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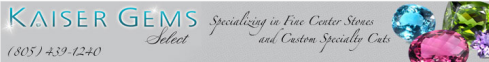
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Former AGTA President Shire passes

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The members of the American Gem Trade Association join the entire jewelry industry in mourning the passing of Maurice Shire, this past Saturday. Maurice was a founding father of the AGTA and served for many years on our Board of Directors and as our President from 1987 to 1988. Maurice was a tireless advocate of ethics and professionalism; he was a man who displayed unbridled passion for his gemstones, his friends, and his family. [MORE](#)

Harvard comes to Conclave 2010: AGS Conclave features Harvard Business School professors

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The Revolution continues for the American Gem Society. Expanding on the theme of "Revolution" for the 2010 Conclave in Boston, the AGS has announced that two leading Harvard Business School (HBS) professors will be teaching workshops that give participants not only a hands-on experience with the HBS curriculum, but will teach them bold new ways to conduct business. [MORE](#)

GEM Awards 2010 honors jewelry retailers and Madeleine Albright

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Former U.S. Secretary of State Dr. Madeleine K. Albright received the GEM Award for Style at the Jewelry Information Center's (JIC) eighth annual GEM Awards gala in New York City. The evening also included The National Jeweler's Retailer Hall of Fame, which inducted Richard Eiseeman, Robert Rottenberg and Jon Bridge. Tina Brown, editor-in-chief of *The Daily Beast*, presented Albright with her award. [MORE](#)

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CIJT student's achievement recognized

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The California Institute of Jewelry Training (CIJT) in Sacramento, California, has announced that student Gwendolyn R. Rankin of Petaluma achieved the highest honors awarded by the Canadian Gemmological Association for the year 2009. CIJT is an allied teaching center for the Canadian Gemmological Association and a member of AGTA. [MORE](#)

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China to look into AP report of cadmium in jewelry

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China's product safety agency will look into findings that dangerous levels of cadmium are being used in exports of children's jewelry, a Chinese official said following growing concern in the United States about the products. Attending a toy safety conference in Hong Kong, the official said that his agency only just learned of findings in an Associated Press investigation and would examine the findings on cadmium contamination. [MORE](#)

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While most people believe it was an iceberg that caused the Titanic to sink, recent research tells us that in fact, it was a series of bad decisions by the shipbuilder. These decisions led to substandard parts falling when the Titanic hit the iceberg, resulting in the ship's demise. Today, companies have robust risk prevention systems to avoid these kinds of corporate "shipwrecks," but unfortunately, most managers and employees don't follow them. [MORE](#)

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