

AOE/COE LIABILITY SURVEILLANCE RECORDS RETRIEVAL LIVE SCAN SECURITY BACKGROUNDS

ARE WE LIVING IN TIMES THAT WERE LIVED FORTY YEARS AGO (1929)?



My thoughts: As we enter this new chapter in our history, we must take to heart the statements made by our new President. ... *hard work and honesty, courage and fair play, tolerance and curiosity, loyalty and patriotism...* What is demanded then is a return to these truths. What is required of us now is a new era of responsibility – a recognition, on the part of every American, that we have duties to ourselves, our nation, and the world, duties that we do not grudgingly accept but rather seize gladly, firm in the knowledge that there is nothing so satisfying to the spirit, so defining of our character, than giving our all to a difficult task.

We must celebrate our cultural, religious and physical differences, but also celebrate our shared human-ness because underneath our skin we all share the same hopes, dreams and desires. We must learn a selflessness and humanity and reach out to our neighbors, share of ourselves and create a new paradigm for this new era in our history. It will take courage to step out of our old ways of selfishness and “me, myself and I”.

We must pull ourselves up and do what is right, not only for ourselves, but for the greater good. We must be responsible to ourselves, to our families, to the companies we work for, to our planet and all who live on this beautiful planet earth. We are not only citizens of America, but citizens of the entire world and our actions impact each and every person in America and in the world.

Bankruptcy and Workers' Compensation: Broken Promises, Broken Lives. January 12, 2009. Robert Aurbach, CEO of *Uncommon Approach*.

In Part 1 of this three-part series, Mr. Aurbach describes the plight of an injured worker whose company (self-insured for Workers' Compensation) files Chapter 11.

What happens when a self-insured company files bankruptcy? The bankruptcy court issues an automatic stay on benefits and may not receive needed medical treatment. The worker, under current bankruptcy codes, is treated as the least worthy creditor like other creditors and may not receive the compensation believed to be guaranteed under the system.

SOME EXPECT TOUGHER ENFORCEMENT UNDER NEW ADMINISTRATION

Potential changes in Fed-OSHA enforcement policies under the new presidential administration would come at a time when workplace deaths in North Carolina are rising. According to figures released by the state Department of Labor last week, there were 59 work-related deaths in 2008, compared with 45 the previous year. For full story please visit: <http://www.charlotteobserver.com/business/story/475442.html>

CELL PHONE DISTRACTION IS DRAMATIC, SCIENTISTS SAY

Drivers are far more distracted by talking on a cellular phone than by conversing with a passenger in an automobile. That's a conclusion of a new study by University of Utah psychologists. The study, which used a sophisticated driving simulator, found that drivers on cell phones drift out of their lanes and miss exits more frequently than drivers talking with someone in the car. The findings were published in the December 15 issue of the *Journal of Experimental Psychology: Applied*. Previous studies by the Utah scientists found that hands-free phones were just as distracting as hand-held models because the conversation is the biggest distraction. They conclude that drivers talking on cell phones are as impaired as those with the 0.08 percent blood-alcohol level that defines drunk driving in most states, including California.

BY ALMOST ANY MEASURE, 2008 WAS A COMPLETE DISASTER FOR WALL STREET – EXCEPT, THAT IS, WHEN THE BONUSES ARRIVED.

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