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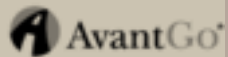
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Business

VUTEk names interim CEO while looking to replace Aschman

VUTEk Inc., Meredith, N.H., USA, named **Larry Greene** interim CEO while it searches for a replacement for **Richard Aschman**, who recently left the company to pursue other career opportunities. Greene, an experienced operating executive associated with **American Securities Capital Partners**, VUTEk's ownership group, will fill this role until VUTEk permanently fills the position of President/CEO.

Before joining VUTEk through American Securities, Greene was president and CEO at **Complex Tooling & Molding**, Boulder Colo., USA.

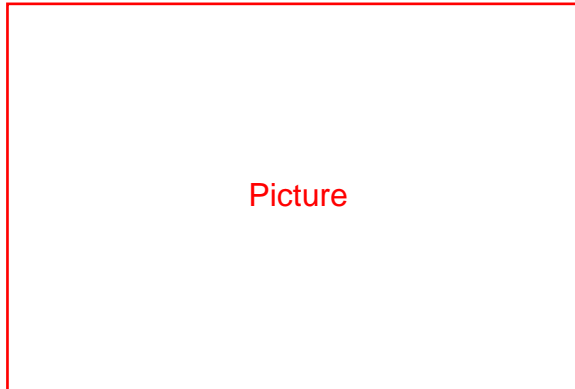
International Photo Award held on AGFAnet

Movement and Speed is the theme of the 10th International Photo Award on **AGFAnet**, which runs from now until Nov. 24. Entry details are available at www.agfanet.com.

A **Minolta** Dimage 7 Hi digital camera will be presented to the first-placed competitor. An additional 40 entries will be rewarded with photography prizes and exhibited on AGFAnet.

In addition, everyone casting a vote on AGFAnet for the theme of the next round of the competition is automatically entered into a drawing for one of 10 AGFAnet watches.

Canon printer provides wireless printing via infrared communication from cameraphone



The Canon PIXUS 50i inkjet printer can print pictures sent via infrared transmission from a cameraphone.

Canon Inc., Tokyo, Japan, improved its PIXUS 50i printer with the added capability to print out pictures sent via infrared transmission from a mobile phone with a built-in camera, *Nikkei Business Publications* reported.

PIXUS 50i is a notebook-sized, inkjet printer that was launched in March. To use the wireless printing function Canon calls "print beam," users need to download firmware from a website. Utilizing infrared transmission of a camera-equipped mobile phone, the PIXUS 50i does not need a cable and only requires a user to place a mobile phone close to the IrDA port on itself, display pictures to print, and select "infrared transmission" from the menu.

The user does not have to do any setting up for printing. PIXUS 50i also is capable of printing the contents of e-mails and an address book on A4-sized paper. PIXUS 50i prints a picture on dedicated business-card size paper with margins, or on larger-sized (89mm-by-127mm) paper, but into a relatively smaller image, and does not accept color adjustments.

It takes a couple of minutes to print, depending on the size of an image. While transmitting data to the printer, an incoming call cannot go through, said the report.

Olympus introduces two dye-sublimation printers, the P-10 and P-440 Digital Photo printers

Olympus America Inc., Melville, N.Y., USA, announced two new dye-sublimation printers that make fast, high-quality photo prints, the Olympus P-10 Digital Photo Printer and the P-440 Digital Photo Printer.

Olympus designed the compact P-10 Digital Printer for high-quality prints at the fastest speed possible. The P-10 is designed to produce vivid 4-by-6 (approx.) or 3.5-by-5 photo-lab-quality, edge-to-edge color prints with or without borders in less than 45 seconds. The P-10 also offers PictBridge technology, which makes prints instantly by connecting an enabled digital camera directly to the printer without using a personal computer. This frees up the printer to be placed anywhere an electrical outlet exists.

The P-440 Digital Photo Printer can print at a wide range of sizes and has a variety of creative options and image editing



The Olympus P-10 Digital Photo Printer.

\$499.

tools. The P-440 produces five different print sizes up to an 8-by-10 in 75 seconds for either glossy or matte finish print. Other P-440 print sizes include Postcard, Photo-Album, Index and A5 Wide. The P-440 can also automatically print up to 50 copies of the same image. Prints from both the P-10 and P-440, emerge in archival condition. A protective laminate overcoat resists water, scratching, moisture, fading and fingerprints.

In contrast to inkjet printers, Olympus precision dye-sublimation printers do not lay down colors as individual. Instead, heat vaporizes colors that saturate the photo paper to create smooth, continuous-tone images. The P-10 Digital Photo Printer and the P-440 Photo Printer will be available next month. The suggested price of the P-10 Digital Photo Printer is \$199. The suggested price of the P-440 Digital Photo Printer is

Kyocera introduces two new digital cameras and a 35mm SLR



[Kyocera Optics Inc.](#), Somerset N.J., USA, introduces the Finecam L3v and Finecam L4v digital cameras with large LCD displays measuring 2.5-inches. This widescreen also incorporates Kyocera's DayFine technology, which reduces glare and increases picture intensity, allowing easy viewing, even when the sunlight is at its brightest.

The 4-megapixel Finecam L4v is equipped with a 3x optical zoom and a 4x digital zoom, achieving a total 12x zoom. The 3.2-megapixel L3v has a 3x optical zoom and a 2x digital zoom for a maximum 6x zoom. Both cameras feature multi-shooting modes and five flash modes to handle all lighting situations. The Finecam L4v has a suggested price of \$499; the Finecam L3v has a suggested price of \$399.

Kyocera also introduces the Contax NX 35mm SLR with a 28-80mm lens. The NX includes a Carl Zeiss T Vario-Sonnar 28-80mm zoom lens has 20 different customizable function modes. In addition, it comes with a built-in flash with red-eye reduction, second curtain sync and power down feature. The Contax NX now sells for \$699, a \$300 reduction off its' original price.

New MemoryFrame offers stereo sound and text overlay

[Pacific Digital Corp.](#), Phoenix, Ariz., USA, introduced its new, deluxe 8-by-10 MemoryFrame, with stereo sound and



The 8-by-10 USB MemoryFrame retails for \$499.

text overlay. The stand-alone MF-810S MemoryFrame has a bright, high-quality 10.4-inch TFT active matrix LCD screen with 800-by-600 resolution. In addition, it has stereo sound and allows users to add voice and/or music to their slideshows. It also features text overlay, and allows captions to be added to slideshow photos.

MemoryFrame is a stand-alone USB digital picture frame, and is a new way to store and display digital photos. Users can transfer photos directly from a digital camera into a MemoryFrame. Then they can immediately play their photos back in a continuous slideshow of high-resolution images on MemoryFrame's screen.

MemoryFrame comes mounted into an 8-by-10 wood picture frame, and can be displayed in landscape or portrait mode on a desk, shelf, or wall. Since it fits into a standard frame, the user can also purchase a frame to match their décor. The MF-810S MemoryFrame is available now from retail and camera stores at a suggested \$499. Pacific Digital also offers a 5-by-7 version of MemoryFrame without stereo capability.

Commercial

Photo Control debuts Norman 400 watt-second monolight.

[Photo Control Corp.](#), Minneapolis, Minn., USA, introduced the Norman ML400 Monolight designed for professional photographers. The 400 watt-second monolight incorporates all of the features of the 600 watt-second ML600 Monolight in a package that is 1.5 inches shorter and more than one pound lighter.

A digital readout displays accurate, repeatable settings from 13 to 400 watt-seconds in 1/10 stop increments and uses a 150-watt modeling lamp with three settings: full, ratio and off. It has a built-in photo eye, and the recycle time is 1.9 seconds at full power. Its compact design weighs 4.88 pounds.

The ML400 is compatible with more than 100 Norman accessories and light modifiers as well as Photogenic reflectors and light modifiers. The unit is supplied with a 7-inch reflector, ready to use with an umbrella or softbox. Street price is \$449.00.

Sawgrass Technologies licenses Sensient Imaging Technologies for dye-sub inks

[Sawgrass Technologies Inc.](#), Mount Pleasant, S.C., USA, reached an agreement with **Sensient Imaging Technologies Inc.**, Escondido, Calif., USA, and **Sensient Imaging Technologies S.A.** The company is licensing Sensient to offer

dye-sublimation inks for wide-format digital printing. Sensient will market and sell sublimation transfer dyes and inks for a wide variety of applications to decorate textile and non-textile materials. The Sensient license is the third dye-sub ink license announced this year by Sawgrass Technologies.

Alamy Images launches virtual alternative to royalty free CDs

Alamy Images, Abingdon, U.K., launched the Virtual CD, a new product that gives users the benefits of hard copy, royalty-free (RF) discs without the hassle inherent to physical CDs, the company said. Alamy's Virtual CDs are themed collections of RF images that can be purchased for a set price at www.alamy.com.

For both contributors and buyers, Alamy's virtual discs have many advantages over their physical counterparts. Because Alamy virtual CDs are free to produce, contributors can put together collections 'on disc' without the prohibitive costs of mastering and packaging. This gives customers access to great material on disc that they would not find anywhere else as well as all the usual brand names at disc prices, Alamy said.

Virtual CDs are delivered instantly without any additional delivery delays or costs. Images can be downloaded from Virtual CDs as soon as the user has purchased them, rather than waiting for physical disks to arrive by mail. In addition, virtual discs cannot be lost as the images are always available for download.

Visit www.alamy.com for details.