is usually long gone. The CG system can reduce response time from minutes to seconds, and if all goes as planned, it will be responsible for saving lives," he said.

Glier explained that the system costs subscribers about \$150 a year. Colleges can either have CG run the program as a turnkey operation, or the school can run the program and include membership in the cost of tuition. Either way, the CG team is heavily involved from the beginning.

"Our personnel install the

equipment and train security personnel to use it," Glier said. "It takes a team of four about six weeks to complete the installation. We then monitor the system around the clock and oversee the maintenance," he added.

"The Campus Guardian Corporation is privately funded. Anyone interested in an opportunity to participate in Campus Guardian Corporation's success, can contact our investor relations department by sending e-mail to investors@campusguardian.com," Glier said.

Michael Glier was born in Long Island, N.Y., and grew up in Virginia. His father was employed by the State Department as a staff member of the radio program "Voice of America." Glier attended a junior college in northern Virginia before going to work for NASA for six years. He then moved north to New England and worked for various firms in the telecommunications industry until he established his own software consulting company in 1990. Glier founded Campus Guardian with his partner Mark Laird in 2003.

Glier moved to Jamestown in 1993. He has a daughter and three grandchildren. His wife, Jeanne Spinosa, is manager of telecommunications at Johnson and Wales University in Providence.

Jamestown Realtors earn accolades

Three Jamestown Realtors received honors at the annual RE/MAX Club Awards ceremony, held in Boston. Linda Wallace, associate, was named to the 100 percent club; Denise Aguiar, associate, was named to the Executive Club and Arlene Reitman, associate, was also named to the Executive Club.

The special awards ceremony recognized individual RE/MAX associates and teams in Rhode Island for excellence in sales and service, as well as their commitment to the greater community.

RE/MAX Bayview Associate Linda Wallace received the Hall of Fame award, which recognizes cumulative sales production throughout an associate's career with RE/MAX.

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'Farm Kids' at Watson Farm registration deadline looms

Farm Kids is a six-week outdoor after school program that starts Friday, April 25. It offers children in grades 5 and 6 the opportunity to explore and experience the various habitats that make up the 265-acre Watson Farm.

Woodland, wetlands, shoreline, farm fields and barnyard are all parts of this working historic farm. "Farm Kids" will get a chance to see life on the farm through the change of seasons, and at the same time develop nature observation skills. It is an exciting time on the farm with Sheep Shearing Day, gardens

being planted and the birthing of lambs and calves. Most importantly the children will become a part of the farm community while learning about the history and future of agriculture on Conanicut Island.

The program is on Fridays from 3 to 5:30 p.m., starting April 25 and running May 2, 9, 16, and 30. Registration fee is \$40 for members of Historic New England and \$60 for non-members. Pre-registration is required and space is limited. For more information, contact Heather Minto at 423-0005.

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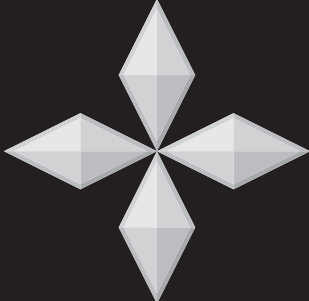
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