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Pioneer Inventor of Electronic Hand-Held Calculator Featured on Science News Radio

Details of daunting obstacles and the groundbreaking methods used in development of the historic calculator finally revealed for the public

Dallas, Texas, March 6, 2009. The radio program will feature Jerry Merryman, chief engineer in developing the calculator while at Texas Instruments with Jack Kilby in the 1960s. This historic one-hour segment is scheduled to air on *Rational Radio* KMNY 1360 AM, Sunday, March 8, as a feature of the science program known as The Promise of Tomorrow.

"When Jack Kilby, who won the Nobel Prize for the Integrated Circuit and gave us modern day microchips, asked his promising *young turk* engineer to develop the calculator there was every reason for him to fail," says Colonel Mason, the program's host. "But now on this program Jerry details the impossible odds of the day, and how he doggedly overcame them. His story is truly in inspiration to young, up-coming engineers and us old-timers alike."

During the pre-recorded program Merryman explains the inspiration of the calculator starting with Jack Kilby and Pat Haggerty, then Chairman of Texas Instruments. He runs through details of each pitfall that tumbled like bricks upon them, reveals what it really meant to present such a tool to the engineering world and why it had to be Texas Instruments that did it, along with many insightful and amusing stories about Kilby himself.

"We felt it time to bring out this story," says Mason, "because the Dallas Morning News printed a feature on Texas Instruments, and its amazing innovations down through the years, in a finely written piece by Andrew D. Smith February 22. Jerry Merryman is an old friend of ours and we want everyone to know his inspiring story. Jerry is presently doing consulting work and can be reached through our website."

The radio program, *The Promise of Tomorrow* with Colonel Mason, studies the commercial business of emerging science and nanotechnology, and has a history of keeping abreast of breaking commercial advances. It is aired in Dallas and Fort Worth with a possible audience of over two million, then archived on the Web to an audience that is world-wide, www.PromiseOfTomorrow.biz

About *The Promise of Tomorrow* radio program:

The award-winning creator and host of the program is veteran news reporter, Colonel Mason. The past 54 programs featured reports on how nanotechnology has led to human gum regeneration; nanotechnology in Iran, Singapore, China, Israel, and around the world; how nanotech coatings bring protection from graffiti; how Texas is funding new firms in emerging technologies.

Other important topics covered include biodegradable plastics; atomic manipulation and building things with atomic precision for practical uses; medicine; nerve regeneration, human tissue interfacing with bionics; artificial muscles; the fallacy of BioFuels; targeting cancer tumors with nanotechnology and colloidal gold based compounds administered directly at the site of the disease while not affecting other organs; water purification using nanotechnology; how hydrogen is abundant and easy to collect, and (in solid form) the next fuel needed to replace gasoline, jet fuel, and generate electricity; plus views from scientific living legends and Nobel Laureates.

The hour long program is a wealth of information each week, also featuring headline news in emerging science, the latest tiny tech jobs, and what has become the very popular *Voice of Reason*. It is aired each Sunday from 7 to 8 pm on KMNY 1360AM radio www.RationalRadio.org, then promptly archived on the Web where its content is consumed world-wide at www.PromiseOfTomorrow.biz. Colonel Mason welcomes suggestions on topics and/or guests. Email to colonel@prfirm1.com or contact directly by phone at 214.329.4949

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