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The TGA/NTD Board of Directors
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January 8, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

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2007 TGA/NTD Christmas Party a Huge Success!!!

Wow, what a fantastic Christmas Party!! Over 100 people thoroughly enjoyed themselves the entire evening. The food turned out great and of course the American Classics/ Danny Goode did another awesome evening of entertainment.

It was all of you that brought so many toys... and it was all of you that bought all of the raffle tickets... We filled up 15 HUGE lawn and garden bags of great toys and many, many kids of all ages woke up to an exciting Christmas because of you!! That alone made my evening a complete success!!

I want to extend out a SPECIAL THANK YOU to the sponsors of the evening:

Corporate Sponsorship of \$1000- Thank you **Door Control!!**

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Silver Sponsorship of \$250- Thank you **AAA Glass & Mirror, AGC Flat Glass, Stanley Automatic Doors and Western Extrusions.**

I would also like to shout out a Giant Thank You to: Karen and Charles at Country Glass and Mirror, Kirk at Arch Aluminum and Glass, Larry and Rose at MGM Glass and Elaine at North American Glass for their contributions to the raffle give-a-ways and Santa's Helpers.

This event was certainly a challenge for me, but I enjoyed every minute of it and I hope to get the chance to help on next year's party as well. I also want to say thank you to Larry at MGM Glass for his help with the Channel 8, WFAA, Santa's Helpers organizing. Thank you to our 2007 President, Rick Churchill, for stepping up to the plate and doing the announcing (because 10 minutes before the party started, I informed him I wasn't comfortable speaking to crowds, believe it or not). And one last BIG GIANT thank you to Michelle Helterbran for helping with all the details, and there were a LOT of details I needed help with. Thanks Michelle!!

Jim Hester
TGA/NTD Christmas Party Chairman

Would Bullet-Resistant Glass Have Protected Bhutto?

Following the assassination of former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, one of many questions asked was how the shots that killed her Thursday afternoon following an election rally could have penetrated her SUV and its bullet-resistant glass. However, one report notes that it was customary for the Pakistani politician to rise through the sunroof and wave as exiting a crowd and that it was at that moment that the shots were fired.

Bhutto Shot While Waving Through Sunroof

According to the account told by photographer John Moore of Getty Images, Benazir Bhutto was shot in the neck and chest as she waved to crowds of supporters - and at least one enemy - while standing through the sunroof of her vehicle leaving the Rawalpindi rally. From *CNN*:

The photographer who took the last known images of former Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto before her assassination Thursday told CNN he was "surprised" to see her rise through the sunroof of her vehicle to wave to supporters after delivering her speech.

"I ran up, got as close as I got, made a few pictures of her waving to the crowd," Getty Images senior staff photographer John Moore told CNN's online streaming news service, CNN.com Live, in a phone interview Thursday from Islamabad, Pakistan.

"And then suddenly, there were a few gun shots that rang out, and she went down, she went down through the sunroof," he said. "And just at that moment I raised my camera up and the blast happened. ... And then, of course, there was chaos."

This explains the initial question offered privately regarding whether or not Bhutto's vehicle had bullet-proof glass. Bill Roggio noted a logical possibility at the time writing that "the mode of attack suggests a level of training, discipline, and expertise of a military organization. If bullets penetrated Bhutto's vehicle windshield, which was no doubt was bullet proof, the shooter was using armor-piercing rounds and had good aim." We now know that the attacker was clearly at close range and almost certainly did not penetrate the vehicle's bullet-proof glass. At least that such was not necessary.

It was customary for Bhutto to exit rallies in such a manner - a characteristic clearly not lost on her attackers. In the end, Benazir's mass appeal was both her greatest strength and her fatal weakness.

New Cowboys stadium's glass curtain walls installed

The first of 5,071 signature glass panels was installed at the site of the new Dallas Cowboys stadium, bringing the team's future home in Arlington one step closer to completion.

"It's another major material that we are starting to see on the building, and it really helps define a large portion of the exterior skin," said Mark Williams, an architect with HKS Inc., the Dallas-based architecture firm heading up the project. "This is a very different material... this is a big milestone for this project."

The 86-foot-high glass wall slopes outward at a 14-degree angle. Once completed, it will change in appearance because of a fritted, iridescent surface. Depending on the sun's location, atmospheric conditions and the viewing angle, the glass will vary in color from blue to light gray and silver.

"These particular panels are unique to our building," said Brett Daniels, a spokesman for the Dallas Cowboys Football Club. "It has a very fluid look to it, but it's not going to always look the same."

The canted glass curtain is supported by more than 450,000 pounds of steel. Together, the panels weigh more than one million pounds.

"The vertical and horizontal elements that secure and hold the panels in place stretch 23 miles," Mr. Williams said.

Installation of the glass panels will take several months. The stadium is scheduled to open in 2009.

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New market opportunities for recycled flat glass

New proposals making it easier to recycle the 6.6 million domestic windows that are replaced every year into products such as filtration media and new windows, were announced today by Environment Agency and WRAP (Waste & Resources Action Programme) as part of the Waste Protocols Project[1].

Developed in conjunction with industry representatives, the flat glass Quality Protocol will cut red tape for businesses that process waste flat glass by reducing the need to hold a number of permits and licenses usually required to handle and use waste materials. A three-month consultation outlining the proposals starts today.

Martin Brocklehurst, Head of External Programmes at the Environment Agency said: "We create over 700,000 tons of waste flat glass each year. Currently only around 200,000 tons of this waste is recycled. This consultation on a Quality Protocol for processed cullet from waste flat glass, proposes creating new business opportunities for companies that market and sell-on processed flat glass. By allowing them to get rid of the "waste" tag, their products will be more attractive to buyers".

There are also considerable environmental benefits to be achieved from adopting the proposals outlined in the consultation, for example:

- re-melting processed flat glass reduces energy use by as much as 25 per cent over making glass from virgin raw materials,
- using recycled glass in the production of bricks can result in energy savings of up to 20 per cent; using a tone of recycled glass as filtration media can reduce CO2 emissions by up to 1200 kg,
- recycling glass saves the need to use valuable raw materials: re-melting a tone of waste flat glass saves 1.2 tons of raw materials from being extracted.

Processed flat glass cullet can be turned into a number of products such as flux used in brick manufacture, various types of filtration media as well as being used as a material on golf courses and other sport pitches and as an aggregate substitute used in building materials

Dr Richard Swannell from WRAP said: "Glass is a valuable material used by many different industries, and the flat glass industry has grown at a rate of 5% over the last 20 years, making it the second largest sector in the UK glass manufacturing industry."

"The launch of today's consultation is good news for the businesses operating in or with the flat glass market and we are keen to hear their comments and feedback on the proposals. If agreed, we believe the Quality Protocol will help increase business activity in the flat glass recycling market whilst also reducing the amount of waste flat glass that would normally end up in landfills. "

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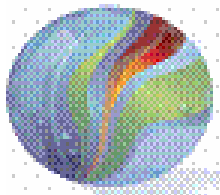
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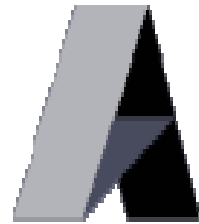


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