

votes. Two weeks later Neuenswander learned that the race had been dead even with the margin of loss being just 24 votes. No one offered any explanation for the discrepancy.

Tennessee: August 1998, Memphis: In the governor's race, a software programming error in Shelby County began crediting votes to the wrong candidates. Computer cartridges containing 295 individual precinct results were taken to a central location because the scanner couldn't read them. The system that was shut down had posted the incorrect results to newsrooms across the city. At least one television station broadcast the bogus results.

Virginia: November 1999, Norfolk, Virginia: Machines showed totals of zero but votes had been cast. Edward O'Neal, Norfolk Electoral Board vice chairman, said, "Somehow, they lost their ability to count the votes."

Texas: November 2002, Dallas: When 18 machines were pulled out of action in Dallas because they registered Republican when voters pushed Democrat, Judge Karen Johnson, a Republican, quashed an effort to investigate the accuracy of the tally.

Florida: March 2002, Medley, Florida: Voting machines gave the town council election to the wrong candidate. The problem was attributed to a programming error by a voting machine technician. County Elections Supervisor David Leahy said he was concerned because the computer did not raise any red flags; humans had to spot the error.

New Mexico: November 2002, Taos, New Mexico: Just 25 votes separated the candidates in one race; another race had a 79-vote margin. After noticing that the computer was counting votes under the wrong names, Taos County Clerk Jeannette Rael contacted the programmer of the optical-scan voting machine and was told that the problem was a software programming error.

Florida: November 2002: Gubernatorial candidate Bill McBride was a tough guy to vote for: One voter said that he tried 10 times, and every time he pressed McBride, the Jeb Bush choice lit up. He could only get his vote to light up the McBride choice when he pressed a dead area of the screen. No paper ballot was available, so no one really knows who got any of the votes, regardless of which candidate lit up. Similar problems were reported in various permutations, for various candidates, by several Florida voters; and an identical problem was noted in Texas.

Who's Who of Virtual Voting Machine Companies

by Art Ticknor

Diebold Election Systems (Vancouver)

Corporate Profile:

Diebold Election Systems acquired Global Election Systems of Vancouver in 2002. First Manhattan Co. (the investment banking firm) owned 5.60% of outstanding common shares as of end of 2002.

Parent company **Diebold, Inc.** of Canton, Ohio is manufacturer and distributor of automated financial transaction systems (such as ATMs) and software for banks and financial institutions, and others, worldwide. Also provides physical and electronic security systems (2001—awarded contract to "secure" the U.S. Constitution, Bill of Rights, and Declaration of Independence).

Diebold Procomp subsidiary in 2000 manufactured and installed more than 360,000 DREs throughout Brazil.

Key Personnel:

CEO Walden O'Dell is a frequent visitor to the Bush ranch in Crawford, Texas, and hosted a \$600,000 fundraiser for Dick Cheney last June. In August 2003 he attended a strategy meeting with fellow Bush "Rangers and Pioneers" at the Bush ranch—those who have raised at least \$100,000 each for the 2004 Presidential campaign. He also hosted a Republican Party fundraiser at his Columbus, Ohio mansion, and said he was "committed to helping Ohio deliver its electoral votes to the President next year," in his Aug. 14 invitation.

W.R. "Tim" Timken, Jr., member of Board, is co-chair of Ohio's state Bush-Cheney re-election campaign, and hosted a \$750,000 fundraiser headlined by Cheney in November 2003. Timken, also a Bush Pioneer, and one of Bush's favorite Ohio fundraisers, in late April used his Canton, Ohio steel company as a site for Bush to tout his tax cuts. "We all have to dig deep to support President Bush," Timken declared at a \$1.4 million fundraiser in October. In addition, Timken was named by Bush as chairman of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation in early April. Timken has long been involved in Republican Party politics. Timken hosted Bush at a private luncheon during the 2000 Presidential campaign, attended by fewer than 100 people, and helped pay for Bush's inauguration as President in January 2001.

Directors:

Louis V. Bockius III—chairman, Bockco Inc. (plastic injection molding);

Christopher M. Connor—chairman and CEO, Sherwin-Williams;

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Richard L. Crandall—chairman, Giga Information Group (technology advisory firm);

Gale S. Fitzgerald—former president and CEO, GP Group, Inc. (procurement and supply solutions);

Donald R. Gant—senior director, Goldman Sachs Group; L. Lindsey Halstead—former chairman, Ford-Europe;

Phillip B. Lassiter—chairman and CEO, Ambac Financial Group (financial guarantee insurance holding company). Its major owners are JP Morgan Chase, Wellington Management, Goldman Sachs, and Citigroup. Ambac says it started the bond insurance business;

John N. Lauer—chairman, Oglebay Norton Co. (industrial minerals);

William F. Massy—president, Jackson Hole Higher Education Group; professor emeritus, Stanford University;

Walden W. O'Dell—chairman, president, and CEO, Diebold;

Eric J. Roorda—former chairman, Diebold Procomp;

W. R. Timken, Jr.—chairman, Timken Company (bearings and alloy steel);

Bob Urosevich—president, Diebold Election Systems.

Election Systems and Software (Omaha, Nebraska)

Company profile:

World's largest provider of election systems. Launched first-ever electronic voting in Spain, in June.

Formerly named **American Information Systems**, bought elections systems firm **Business Records Company** in 1997.

Privately held company; reportedly owned by Omaha *World-Herald* and McCarthy Group (asset management firm), both linked to Peter Kiewit Foundation. (**Peter Kiewit Sons', Inc. (PKS)** chairman emeritus Walter Scott, Jr. is a long-time Warren Buffett associate, on the board of Berkshire Hathaway, who spun off Level 3 telecom company from PKS.) Kiewit, which builds military facilities, is noted for being involved in bid-rigging cases in 11 states.

Board of Directors:

William F. Welsh II—chairman;

Aldo Tesi—president and CEO;

John S. Groh—senior vice president;

Todd Urosevich—vice president, brother of Bob Urosevich of Diebold.

Peter Kiewit Foundation:

John W. Hancock—chairman;

Michael L. Gallagher—vice-chairman;

U.S. Bank National Association—corporate trustee.

Sequoia Voting Systems (Oakland, California)

Company Profile:

Parent company **De La Rue Cash Systems Ltd.** bought 85% stake on May 29, 2002; remaining 15% stake was held by former owner **Jefferson Smurfit Group** (Ireland manufacturer); was bought by **Madison Dearborn Partners**

(linked to **Carlyle Group**).

De La Rue, according to Sequoia, prints currencies for 125 countries, passports, and identity cards, and works "in collaboration with the world's premier law enforcement agencies, including Interpol, Scotland Yard and the FBI."

De La Rue Board of Directors:

Sir Brandon Gough—non-executive chairman; chairman, Montanaro Smaller Companies Investment Trust; former chairman, Coopers & Lybrand;

Ian Much—chief executive officer;

Stephen King—group finance director;

Louise Fluker—general counsel and company secretary;

Keith Hodgkinson—non-executive director;

Nicholas Brookes—non-executive director;

Michael Jeffries—non-executive director;

Philip Nolan—non-executive director.

Sequoia Board of Directors:

Not listed by the company.

Hart Intercivic (Austin, Texas)

Company Profile:

Voting-system vendor; sells "eSlate," a dial-a-vote variation of a touch-screen system.

Its chairman is David Hart.

As the company's commercial printing fortunes fell, Hart lined up venture capital and became a voting-system vendor. Initial funding from Triton Ventures, subsidiary of Triton Energy, in turn a unit of **Amerada Hess**.

RES Partners, a major investor in Hart, represents Richard Salwen, a heavy contributor to G.W. Bush and Republican Party.

Another investor, **Stratford Capital**, is an arm of Hicks, Muse, Tate & Furst, founded Tom Hicks. Hicks bought Texas Rangers in 1999 from G.W. Bush, and is also a major owner of the media giant Clear Channel Communications.

Accenture (Philadelphia)

Company Profile:

Accenture was the prime contractor for the Pentagon's SERVE (Secure Electronic Registration and Voting Experiment) Internet voting system, which was scrapped in early February 2004 after an outside study found that SERVE, or any Internet-based voting system, is inherently insecure.

Accenture is simply the old **Arthur Andersen Consulting**, which was compelled to change its name to avoid association with the Enron accounting disaster.

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