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Business Diary

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EMPLOYMENT

Companies team up

to check workers

Careerboard.com Inc., an online employment service based in Woodmere, will work with another local company to offer employee background checks. Careerboard.com users can hire Beachwood's Background Information Services Inc., to check applicants' criminal history, employment background and education. Background Information Services will pay Careerboard.com a flat fee based on each job it gets through the site, said Jason B. Morris, president of Background Information Services.

MANUFACTURING

Parker Hannifin

sells unit

Parker Hannifin Corp. has completed the divestiture of Wynn's Industrie, an industrial lubricants unit of Wynn's Specialty Chemicals business. The Mayfield Heights company said the divested unit, based in France with annual revenue of about \$29 million, was sold to a unit of Fuchs Petrolub AG of Germany. Parker Hannifin has retained rights to the Wynn's brand, reflecting its continued ownership of Wynn's Specialty Chemicals.

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Agilysys to buy

software supplier

Agilysys Inc. has agreed to acquire the assets of Inter- American Data Inc., an Atlanta supplier of software for casinos and resorts. The Mayfield Heights distributor of computer systems will pay \$36.5 million for Inter-American, which had revenues of about \$40 million in 2003.

EDUCATION

Scholarship seeks

female candidates

The Western Reserve Chapter of the American Business Women's Association is looking for local candidates for its national Stephen Bufton Memorial Education Fund scholarship. Applicants must be women who aspire to careers in business or professions. They also must be U.S. citizens, juniors, seniors or graduate students at accredited U.S. colleges or universities, and have a grade-point average of at least 2.5. Application deadline is March 15. For an application, call Valerie Schulze at 440-498-2067, Ext. 330.

AGRICULTURE

Marketing beef

in Israel

A group of farmers and state agriculture officials will pitch the benefits of importing Ohio cattle on a trade mission to Israel. The 10-member delegation, including Agriculture Director Fred Dailey, was to leave Friday and stay for about a week, Department of Agriculture spokeswoman Melanie Wilt said. Ohio cattle farmers rely heavily on beef exports because of a lack of large meat- processing plants in the state, Wilt said. The department does not track how much Ohio beef leaves the country, she said. While in Israel, the Ohio delegation will explore shipping methods, inspect processing plants and meet with agriculture officials.

AEROSPACE

First quarter is

a loss for SIFCO

SIFCO Industries, Inc. in Cleveland on Friday announced financial results for its fiscal 2004 first quarter, which ended Dec. 31, 2003. Net loss for the first quarter of fiscal 2004 was \$0.5 million, or \$0.10 per diluted share, compared with a net loss of \$2.8 million, or \$0.54 per diluted share for the comparable fiscal 2003 period. SIFCO serves the world's aerospace industry through a network of manufacturing and service centers.

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