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## SPEAKER BIOGRAPHY

### **ANALYSTS' TRACK**

Panel: Security and the Media

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### **Company Background:**

The San Jose Mercury News, a Knight-Ridder Inc. publication, is Silicon Valley's daily newspaper. The Mercury News is a leader in technology coverage, and was the first major daily to put its entire contents online first on America Online and now on the World Wide Web.

### **Presentation Overview:**

Few technologies have received the coverage -- or the hype -- that security threats and modern cryptography have in the past few years. But how much of this threat is real, and how much is perception created by the media machine? And how can the modern media accurately cover an esoteric field like cryptography, without passing on misinformation or misinterpretations of scientific facts?

### **Speaker Background:**

Dan Gillmor is Computing Editor at the San Jose Mercury News. Previously he was technology columnist at the Detroit Free Press. Gillmor has also written for a number of publications including the New York Times, Boston Globe and the Economist magazine. Before going into journalism he was a professional musician for seven years.

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