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If we ever take a look at the patterns that occur in history, we can find example after example of how history repeats itself. Nobody is quite sure why it occurs, all that we know is that it does.

Here is an excerpt from the press information released just a couple of months ago.

NEW AT&T LAUNCHES

Offering Customers a New Leader in Communications and Entertainment, Leading Industry Transformation to Integrated, IP-Based Services

SAN ANTONIO, Nov. 18, 2005 — Today marks the birth of AT&T Inc. and of a new standard-bearer in communications, entertainment and service for the 21st century.

SBC Communications Inc. closed its acquisition of AT&T Corp. today as California regulators approved the transaction — the final approval needed for the merger of the companies' highly complementary networks, product portfolios, capabilities and shared heritage. The combined enterprise will immediately begin a well-planned integration process, allowing the new AT&T family of companies to quickly deliver benefits for both customers and stockholders.

Residential and small-business customers will realize the benefits of new IP communications innovations more quickly and effectively as well, because the new AT&T companies will take solutions created for large businesses and adapt them for smaller

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847/224 Just Give It to Me Straight

Many customers continue to ask questions regarding the 847/224 area codes are how they work and when do they apply. We thought we'd take a moment to answer some of the most commonly asked questions:

Q: What geographic area does the 224 Area Code cover?

A: The 224 Area Code will cover exactly the same geographic area that the 847 Area Code covers. The new area code will "overlay" the same geographic area as the current 847 Area Code.

Q: Why isn't there a special area code for pagers and wireless phone numbers?

A: The Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) urged the FCC to allow "technology specific" areas codes as early as 1995. Such area codes would have been implemented throughout the Chicago region to meet the capacity needs of wireless and pager service providers. This approach was rejected by the FCC for fear that it would be discriminatory towards pager and wireless providers.

Q: Aren't there millions of unused numbers that still exist in the 847 area code?

A: About 7.8 million numbers exist in an area code when it is new. At this time, about 48%, or roughly 3.7 million of the 847 area code numbers are in use. Due to technological limitations, historical patterns of use, and the arcane rules promulgated by federal regulators and the telephone industry, the system by which numbers are issued allows huge inefficiencies to exist which is why the 847 area code can be "exhausted" when only 48% of the numbers are actually in use.

Paetec Provides Emergency Access Transport Service to VoIP

PAETEC Communications, Inc., announced that it has created a transport service that assists Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP) providers in complying with impending federal requirements regarding emergency 911 access.

PAETEC's Emergency Access Transport Service will allow VoIP providers to use dedicated T-1s from PAETEC to terminate emergency calls to the appropriate Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) in the caller's location. A PSAP is a location, such as a 911 Center, where emergency calls are answered.



Cell Phone 411

Currently, cell phone companies are charging us \$1.00 or more for a 411/information call.

Well, they don't really need to.

When you need to use your cell phone to call information 411, simply dial:

1 800 FREE 411
1 800 373 3411

This way you won't incur a charge at all except for the minutes required to make the call.

Put this on your speed dial!

The Out of Control Cell Phone Bill



If there's anything that I've heard plenty of is complaints about cell phone bills. It is a huge concern especially when they are company owned cell phones. That's why RAM has partnered with Cellular Optimization.

Cellular Optimization was founded by the request of their customers. Customers became frustrated due to confusion, contradictory information and exorbitant amount of time spent on managing the cell phone bill. Cellular Optimization is a cell phone consulting firm that manages company-owned cell phones for the

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businesses and consumers. The new AT&T companies will deliver fiber-powered broadband connections to millions of homes and small businesses, enabling customers to take advantage of IP video and other emerging applications with content delivered over the new AT&T IP backbone network. Additionally, the new AT&T companies will make cost-competitive, convenient communications service bundles available to millions of new U.S. customers; details about those bundles will be available in the

purpose of maximizing usage, plans and cost savings.

However, in order for the investment to be worth your and Cellular Optimization's time, a company needs to have a minimum of 10 cell phones.

Can this really work?

RAM put one of our customers that is a larger users of cell phones in touch with Cellular Optimization.

The result saved them over \$42,000. Not a bad days work.

Find Out More...

- I'm interested in RAM quoting my company a price for my telephone service.
- I'm interested in learning more about VoIP.
- I'm interested in learning more about RAM's Professional Services.
- I'm interested in having Cellular Optimization contact me.

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