

● **Dallas-based** vehicle location and navigation specialist Auto-Trac has been acquired by HRB Systems, a subsidiary of E-Systems with headquarters in State College, Pennsylvania, in the United States. The new combined company will provide GPS-based real-time fleet tracking and management systems for government and commercial customers. One recent Auto-

Trac customer is the County of Lackawanna Transit System in Scranton, Pennsylvania. This uses Auto-Trac's GPS technology to trigger automatic audio messages announcing stops on bus routes.

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● **GPS positioning** forms the heart of a customized mobile data system which was used to help ensure

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the security of heads of state and other dignitaries attending the World Cup in the United States. A total of 50 law enforcement vehicles were fitted with Trimble GPS equipment. The positions of each of the vehicles were transmitted to an operations center, so their position and operational status could be monitored as required.

● **Former Dornier** project engineer, Claude Lenert, has started a new company called SkyCom which will develop, market and sell satcoms-based fleet management and navigation systems. Based in Nierderdonven in Luxembourg, SkyCom also offers a satellite communications consultancy service. Call +352 768 596 (Fax +352 768 596) for further details.