



Heavy-Lift Event Soars

BOOKFAIR 2000 has come and gone. It is such labor-intensive work that each year we look back and ask incredulously, “Did we really manage to do it again?” Each year brings its unexpected concerns. This year, the State Department’s new “Soaring American Eagle” statue had to be brought in by heavy-lift helicopter during BOOKFAIR. We were concerned lest the up-draft created by the rotary blades do unpleasant things to our outdoor sales area and tent. In addition, we had to design the layout of BOOKFAIR so that invited guests could wend their way to the dedication of the bronze statue. Then, too, it poured rain while we were hanging artwork, and we sincerely wondered if the tent would keep everything dry. The lesson to be learned is that, no matter how well you plan, there will always be something which is unexpected and beyond your control.

How does BOOKFAIR “happen?” The answer is: “With an incredible amount of hard work from a group of generous and motivated volunteers whose numbers are dwindling...” The work during the year involves more heavy lifting than the new State Department statue, with multiple trips in Washington, Maryland, and Virginia to pick up hundreds of books and objects from all over the world. The Book Room Manager makes most of these pick-ups herself with some help from volunteers.

Planning starts as early as March, with monthly meetings until October to update plans and discuss problems. There are many considerations: knowledgeable volunteers to price books; volunteers for BOOKFAIR itself; extensive publicity to request donations; extensive publicity both in the Department and beyond to promote the event; special requirements for Art Corner; functions and responsibilities of the cashiers; posters and signs; logistics, security, and refreshments. And that is just the beginning.

Though this is no substitute for personal thanks, Anne Kauzlarich and I as BOOKFAIR Co-Chairs would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who were involved in this year’s BOOKFAIR. Our final net total is not yet available because the invoices have not all come in. However, we can say with certainty that we

grossed almost \$14,000 more than last year—a considerable achievement. The AAFSW Board and Ann and I extend an ENORMOUS THANK YOU to you all, bearing in mind also that many of you are kind enough to come back year after

year so that we may benefit from your expertise. We also acknowledge with much gratitude the willing and invaluable support from both General Services and Diplomatic Security. Finally, we would like to thank the Director General for taking time from a busy schedule to assist us with the BOOKFAIR opening.

Mette Beecroft
BOOKFAIR Co-Chair

How is Your Health Insurance?

Open Season for the Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program began November 13th and will continue through December 11th. No matter how busy you are, at least take time to read information from your insurer on “How We Change in 2001.” Better yet, spend a few minutes investigating whether your current plan really offers the best solution for the coming year. For instance, if you have moved to the Washington, DC area, switching to an HMO could save your family over \$1000 per year. Of course, the cost of premiums should not be the only

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Boarding School Fairs

Foreign Service families in the Washington, DC area have two upcoming opportunities to visit with boarding school representatives. There is no charge for either event.

Meet with over 160 boarding schools that are members of The Association of Boarding Schools (TABS) at the Renaissance Mayflower Hotel in Washington, DC on Sunday, December 3rd, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Forty boarding schools, in coordination with the Family Liaison Office, will present a mini-fair in the Exhibit Hall (near the cafeteria) at the main State Department building on Monday, December 4th, from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information, contact the Family Liaison Office:
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New Staff Members Join FLO

Expeditious Naturalization and Functional Training

Vanja Huth joined the Family Liaison Office staff in September, 2000, as FLO's first Naturalization Program Specialist. FLO assumed the Expeditious Naturalization portfolio from the Bureau of Human Resources Employee Relations Office. Vanja's duties include counseling State Department employees who are married to foreign-born spouses seeking naturalization. Specifically, FLO provides information about Section 319(b) of the immigration law and "expeditious" naturalization. The word "expeditious" means that the three-year U.S. residency requirement for citizenship is waived for the spouses of Department of State employees who are assigned overseas. These naturalization cases average an eight-month waiting period. The FLO office acts as liaison with the Immigration and Naturalization Service (INS) to keep cases moving forward.

In addition to her work with State spouses seeking to be naturalized expeditiously under INS regulations, Vanja has also assumed responsibility for functional training enrollment, previously handled by FLO Employment Specialist Debbie Thompson.

Vanja's overseas experience includes work as a teacher in the International School of Stockholm; CLO at the American embassies in Stockholm and Moscow; USIS librarian in Berlin; Administrative Assistant and Trade Specialist in Moscow; and Consular Assistant in Stockholm and in Sofia, Bulgaria. Vanja has also lived in Nigeria. She has a B.S. in Secondary Education, German, and History and an M.A. in German Literature. Vanja originally hails from Sweden. She can be reached at FLO (see contact information, left) or via email: huthvs2@state.gov

Assistance with Family Member Employment

Liza DeWindt Bright joined the Family Liaison Office staff as Employment Program Assistant in September, 2000. Her responsibilities include assisting clients who need information on

family member employment and managing FLO's Family Member Employment Report (FAMER).

Liza was born in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and grew up in the Foreign Service as a "Third Culture Kid." She has lived in Peru, Mexico, and Buenos Aires, Argentina, where she worked in the Consular Section and General Services Office of the American Embassy. Liza has also worked for the Maryland State Legislature, the Merchant Energy Group of the Americas and as an intern in the FLO Office. Liza replaces Carleen Kaurin. She can be reached at FLO (information bottom left) or via email: brightld@state.gov.



AAFSW Sponsors Scholarships

Graduating high school seniors and college undergraduate Foreign Service children can now apply for merit and financial aid scholarships for the 2001–2002 school year. To obtain a scholarship application, contact the American Foreign Service Association at (telephone) 202-944-5504 or (email) dec@afsa.org or print the application from AFSA's web page at www.afsa.org. Click on the "Students" tab at the top of the page and then on "Scholarships". All applications are due by **February 5, 2001**.

The AFSA/AAFSW Scholarship Program consists of Art Merit, Academic Merit, and Financial Aid Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$3,500 per year, depending on the award. Students can apply for any or all of these awards if they meet eligibility requirements.

Membership in AFSA or AAFSW is necessary to apply for the Academic or Art Merit Awards. Additional financial support is provided by DACOR, Diplomatic and Consular Officers, Retired.

Foreign Service Skills Last Forever (Only the Post Changes)

We received this letter in answer to the question posed to our retirees: "What Foreign Service skills did you develop that have served you well in the life that followed your overseas existence?" I think Ellen speaks for us all in recognizing some of the many attributes our lifestyle inspired. Are there other words of wisdom out there? How about the 10 Top Things you miss now that you are retired? (Cleaning out the basement every two years comes to mind...)

*Terri Williams
Membership Chair*

As a Foreign Service spouse-retiree, I am moved to respond to your query in the October 2000 issue of *Global Link*: "What Foreign Service skills...have served you well in the life that followed your overseas existence?"

In addition to those skills which are common among FS spouses who have lived, raised families, handled health and other crises, supported the U.S. mission through representation and other volunteer work, I may have a unique comment to offer. In the early 1980s, through a formal mid-life discernment process, I discovered that I wanted to be a pastor! As a Roman Catholic lay woman, I was dubious about my prospects but determined to find a way to pursue this vocation.

We were soon assigned to a large West European post, where I served as CLO Coordinator. While this is clearly a secular position, for me it was also a way to deepen my pastoral skills. This was our last overseas post, and once settled in the U.S. I did a two-year clinical program in preparation for certification as a health care chaplain. I was certified in 1990 and have worked since that time as a chaplain in acute-and long-term care facilities. The skill? Knowing how to trim your sails to capture the wind!

Presently I work part-time as a hospital chaplain and I do volunteer work with people affected by Alzheimer's Disease, both patients and caregivers. I have a particular focus on "Alzheimer's and Spirituality." I also do presenta-

tions and workshops on advance directives. If either of these topics would be of interest to AAFSW members, I'd be glad to share what I have to offer.

Ellen Radday, MSW, NACC Cert

Warm Thanks to Recent Donors

The donations have continued to roll in, and your generosity is impressive (and vital to a non-profit organization like ours!) Grateful appreciation goes out to the following people who have contributed since October, 2000. As the year ends, let's see what names we can add to this list!

Jane Bell
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So far in this year, 63 people have contributed to our Headquarters fund, the Volunteerism Award Fund, the Scholarship fund, and given other undesignated gifts. This represents 9% of the membership as of November, 2000. We've already surpassed last year's number—how far can we go as the end of the tax year approaches? Every contribution counts.

*Terri Williams
Membership Chair*

One-Stop Salary Shop

The Bureau of Finance and Management Policy has established a new office to serve as a single point of contact for State's American employees who have problems with, or questions about, their salary payments, withholdings, or leave accounts. The American Payroll Resolution Center can be reached at (email) APRC@state.gov or (telephone) 703-875-6610 from 8:15 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time on business days. For details, see the FMP home page on State's Intranet or Internet sites.

Metrochek

The State Department has finally begun the Metrochek program to reimburse Washington area employees for public transportation expenses. Information and applications are available on the State Department Intranet. Make sure the Foreign Service employee in your family takes advantage of this new benefit, worth up to around \$700 per year.

Have questions about Foreign Service life? Take advantage of these free resources. Many thanks to the Overseas Briefing Center (OBC) and Family Liaison Office (FLO) for extensive contributions to this list.

Post Information

Area Handbook Series

In-depth studies on 101 countries. Available online at the Library of Congress website: <http://lcweb2.loc.gov/frd/cs/cshome.html>.

Background Notes

Short reports on many countries, their people, history, geography, political structure, and other pertinent information. Available at the OBC, the School of Area Studies at the National Foreign Affairs Training Center, and online at the Department of State website: [http://www.state.gov/www/background_\(underline\)notes/index.html](http://www.state.gov/www/background_(underline)notes/index.html).

Bibliographies

Current bibliographies of major studies of countries and regions are available from the School of Professional and Area Studies, National Foreign Affairs Training Center.

Country Briefing Boxes

Post reports, Background Notes, post welcome materials, culture guides, information on employment of family members, education, housing, health, security, consumables, tourism, shopping, and recreation information are available at the OBC. Some of this information is filed in OBC's electronic library.

Craighead's Country Reports

A leading resource for country-specific information. Reports are available on over 80 countries and provide business travelers, relocating employees, and their families with comprehensive, up-to-date information required for living and con-

ducting business overseas. Contact OBC for access to the website.

Post Reports

Post-prepared official reports about host countries. Available at the Foreign Service Lounge, the OBC, the State Department Library, and the National Foreign Affairs Training Center Library. Available on CD-ROM at all posts. Watch out for outdated reports still in circulation.

Real Post Reports

Recent, unofficial reports on nearly 200 posts, put together by the Sojourners Network (www.thesun.org). Impressions, personal experiences, anecdotes, and more, including the "Big Mac" price index.

Returnee Files, Updates

Returnee files contain the names and telephone numbers of foreign affairs colleagues who recently returned from overseas posts and are willing to talk about them. Returnee Updates are the written opinions on experiences at overseas posts. Both files are available at the OBC's Information Center.

Security Information

Travel Warnings and Consular Information Sheets are available on the State Department website: [http://travel.state.gov/travel_\(underline\)warnings.html](http://travel.state.gov/travel_(underline)warnings.html). The Overseas Security Advisory Council (<http://www.ds-osac.org>) issues late-breaking security information including crime, safety, and incident reports.

OBC Publications

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Intranet: <http://fsiweb.fsi.state.gov/obc>
Email: FSIOBCInfoCenter@state.gov

Protocol for the Modern Diplomat

A guide for U.S. Government representatives and their families, which explains the social practices most frequently encountered overseas.

Foreign Service Assignment Notebook

A reference notebook that provides logistical information on preparation for an overseas assignment.

What Do I Do Now?

A joint OBC/FLO publication covering regulations, allowances, and finances relevant to Foreign Service and U.S. Government personnel and their families in the U.S. and abroad.

Where in the World Are You Going?

A children's workbook designed to ease adjustment during international moves.

FLO Publications

Family Liaison Office publications and resource papers are organized under the Direct Communication Project. For copies of the information listed below, check FLO's websites on the intranet: <https://hrweb.hr.state.gov/flo/flo.html>, or internet: <http://www.state.gov/www/flo> (click on Publications). Or contact FLO by telephone: 202-647-1076 or email: flo@state.gov.

General Publications

FS Direct

A publication for Foreign Service employees and their family members, with information about Foreign Service life. Add your name to the mailing list!

Family Member Employment

Employment Options for Foreign Service Family Members

Guidebook on finding the right employment opportunity in the U.S. or overseas.

Bilateral Work Agreements and de Facto Reciprocal Work Arrangements

Listing of work agreements which enable spouses and dependent children of U.S. Government employees assigned to official duty at an Embassy or Consulate to seek employment on the local economy.

Executive Order 12721 on Noncompetitive Eligibility

Employment Factors for USG Family Members Overseas, (Chart)

FAST-TRAIN Foreign Affairs Spouses Teacher Training Project (brochure)

Describes the George Mason University program. Also on the World Wide Web at <http://gse.gmu.edu/fasttrain>

Family Member Appointment (brochure)

Functional Training for Foreign Service Family Members

Guidelines for Describing Volunteer Activities

How to Prepare Your SF-171

Overseas Employment Information for Teachers

Guidance and Crisis Management

Adoption Guidelines for the Foreign Service Family (booklet)

Information about the adoption process unique to Foreign Service families

Assignment Washington

Book providing practical information on living in the Washington, DC area.

Bringing A Household Employee Back to the U.S. (a collection of papers)

Caring for Elderly Parents

Contingency Planning for Single Parents and Tandem Couples with Children

Evacuation Plan: Don't Leave Home Without It

Checklist of contingency planning information for Foreign Service employees and families.

The Foreign Service Family and Divorce (booklet)

Extremely important information on the implications of separation or divorce in the Foreign Service, whether assigned overseas or in the United States.

Separate Maintenance Allowance: Questions and Answers

Thriving as a Foreign Service Spouse

Welcome Back: Evacuation Information (booklet) Information for evacuees, with copies of SEA application, contact lists, and frequently asked questions (FAQs).

Education and Youth

According to My Passport, I'm Coming Home Booklet for Foreign Service teens returning to the U.S. after living abroad.

Adult Education

Baby You Can Drive My Car....: Guidelines for Getting a Driver's License in the Washington Area.

The Boarding School Option

Paper exploring the reasons for sending a child to boarding school, factors in choosing a boarding school, resources available, and the application process.

Choices for High School: The International Baccalaureate (IB) And Advanced Placement (AP) Programs

Explains the differences between these two programs.

Directory of Accredited Child Care Programs in the Washington Metropolitan Region (booklet)

Education Options for Foreign Service Family Members

Guidebook on educational options for Foreign Service families.

Education Information Resources in the Department of State

The Foreign Service Youth Foundation(FSYF) Brochure describing FSYP activities. Membership application for Around the World in a Lifetime(AWAL) and Globe Trotters, available from FLO or FSYP.

The Home Study Option for Foreign Service Children

Overseas Post Youth Survey

Scholarships and other financial aid for the 2000-2001 School Year

Washington Area Schools: Admission Requirements and Programs of Interest, and Private Schools

Additional FLO Resource Materials

Composite Child Care Report

Report, updated annually, summarizing post-specific child care facilities overseas. The report can be accessed via the FLO Intranet website at <https://hrweb.hr.state.gov/flo/flo.html>

Family Member Employment Report (FAMER)

Report that lists all positions available to family members in embassies overseas. It also lists options for family members looking to work on the local economy. It can be accessed via the FLO Intranet web site at <https://hrweb.hr.state.gov/flo/famer.html>

Don't forget that the AAFSW website (www.aafsw.org) is a great source of information on topics related to the Foreign Service!

Know an Outstanding Volunteer?

Nominations for the 2001 AAFSW/Secretary of State's Award for Outstanding Volunteerism Abroad are due by February 1, 2001.

This annual award honors outstanding volunteers who work tirelessly and often without recognition to improve the quality of life at posts abroad. All U.S. government direct-hire employees and family members over 18 are eligible for the award.

All overseas posts are encouraged to nominate one candidate for the award. Six awards are given each year, one for each geographic bureau.

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Claudia D. Romeo Rabat, Morocco

Claudia Romeo moved to Rabat in 1995 without an embassy assignment. She used the time off to contribute to the community around her in many different ways. For her contributions, AAFSW has named her a winner of the 2000 AAFSW/Secretary of State Outstanding Volunteerism Award.

Rabat American School

The mother of four children, three attending the Rabat American School, Claudia has served as room parent, active PTA member, and chairperson of numerous events.

Claudia often manages to fulfill more than one objective when she donates her time and talents. For instance, one year Claudia persuaded NASA to donate a bottle of helium to her son's class. The class sold balloons at the annual American Women's Association (AWA) bazaar, contributing the proceeds to needy women and children in the greater Rabat area. Class members learned how it feels to give to the community, and the poor people of Rabat benefited from the donation. Under Claudia's guidance, the class collects toys to be donated to a childcare center for poor working families. The class is also gaining hands-on community service experience, most recently painting the walls in some of the lower income schools in Rabat.

Claudia did not let full-time work, begun in late 1997, slow down her community service. She served as co-chair of the PTA/Student Council's Halloween Carnival for the past two years. The usual profit was \$200. Claudia persuaded local merchants to donate prizes and products. As a result, the PTA's profit rose to over a thousand dollars in 1998 alone.

Claudia has also coordinated projects such as bake sales and class-sponsored school dances. She contributed to the school-assisted Very Little Theater group for the past two years, working behind the scenes to arrange for the table/dinnerware setup and serving as a waitress.

Lalla Meriem Orphanage

In 1995, Claudia began accompanying the fifth grade class on monthly visits to the Lalla Meriem Orphanage. The orphanage houses chil-

dren from birth to four years old, as well as children of all ages with special needs. Claudia began visiting the orphanage weekly, playing, singing, and dancing with the children. She bought nutritious food and toys for the children with her own money. She solicited donations of clothing and toys from others in the U.S. community. One year the orphanage was unable to buy all the medications needed (including creams for chapped skin and diaper rash), so Claudia donated these. Claudia provides many people with information about the orphanage, on volunteer work, adoptions, and more.

Animal Shelter

At SPANA, the RSPCA-equivalent animal shelter, horses, mules, and donkeys are nursed back to health, and dogs get new homes. Around the corner, the city pound puts down resident dogs every three days or so, killing them by electrocution or with strychnine, both horrible methods. Claudia has saved six of the dogs, paying for their inoculations, feeding and grooming them, and finding them new homes. She worked with SPANA to help reach an agreement with the pound to save more of the dogs. No solution has yet been reached, but SPANA did provide the pound with more humane injections for putting down the dogs. Again, many people go to Claudia for information concerning SPANA's work, adopting pets, neutering information, and so on.

Other Volunteer Work

A member of the American Women's Association, Claudia has volunteered at the AWA's annual Christmas bazaars and other fundraising events. She also works with the "Diplomatic Circle," helping at and baking for the annual bazaar, with all profits going to charity.

Claudia has worked with other embassy personnel to solicit clothing, books, and other goods for donation to the less-fortunate in the Rabat area. She volunteered for and served as chair of the embassy's Combined Federal Campaign these last two years and as the chair of the savings bond campaign in 1998.

For all of her efforts, AAFSW is pleased to name Claudia Romeo an outstanding volunteer.

Give Your Health Care Plan a Check-Up

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consideration since co-payments, coverage, cost of prescription drugs, and other factors all affect your health and finances. A comparison of plans for overseas employees is available at: <http://www2.opm.gov/insure/01/html/states/os/index.html>. For stateside plans, go to <http://www.opm.gov> and click on "FEHB Open Season 2001." The website <http://www.FEHBpsmartchoice.com> offers a somewhat inflexible way to compare plans in greater detail that eventually does provide useful information. Last summer AFSA compared the plans most frequently used by Foreign Service families (<http://www.afsa.org/StateVP/health.html>.) Some points, such as mental health coverage, might not be valid in light of general 2001 FEHB plan changes.

Some of these changes offer good news for most participants. As of October 1st health insurance premiums are paid with pretax dollars, resulting in savings that just might offset next year's generally higher premiums. Unfortunately, this program is not available to most retirees. Employees near the end of their careers might find it advantageous to opt out because of retirement income considerations; consult the local HR (formerly Personnel) specialist for details. Mental health and substance abuse treatment will now cost the same as treatment in other categories. Finally, all of the plans on this year's list have been accredited by either the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations or the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). The NCQA offers online "report cards" on FEHB plans, which may help you feel more confident about your choice (www.ncqa.org/pages/hprc/index.asp.)

If you do end up deciding that a change is in order, save copies of all paperwork and take care of any urgent health care needs before December 31st. Your new insurance card might not arrive for two months, which would not prevent you from accessing medical services but definitely would make the process more complicated.

Jan Fischer Bachman
Global Link Editor

Program Link

Music for the Holidays

We are celebrating the holiday season by having a program of special music presented first by the Divertimento Trio, an ensemble consisting of flute, violin, and cello. Founded in 1996 by Linda Kay Smith, James Batts, and Jeff Van Osten, the trio plays in receptions and recitals throughout the Washington, DC area. Each member teaches at the Levine School of Music.

Ken Hopper, the Executive Director of this well-known music school, will play the piano while our special guest, Virginia Hays Williams, mother of our Mayor Anthony Williams, will sing some of her favorite solos. Following this, she will lead us in the singing of carols.

As a part of what has become a tradition, you and your guests will be able to enjoy a tour of the Diplomatic Reception Rooms of the eighth floor of the State Department, featuring great American art and antiques. The tour will take place at 9:30 a.m., led by our very knowledgeable member, Joan D. Waggener.

Be sure to make your reservation early for this lovely holiday program to take place on December 12th.

Barbara Gordon
Program Chair



Program Reservation Please reply by December 5th

Name (as you wish it on name tag): _____

Social Security Number: _____

Telephone: _____ New Member? yes _____ no _____

Name(s) of Guest(s) and SSN(s): _____

Please send form with check made out to AAFSW (\$10 per person) to: AAFSW Reservations, 5125 MacArthur Blvd NW, Suite 36, Washington, DC 20016.

No refunds can be made or reservations accepted after December 5th.

E-Locations

The Rainforest Site:

www.therainforestsitesite.com

The Kids AIDS Site:

www.thekidsaidsitesite.com

The Child Survival Site:

www.thechildsurvivalsite.com

The Breast Cancer Site:

www.thebreastcancersite.com

The Hunger Site

www.thehungersite.com

www.bigcats.care2.com

Wild cat habitat

www.webreleaf.com

Tree planting

www.mysmallpart.com

Many causes, from helping the homeless to kidney disease research (recipients not listed). Up to five clicks per day per category, each worth approximately 1/10th of a cent.

A Click Look at Online Donations

Even if your early gift-buying efforts have left your bank accounts echoing, modern technology offers new ways of helping others at no cost other than seconds of your time.

Take a few minutes over the holidays to investigate how your online time can benefit worthy causes.

At one-click-a-day sites, sponsors make donations for each visit. Your click costs you nothing. Five of these sites link together at www.thehungersite.com: the Hunger Site, where one click per day provides a donation of food through the United Nations; the Rain Forest Site, where one click per day buys a piece of rain forest; the Kids AIDS Site, where one click per day provides free care for children with AIDS; the Child Survival Site, where each click contributes a capsule of vitamin A; and the Breast Cancer Site, where each click funds free mammograms for needy women.

At other sites, you can: preserve habitat for endangered species, including tigers, jaguars, and snow leopards; plant trees; support medical re-

search; or contribute to many other charities (see contact information, left).

Some sites (including My Small Part) allow donors to register and keep track of the donations resulting from their clicks and those of friends they refer—something that might make a good family project.

Most of these sites also offers links to “charitable shopping,” e-tailers that make donations to charitable causes when you make purchases. When you link from a charitable site, the donations that accompany your purchases will go to that charity. If you would like to designate a different charity (one of your favorites just may be online), www.greatergood.com is a good starting point.

Online companies also offer donations with new credit card accounts, long-distance telephone calls, and many other services. This year the fable has become a true story. A mouse can help a lion (or at least a tiger)—and make a click heard around the world.



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