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### Michael Washer joins the Cognent Team as Graphic Designer

*Michael Washer becomes Cognent's newest graphics designer*

El Paso, Texas - Monday, January 16, 2006 – Cognent this morning announced that Michael Washer has joined the Cognent team as graphic designer. Washer, former Rabbi of the Derech Olam Messianic Synagogue, is also an accomplished fine art artist with numerous exhibitions in the region.

“Michael’s diverse background in fine art as well as a teacher, plus his experiences as a Rabbi brings a unique perspective to our web development efforts”, said Martin Paredes, Cognent’s CIO. Gerry Mangrum, Cognent CEO added, “Michael not only brings the traditional graphics art experience but he is also an accomplished songwriter as well as a studio guitarist that allows us to offer our customers new services previously found only in large city new media firms.” Washer earned a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Texas at El Paso in 1982.

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