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1. Foreign spy activity surges to fill technology gap (Washington Times, Bill Gertz, 3 Jan 2007)

Foreign spies are stepping up efforts to obtain secret U.S. technology through methods ranging from sexual entrapment to Internet hacking, with China and other Asian countries leading the targeting of U.S. defense contractors. "The apparent across-the-board surge in activity from East Asia and Pacific countries will continue in the short term as gaps in technological capability become apparent in their weapons-development processes," the latest annual report by the Defense Security Service counterintelligence office stated. "The globalization of defense business will increase the threat from strategic competitors who will use legitimate business activities as a venue to illegally transfer U.S. technology," the report said, noting that the use of third countries to disguise collection will continue as a common tactic.

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<http://washingtontimes.com/national/20070102-111005-9819r.htm>

2. CSIS study stresses 'dirty bomb' threat - 'Quite surprising' that no terrorist group has used one, October report concludes (Canadian Press, 3 Jan 2007)

OTTAWA - Canada's spy agency says it is "quite surprising" that terrorists have not detonated a crude radioactive bomb, given the availability of materials and ease with which they could be made into a weapon. A newly released Canadian Security Intelligence Service study concludes a so-called dirty bomb is the most likely means of deliberately spreading deadly radiation. But the CSIS study cautions that "a determined and resourceful terrorist group" could execute more elaborate forms of nuclear or radiological attack. It says extremists could conceivably acquire an existing nuclear explosive device, fashion an improvised weapon from black-market material or sabotage a nuclear facility with the aim of triggering a radioactive release.

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3. Bush quietly authorizes opening of Americans' mail (New York Daily News, 4 Jan 2007)

WASHINGTON - President Bush has quietly claimed sweeping new powers to open Americans' mail without a judge's warrant, the New York Daily News has learned. The president asserted his new authority when he signed a postal reform bill into law on Dec. 20. Bush then issued a "signing statement" that declared his right to open people's mail under emergency conditions. That claim is contrary to existing law and contradicted the bill he had just signed, say experts who have reviewed it. Bush's move came during the winter congressional recess and a year after his secret domestic electronic eavesdropping program was first revealed. It caught Capitol Hill by surprise.

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4. Homeland Security Report Shows Big Gaps in Emergency Communications (ABCNews.com, 3 Jan 2007)

Oklahoma City, April 19, 1995: Police and federal authorities have difficulty communicating as they respond to the deadly bombing of a federal office building. New York City, Sept. 11, 2001: Firefighters cannot hear police warnings that the World Trade Center towers might collapse, because their radios are on different frequencies. Hundreds of first responders die. Years after the problem of radio communications between local and federal agencies in the midst of emergencies was first raised, the problem still remains — that's the bottom line of a new Homeland Security survey of 75 regions around the country. The report on the interoperability of emergency radio equipment suggests that in many regions, local, state and federal emergency and law enforcement personnel could not effectively communicate during a crisis. According to the report, "Leadership and planning across regions has lagged."

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<http://abcnews.go.com/Politics/story?id=2767623&page=1>

5. Localities Operate Intelligence Centers To Pool Terror Data (Washington Post, 31 Dec 2006)

Frustrated by poor federal cooperation, U.S. states and cities are building their own network of intelligence centers led by police to help detect and disrupt terrorist plots. The new "fusion centers" are now operating in 37 states, including Virginia and Maryland, and another covers the Washington area, according to the Department of Homeland Security. The centers, which have received \$380 million in federal support since the 2001 terrorist attacks, pool and analyze information from local, state and federal law enforcement officials.

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6. DHS urged to step up oversight of cash advances on grants (GovExec.com, 2 Jan 2007)

The Homeland Security Department needs to beef up oversight of cash advances provided to some first responder grant recipients, according to a recent Government Accountability Office report. "DHS currently lacks the policies and procedures to track and report on specific cases of cash advance funding," and must begin "critical" oversight, concluded the report (GAO-07-68), issued in late December. Stronger

oversight is necessary in part to make sure interest due on the cash advances is recorded and paid on time, GAO stated. Lawmakers gave DHS the option to provide cash advances to some grant recipients beginning in fiscal 2005, after local government officials called for more flexibility in the grants award process. Certain first responder grantees can now get advance funding "and hold such funds for extended periods of time prior to payment," the report said.

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7. IG: Immigration agency IT modernization needs stronger focus (GovExec.com, 2 Jan 2007)

Because of repeated changes in focus and direction, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services officials have duplicated information technology modernization initiatives, auditors said in a recent report. The Homeland Security Department Inspector General report, released late last month, stated that CIS' current business transformation effort duplicates parts of previous attempts by the agency's chief information office to update IT systems. The agency also has repeatedly developed plans to test elements of the transformation program, but has failed to fully implement any of them, the auditors stated. "By repeatedly revising and delaying implementation of the pilots, USCIS may be losing momentum and user confidence in its transformation approach," the report said.

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8. Dept. of Homeland Security Issues Credentialing Rule for Ports (BLR, 3 Jan 2007)

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has adopted a final rule for the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) program that will check the backgrounds of workers before they are granted unescorted access to secure areas of vessels and facilities at U.S. ports. The rule lays out the enrollment process, disqualifying crimes, usage procedures, fees and other requirements for workers, port owners, and operators. The department expects that the rule will affect more than 750,000 port employees, longshoreman, mariners, truckers and others who require unescorted access to secure areas of ports and vessels.

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9. Closing the Door at the Ports - A flurry of money, research, and law aims to close a gap in the U.S. security net (U.S. News, by Angie C. Marek, 31 Dec 2006)

ELIZABETH, N.J. – It didn't take too long after September 11 for Chief Kevin McCabe, the official overseeing screening in the sprawling Port of New York/New Jersey complex here, to realize that his job was about to become *a lot* more stressful. Within months, he was handed an intelligence tip that a container on the way to the port held a so-called dirty bomb made with radioactive material. On the day it arrived, McCabe's team isolated it from 8,000 other container boxes, fed it through a radiation detection machine and an X-ray imager, and then punched holes in its roof to sample the air inside. "It was full of

colorful Arabian carpets," McCabe says today, "and that was it." Still, he says officials were "only minutes away" from shutting down the massive port complex.

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<http://www.usnews.com/usnews/news/articles/061231/8port.htm>

10. U.S. expands port-security exchanges with China (Washington Times, 28 Dec 2006)

HONOLULU - The U.S. Coast Guard is quietly expanding exchanges with Chinese maritime-security agencies in a move that reflects the boom in seaborne trade between the two countries. Chinese law-enforcement officers ride Coast Guard cutters patrolling North Pacific fishing areas. Chinese and American officers scrutinize port security on each other's coasts. Chinese take part in joint training drills. Chinese, along with Canadians, Japanese, South Koreans, Russians and Americans, attend an annual North Pacific Coast Guard Forum in Alaska. And the Coast Guard has posted a Chinese-speaking officer, Capt. Barney Moreland, to the U.S. Embassy in Beijing to liaise with Chinese officials, including those dealing with port security.

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11. US Pushes Bahamas To Sign Maritime Initiative (The Bahama Journal, 2 Jan 2007)

US Ambassador to The Bahamas John Rood continues to push for The Bahamas to sign onto the Proliferation Security Initiative (PSI), but according to the country's foreign minister, The Bahamas – the world's third largest ship registry – remains cautious. The PSI would give the US the right to search any of thousands of Bahamas-flagged ship anywhere in the world under the pretext of searching for nuclear material or weapons of mass destruction. After applauding the conclusion of the Megaports Initiative (MPI) and the Container Security Initiative (CSI) as major accomplishments in US-Bahamas relations, Mr. Rood pointed out that The Bahamas has yet to sign on to PSI. He called the initiative "another very, very critical agreement," and told the Journal he hopes to have it concluded before he demits office early next year.

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<http://www.jonesbahamas.com/?c=45&a=11027>

12. The Flight Pattern For 2007 (Washington Post, by Del Quentin Wilber, 2 Jan 2007)

Airline passengers can't escape the headaches of the new age of air travel: long lines at checkpoints, confusion over security restrictions, lost luggage. But some airports are trying to ease the aggravation. A new travel program is under consideration at local airports to quicken the way to the gate. And security officials, aware of checkpoint inconveniences, are constantly mulling refinements in procedures. But what does the new year hold for your trip to the airport? In interviews with officials at the Transportation Security Administration and industry leaders, The Post assesses what possible changes lie ahead for the traveler.

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13. TSA Uniforms Disappearing At Greater Rates - More than 3,500 Uniforms, Badges Misplaced (NBC5.com, 29 Dec 2006)

CHICAGO - Unit 5's Phil Rogers reported on Friday that Transportation Security Administration uniforms and badges have been lost in far greater numbers than first reported. Rogers' first report revealed TSA employees losing those badges and uniforms over the past two years, but now Rogers had records that go back five years, and those records indicate that many TSA employees have a hard time keeping track of the very items that prove they work for one of the nation's most critical agencies. The reports showed that TSA employees at O'hare lost the most ID badges -- 189, along with 188 uniforms, Rogers reported. Los Angeles had lost the most uniforms, with 636 being lost, coupled with 153 ID badges. At Washington's Reagan National Airport, 97 uniforms and 35 ID badges were lost, while at New York's John F. Kennedy Airport, 94 ID badges and three uniforms were lost. At Phoenix's Sky Harbor airport, 87 ID badges and 10 uniforms were lost.

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<http://www.nbc5.com/news/10632876/detail.html>

14. Investigators to target security at airports - Inquiry may include perimeter snoops (News-Press.com, 27 Dec 2006)

Teams of federal agents could prowl airport perimeters next year as congressional investigators scrutinize federal efforts to safeguard planes, tarmacs and runways, a Washington official said Tuesday. The federal investigation will focus on perimeter security technology, background checks, training and planning — all topics in a 2004 report critical of the Transportation Security Administration, the agency responsible for security at the nation's more than 450 commercial airports. "We're basically looking to see where TSA stands on the issues we raised in our previous report," said Norman Rabkin, managing director of the homeland security and justice team at the Government Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress. The GAO inquiry could include a special unit snooping undercover on airport perimeters in search of security weaknesses, Rabkin said. He declined to elaborate.

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15. TSA raises transportation worker ID card fee (Washington Technology, 3 Jan 2007)

Most maritime workers will pay at least \$139 for their initial Transportation Workers Identification Credential card and \$60 for a replacement card as part of the Homeland Security Department's just-released final rule for the program. The price of the initial credential rose by \$10, while the price of the replacement card increased by 67 percent, from \$36, in comparison to the figures quoted in a notice of proposed rulemaking in May 2006. Some workers will pay a reduced fee, totaling from \$107 to \$127, if the department determines that they already have complied with certain requirements through other programs. The Transportation Security Administration is inviting public comments on some of the fees.

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http://www.washingtontechnology.com/news/1_1/daily_news/29924-1.html

16. Registered Traveler waves on two more companies (Washington Technology, 2 Jan 2007)

The Transportation Security Administration has approved two more companies as providers of the Registered Traveler program designed to speed enrolled travelers through airports nationwide. The agency announced on its Web site that Unisys Corp., Blue Bell, Pa., and Verant Identification Systems Inc. of Rochester, N.Y., were certified by the agency in December as having met the minimum requirements for offering registered traveler services to sponsoring entities. A month before a subsidiary of Verified Identity Pass Inc. of New York became the first company approved.

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http://www.washingtontechnology.com/news/1_1/daily_news/29921-1.html

17. New security measures recommended for LNG sites (Washington Times, 4 Jan 2007)

WASHINGTON - Federal officials are recommending new security measures to protect the nation's half-dozen liquefied natural gas facilities from a terrorist attack after a break-in at a Massachusetts operation last summer went undetected for nearly a week. In addition to regulations requiring security systems to deter intruders, the Transportation Department says the operation must be tested to "verify that alarms work and that monitoring devices function as intended," and that surprise testing should be conducted, according to an advisory released Friday. Personnel should be trained on security procedures, which should be updated and incorporated with the most relevant threat information, said the findings from the Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration. The Aug. 16 break-in at the Lynn, Mass., facility operated by KeySpan occurred just five days after the nation went on high alert for a possible terrorist attack involving aircraft. The break-in was captured on videotape and showed two men cutting through the security fence and climbing on top of the massive storage tank. Their motive is not known.

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18. FBI Reports Duct-Taping, 'Baptizing' at Guantanamo (Washington Post, 03 Jan 2007)

FBI agents witnessed possible mistreatment of the Koran at the military prison at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, including at least one instance in which an interrogator squatted over Islam's holy text in an apparent attempt to offend a captive, according to bureau documents released yesterday. In October 2002, a Marine captain allegedly squatted over a copy of the Koran during intensive questioning of a Muslim prisoner, who was "incensed" by the tactic, according to an FBI agent. A second agent described similar events, but it is unclear from the documents whether it was a separate case.

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19. German IM criticized for anti-terror plan (UPI, 03 Jan 2007)

Germany's top security chief has come under fire because he wants to allow the military to shoot down passenger planes kidnapped by terrorists. Interior Minister Wolfgang Schaeuble, a senior official with Chancellor Angela Merkel's conservatives, earlier this week had said he wanted to change the constitution to allow for the shooting down of planes used as weapons by terrorists to avoid greater loss of life. The Sueddeutsche Zeitung newspaper quoted Schaeuble as saying that the amendment to the constitution would create a "de-facto defense situation," allowing the military to shoot down the planes. The plan has come under heavy fire from the opposition and from civil rights groups.

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STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

20. CO: Sports gambling suspects arrested (Denver Post, 3 Jan 2007)

Golden - Four men have been indicted by a Jefferson County grand jury for allegedly operating a sports-gambling ring, with one man accused of bookmaking while on duty at an Arvada post office. Named in the 42-count indictment announced today are William Burbidge, 65, of Centennial; John Mencin, 57, of Denver; Todd Lane Vaughn, 42, of Brighton, and Mark J. Evans, 38, of Arvada. Charges include violation of Colorado's Organized Crime Control Act, professional gambling and conspiracy. "This isn't just social wagering," said Jefferson County District Attorney Scott Storey. "According to the indictments, these defendants were running a sophisticated criminal enterprise."

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http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_4942757

21. CT: Man charged in immigration smuggling scheme pleads guilty (Boston Globe, 29 Dec 2006)

NEW HAVEN, Conn. - A Connecticut businessman pleaded guilty Friday to federal charges that he illegally recruited Portuguese immigrants to work in his 10 Dunkin' Donuts franchises. Jose Calhelha, 47, of Guilford, pleaded guilty in U.S. District Court to two of the original seven counts he faced after being indicted in January, The Hartford Courant reported on its Web site Friday. Calhelha entered the guilty plea to two felony charges: enticing illegal aliens to the U.S. and harboring illegal aliens.

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22. DE: Dover Mall Employee Arrested for Identity Theft (WBOC16, 29 Dec 2006)

DOVER- Police have arrested a Dover Mall employee accused of stealing the identities of customers to whom she sold gift cards. Dover police say that on Dec. 22, several victims contacted detectives to report that that someone had gained access to their bank accounts. Police say an investigation revealed that the victims had purchased gift cards at the Dover Mall from the courtesy desk near Macy's. Each victim had purchased a gift card using their credit card.

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<http://www.wboc.com/Global/story.asp?S=5870854&nav=MXEF>

23. FL: Port security center is coming (St Petersburg Times, 4 Jan 2007)

ST. PETERSBURG - A marine research firm settling into St. Petersburg this week will be joined by a first-of-its-kind national center for port security, U.S. Rep. C.W. Bill Young's chief of staff said Wednesday. With the University of South Florida and private researcher SRI-St. Petersburg, the new center will help deliver sensor and imaging technology to ports around the nation and world, said Young's top aide, Harry Glenn. The National Center for Marine and Port Security will piggyback off the research already under way at USF's College of Marine Sciences as well as the projects soon to start at SRI-St. Petersburg, which formally opened its office on Tuesday. The technology enables security workers to scan deepwater port facilities almost instantaneously, and allows results to be stored for future reference. USF's sensor systems were used at last year's Super Bowl in Jacksonville and in New York during the 2004 Republican National Convention, officials said. Now ports across the country are clamoring for the technology on a permanent basis, Glenn said.

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http://www.sptimes.com/2007/01/04/Southpinellas/Port_security_center_.shtml

24. FL: Airport Officials Get Lesson In Hajj (St Petersburg Times, 29 Dec 2006)

The pilgrims might look different when they return to the United States. They may be carrying vessels of holy water and religious souvenirs tucked in their luggage. "Just be a little sensitive," Maysi Hnin, 26, a Muslim University of South Florida student, told Tampa International Airport officials Thursday in a meeting designed to educate them about Muslims returning from the hajj, or pilgrimage to Mecca.

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http://www.sptimes.com/2006/12/29/Tampabay/AIRPORT_OFFICIALS_GET.shtml

25. FL: Police believe they caught man involved with human smuggling (Naples Daily News, 28 Dec 2006)

Investigators from the Collier County Sheriff's Office believe they stopped a human smuggling operation last weekend when they arrested a 32-year-old Miami man for illegally transporting fuel in Port of the Islands.

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26. FL: New task force to fight trafficking immigrants (TCPalm, 30 Dec 2006)

JUPITER ISLAND The police chief of one of America's richest towns promised Friday to launch a new anti-drug and human smuggling task force after a Jamaican man drowned and a waterfront resident came home to find that suspected illegal immigrants had used her shower and boiled eggs on her stove. The smuggler was still at large Friday evening, but 12 Jamaican men were captured in a massive manhunt that also netted a handgun and a bag of heroin in the Thursday night landing, said Martin County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Lt. Jenell Atlas. The ultra-rich town is a frequent landing spot for boat captains smuggling immigrants from the Caribbean, who likely want to avoid more populated areas in Palm Beach and Miami to the south.

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http://www.tcpalm.com/tcp/local_news/article/0.,TCP_16736_5245755.00.html

27. HI: New laws to help combat identity theft (Honolulu Advertiser, 1 Jan 2007)

Three laws aimed at fighting identity theft take effect today, including one that allows victims in Hawai'i to freeze their consumer credit reports to prevent further exploitation. They are among new laws that will affect Hawai'i residents in varied ways, from how they drive, to how much taxes they pay to how safe their private information is. The Internet and the digital age have turned people's bank account numbers, birth dates and Social Security numbers into prizes for thieves adept at turning such information into instant credit at the expense of unsuspecting victims. The Federal Trade Commission said ID theft climbed 265 percent from 2001 to 2005. Hawai'i had 810 reported cases in 2005.

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28. IL: New state law aims to prevent identity theft (HOI19online, 29 Dec 2006)

PEORIA - Last year, more than 10,000 people in Illinois reported they were victims of identity theft. Legislators hope a new law will prevent that number from growing. Starting next year, people can place a security freeze on their credit reports. The president of the Peoria Better Business Bureau says it may prevent people from opening up accounts in your name. "It might be very valuable to consumers who are very concerned about identity theft if you've not been a victim and you're concerned this is going to happen it's one more step to take to protect yourself. if you have been a victim, it's a way to keep things from getting worse," BBB's Bonnie Bakin said.

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http://www.hoinews.com/news/news_story.aspx?id=24364

29. MD: Specialized police units under scrutiny (The Examiner, 27 Dec 2006)

BALTIMORE - The day after Baltimore City officially surpassed last year's homicide total, Councilman Kenneth Harris said a hearing on his resolution calling for the police department to transfer officers from specialized units into regular patrol has finally been scheduled. "I've calling for this hearing since April," Harris said. "Given what's happened with the homicide rate, we need to examine how we use our resources." Harris said Councilman James Kraft, head of the public safety committee, would announce the hearing date at the next City Council hearing. Harris said the hearing would be in January. "We really need to carefully evaluate the department's use of these units," he said. "When we're down patrol officers in many districts, I think we need to do what we can to get officers back into regular patrol."

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http://www.examiner.com/a-476515~Specialized_police_units_under_scrutiny.html

30. PA; New laws target unsafe driving, identity theft, sex offenders (The York Dispatch, 2 Jan 2007)

Identity theft: The state's Credit Reporting Agency Law, which became effective yesterday, gives consumers the ability to put a security freeze on their credit reports to thwart identity theft. It passed unanimously in both the state House and Senate, according to Gov. Ed Rendell's office. When a "freeze" is in place, credit-reporting agencies are

forbidden from releasing a consumer's information to third parties without that person's permission, Rendell's office said. Credit-reporting agencies may charge a fee of no more than \$10 for the service, unless the person is a victim of identity theft and provides a police report as proof, or if the person is over 65. The freeze is for consumers who have been, or suspect they could become, victims of identity theft, as well as people who simply want to safeguard their identities, according to Kevin Harley, spokesman for the state Attorney General's Office. Government agencies, private collection agencies and a few other groups can still receive a person's credit report even if a freeze has been put in place.

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http://www.yorkdispatch.com/local/ci_4935976

31. TN: Nashville Airport Terminal Evacuated After Security Slip-Up (AP, 28 Dec 2006)

NASHVILLE - About 3,000 passengers had to be removed Thursday from a terminal at Nashville International Airport and screened again after officials said a couple of passengers were not properly inspected. The error was discovered by Transportation Security Administration managers about 11 a.m. A TSA spokeswoman said there was no indication that the passengers intended to evade screening.

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32. VA: TSA Adds Dulles To List Of 'Gateway' Airports (Aero-News Network, 29 Dec 2006)

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced yesterday it has named Dulles International Airport (IAD) as its newest gateway airport allowing certain pre-cleared general aviation (GA) operations, including corporate aircraft, charter flights, and on-demand operations, to fly directly into Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). Operators may apply to begin general aviation flights from IAD into DCA. Under current TSA rules, GA flights into DCA must arrive from one of 17 gateway airports after crew and pax screening.

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33. VA: Shipbuilders Unhappy With New U.S. Port Security Rules (AP, 2 Jan 2007)

NORFOLK, Va. - A federal plan to screen port workers could drive up the cost of building and repairing Navy ships while doing nothing to improve security, industry officials say. Under the new system, longshoremen, truckers and other transportation workers who need access to secure port areas will undergo FBI background checks and submit fingerprints that will be embedded on biometric cards. But the federal law mandating the system - officially known as the Transportation Worker Identification Credential - also extends to some shipyards, including Navy shipbuilder Northrop Grumman Newport News, the region's largest private employer with 19,000 workers. Ship repair yard officials are confused about the law: some say their companies fall under the law, others say they do not.

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34. WI: Identity Theft Warning (MJ4, 29 Dec 2006)

MILWAUKEE - A big screw up by the state could put tens of thousands of people at risk for identity theft. The error appears on state income tax forms. Around 170,000 tax forms were mailed with taxpayers' names and Social Security numbers printed right on the front of the booklets. Taxpayers who heard about the mistake were stunned. "It's a very big concern for me," said one Milwaukee resident. The Department of Revenue admits printing the information on the tax forms was a mistake. They spent Friday trying to fix it. "We've been working to try to contact as many post offices as we can to alert them to the problem and to find out if they have any of the mailings still in house," said Meredith Helgerson of the Revenue Department. Officials hope to stop the mailing before it leaves the post offices. In most cases, they suspect they're too late.

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KEY PEOPLE

35. Homeland intelligence chief presses hard to establish agency and gain respect (AP, 30 Dec 2006)

WASHINGTON: After 47 years spent gathering and analyzing foreign intelligence at the CIA, Charles Allen is facing perhaps his biggest career challenge in developing a homeland intelligence capability. He now must gain the respect of the U.S. intelligence community for the Homeland Security Department, where he has spent just over a year as chief intelligence officer. Allen said in an interview with The Associated Press that he has already improved the quality of intelligence coming out of the department, and has in fact expanded the definition of homeland security intelligence. While his officers attend daily meetings and participate in projects with analysts from other intelligence agencies, particularly the FBI and the CIA's National Counterterrorism Center, Allen said: "We are different. I've been given the freedom and authority to develop a strong intelligence capability, to realize what was really intended" when Homeland Security was created.

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36. Nuclear security lapses cost program chief his job (AP, 04 Jan 2007)

Energy Secretary Samuel Bodman announced Thursday the dismissal of the head of the country's nuclear weapons program because of security breakdowns at facilities including the Los Alamos laboratory in New Mexico. Linton Brooks is to submit his resignation as chief of the National Nuclear Security Administration this month, the department said. Bodman said Brooks, a former ambassador and arms control negotiator, had failed to adequately correct security problems at the NNSA. "I have decided it is time for new leadership at the NNSA," Bodman said.

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37. AR: New attorney general to target identity theft, meth (Arkansas News Bureau, 1 Jan 2007)

LITTLE ROCK - Proposals aimed at thwarting identity theft and methamphetamine trafficking are likely to anchor the legislative package that newly elected Attorney General Dustin McDaniel will present during the 2007 legislative session. "Essentially what you'll see is a package of bills that fall under the categories of consumer protection and/or law enforcement," McDaniel said in a recent interview. Falling under the first category is a proposed "Security Freeze Act." McDaniel said he planned to propose allowing victims of identity theft to lock down access to their financial information to prevent the information from being used repeatedly in further acts of fraud. "Because somebody has access to your ID and access to your confidential financial information, they can victimize you by opening a credit card this month, they can victimize you by opening a bank account the following month, they can victimize you by opening a mortgage the month after that," McDaniel said.

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<http://www.arkansasnews.com/archive/2007/01/01/News/339334.html>

38. OH: Chillicothe native named security director of year - Tom Rice works for Columbus airports (The Gazette Staff, 30 Dec 2006)

COLUMBUS - A Chillicothe native has been honored by the Transportation Security Administration as its Federal Security Director of the Year for the Eastern Region. Tom Rice - who serves as security director for both Port Columbus and Rickenbacker airports - won the award, beating out 125 others in the region. According to TSA administrator Gale Rossides, Rice has improved the morale of his employees and promoted a culture of achievement among his team. "He serves as an example of workplace excellence with a focus on providing world-class security, and his partnerships inside and outside TSA are positive, professional and customer-focused due to his outstanding leadership," said Rossides.

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39. OR: Break-ins prompt PDX security boost (KTVZ, 2 Jan 2007)

Security is tighter at PDX parking lots after a dramatic rise in car break-ins. Airport officials said they had nearly as many break-ins in two weeks as the entire rest of the year. Officials are adding new signs and increasing security -- and will even call you if your car is broken into. Portland International Airport. (kgw.com Photo) Thieves have been breaking into cars and grabbing two things -- your registration with your home address, and your garage door opener. Chris Hatzi is one of 38 people whose cars were burglarized at PDX parking lots in the past two weeks. Thieves took his registration and a day later broke into his home. When you add up the stolen items and property damage, the Hatzi family has lost nearly \$80,000.

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GANG ACTIVITY

40. FBI: Organized Crime Finding Mortgage Fraud (Reality Times, 27 Dec 2006)

The latest statistics from the Federal Bureau of Investigation confirm that mortgage fraud is on the upswing. "We can't find a chart that doesn't show up in a big way," special agent Bill Stern said at a conference on the topic earlier this month in Las Vegas. Even worse news, the FBI's mortgage fraud coordinator in Washington said, is that the trend is moving away from rogue individuals who pull off the scams and toward members of organized crime. "Mortgage fraud is now a criminal enterprise that puts dollars in the hands of people who also are involved in such other crimes as drugs, murders and gangs," Stern told the conference.

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http://realitytimes.com/rtcpages/20061227_mortfraudcrime.htm

41. FL: Reputed mobster charged at 96 in Florida (AP, 29 Dec 2006)

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. - Lucky Luciano, Meyer Lansky and Carlo Gambino are long gone. Murder Inc. is out of business. Las Vegas has been so cleaned up it resembles Disneyland. And Havana? Forget about it since Castro took over. But Albert "Chinky" Facchiano, at 96, is still standing. And like Michael Corleone in "The Godfather III," he is still very much involved in the family business, according to the FBI. At an age when most people are long retired and happy just to be alive, the reputed mobster was indicted earlier this year in Florida and New York. He is accused of trying to intimidate and possibly kill a witness against the powerful the Genovese family of New York in 2005. He is also accused of helping to run the rackets in Florida.

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42. Mafia's Bible puzzle has police guessing (Times Online, 3 Jan 2007)

Detectives have asked the Vatican to help to decipher cryptic biblical messages published by the new Mafia Godfather in Latin. Matteo Messina Denaro, a ruthless killer noted for his designer clothes and playboy lifestyle, is widely regarded as the new boss of Cosa Nostra after the arrest last April of Bernardo Provenzano, 73, who had been on the run for more than 40 years. Messina Denaro, who has also been on the run for half of his life, represents the "new generation" of computer-literate Mafia bosses, running organised crime as an efficient multinational operation. He was better known for his love of PlayStations, Porsches and glamorous women than his learning. But each year Messina Denaro places in a local newspaper a memorial notice to his father, Francesco, who died in 1998. Police noted that this time it takes the form of an amended Latin passage from the Old Testament.

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<http://www.timesonline.co.uk/article/0,,13509-2528468,00.html>

NARCO TRAFFICKING

43. AZ: Nogales woman arrested for smuggling cocaine (Arizona Daily Star, 3 Jan 2007)

A big cocaine bust at the border. Tuesday night, customs agents in Nogales seized 81 pounds of cocaine with an estimated street value of a half-million dollars. A 27-year-old

Nogales, Arizona, woman was arrested after she allegedly tried to bring cocaine over the border in the front wheel wells of a Chevy Malibu.

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44. FL: A dozen men believed to be Jamaicans were arrested by US immigration officials on Friday (Radio Jamaica, 30 Dec 2006)

The men were picked up in Martin County where authorities also found a boat, a body and bag full of drugs. The US authorities said they found a 36-foot Intrepid boat beached about 100 yards south of a marina, close to the man's body. However the captain of the boat remains missing. US authorities later identified the dead man as 58-year-old Nigel Warren from Jamaica. He was found five feet from the boat and is assumed to be part of the group. The police say they found a handgun and a duffel bag full of drugs that tested positive for heroin. Authorities described the men as illegal immigrants and believe they broke into an area home late Thursday to eat, shower and change clothes.

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<http://www.radiojamaica.com/news/story.php?category=2&story=31422>

45. KY: Heroin arrest may point increased use in region (AP, 30 Dec 2006)

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - Heroin is re-emerging in the Louisville area, the result of Mexican drug-traffickers marketing to a new generation, federal authorities said. Since July, a drug task force of federal and local police has confiscated more than two pounds of heroin with a street value of about \$200,000, including two pounds recently in nearby Charlestown, Ind. Such amounts were unheard of in recent years, Tony King, resident agent in charge of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration office in Louisville, told The Courier-Journal. While Louisville police and health officials haven't seen a noticeable surge in the drug's use, King said the recent confiscations could foreshadow problems. An annual National Drug Threat Assessment report released in October said Mexican heroin circulating in western states was spreading east of the Mississippi. It said abusers of opiates prescribed as painkillers, such as OxyContin, might be switching to heroin, as efforts to curb prescription-drug abuse take hold.

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<http://www.kentucky.com/mld/kentucky/news/local/16349889.htm>

46. NY: Ontario man accused of smuggling ecstasy and date-rape drug into U.S.A. (Canadian Press, 2 Jan 2007)

BUFFALO, N.Y. - An Ontario man was ringing in the New Year in custody in Buffalo, N.Y., after he allegedly tried to smuggle ecstasy tablets and the drug Ketamine, better known as the date-rape drug, across the border. The 18-year-old man was arrested at the Queenston-Lewiston Bridge on Saturday afternoon, after agents found the drugs hidden in the man's jacket. U.S. officials said the man told the border officers he was planning to shop at local stores. But they became suspicious when they noticed an unnatural bulge in his jacket pocket. Further inspection of the jacket uncovered two plastic bags containing more than 1,750 ecstasy tablets and a small amount of the date-rape drug.

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47. Mexico to widen new crackdown on drug crime (Reuters, 2 Jan 2007)

MEXICO CITY - Mexican President Felipe Calderon is extending an army crackdown on drug gangs in western Mexico across the country, in an attempt to halt gang violence in which 9,000 people have been killed in six years. Calderon, who was sworn in on Dec. 1 and immediately sent 7,000 troops to round up drug smugglers in his home state of Michoacan, has now sent another 3,300 soldiers to the crime-ridden northern border city of Tijuana. "We are going to intensify our head-on fight against crime and drug trafficking," Calderon said in a New Year's message on Tuesday. Some 2,000 people died in Mexico in 2006 in violence related to rival drug cartels' battles over lucrative routes to smuggle cocaine, marijuana and methamphetamines to the United States. Much South American cocaine passes through Mexico on its way to the lucrative U.S. drug market. The country also produces marijuana, methamphetamines and heroin.

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48. Concerns Grow Over Haitian Drug Smuggling (The Bahama Journal, 2 Jan 2007)

Haitians are using The Bahamas as a transit point to traffic narcotics into the United States because they know they can't enter the northern nation on wooden sloops, according to U.S. Ambassador to the Bahamas John Rood. Mr. Rood said Haitians are loading their sloops with drugs, traveling to The Bahamas and then switching vessels in order to gain access into America. Ambassador Rood's comments came one week after Bahamian authorities seized drugs from aboard two Haitian sloops off Nassau. Nearly 200 pounds of cocaine and marijuana were discovered during the drug bust, according to police. Nine migrants were arrested. "Haiti is a problem from a drug trafficking standpoint," Mr. Rood said. "There are numerous planes being observed flying between Venezuela and Haiti. The drugs get into Haiti and we don't have good intelligence of where they go. Haiti is very lawless and as you know there have been Haitian sloops that have been found with drugs on them coming into The Bahamas.

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49. UK: 98 Bags Of Coke In Model (The Mirror, 29 Dec 2006)

A MODEL arrested as she stepped from a plane had swallowed 3lb of cocaine worth nearly £1million. Julissa Mercedes, 24, who has starred in cosmetics and clothing ads, was found to have 98 bags of the drug inside her after landing in Sicily. It is thought she was on her way to a Catania hotel to meet Mafia mobsters who she said had paid her £2,800 to be a mule. Local police captain Sergio Cerra, acting on a tip-off, said: "She knew exactly what she was doing and we suspect she has brought consignments into Italy in the past. "She has told us she was to check into the hotel and wait to be contacted."

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50. Poland, Sweden stop cocaine smuggling ring (UPI, 27 Dec 2006)

WARSAW, Poland - Police in Poland and Sweden say they intercepted 3,306 pounds of cocaine worth \$100 million being shipped from Colombia to the Baltic port of Szczecin. Zbigniew Matwiej, Polish police spokesman, told reporters in Warsaw on Wednesday that Swedish and Polish police in a joint action broke a major ring that tried to dispatch cocaine from Colombian drug cartels into Poland, Radio Polonia reported. Matwiej said two Polish citizens and a North American holder of Mexican passport have been arrested in Szczecin.

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CYBERTHREAT & THEFT

51. Coast Guard mandates e-mail phishing training (FCW, 28 Dec 2006)

The Coast Guard is ordering all personnel connected to its network to take mandatory training on how to avoid fake e-mail messages that try to acquire sensitive data in a technique known as phishing and even more highly targeted attacks known as spear phishing. Last month, the Defense Department mandated that all its personnel take spear phishing awareness training by Jan. 17. The Coast Guard is requiring the same of all Coast Guard personnel who connect to the service's network over Standard Work Station III (SW III) computers, according to a Dec. 21 message sent to all personnel by Rear Adm. R.T. Hewitt, assistant commandant for command, control, communications, computers and information technology.

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RESOURCES

52. DC has new radio show on homeland security (UPI, 02 Jan 2007)

A Washington-area public radio station begins airing next week a weekly magazine show dedicated to homeland security. WAMU will broadcast the hour-long program, "Homeland Security: Inside and Out," on Wednesday evenings, the station said on its Web site. The program is produced by Texas A&M University radio station, KAMU, and is co-hosted by David McIntyre, director of the university's Integrative Center for Homeland Security, and retired Air Force Col. Randall Larsen, director of the Washington-based Institute for Homeland Security.

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53. Defense agency taps SAIC for WMD toolset (FCW, 28 Dec 2006)

The Defense Threat Reduction Agency has awarded McLean, Va.-based Science Applications International Corp. a contract for the Integrated Weapons of Mass Destruction Toolset Phase II. The multiple-award, cost-plus-fixed-fee contract has a base period of three years with an optional five-year total period of performance. If all options are exercised, the contract will be worth \$53.9 million, SAIC said in a statement today. Under the contract, the company will expand on the work it completed in Phase I as the lead systems integrator. It will create a Web portal for the agency's modeling and

simulation chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) tools. SAIC will also make the tools accessible on laptop computers and provide a common information systems architecture for them that will allow users to rapidly access CBRNE planning, emergency response and assessment capabilities. The agency's mission is to ensure the safety of the country from weapons of mass destruction -- specifically nuclear, chemical and biological.

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FULL REPORTS

59. Fact Sheet: Select Homeland Security Accomplishments For 2006 (Dept of Homeland Security)

Securing The Nation's Transportation System: Transportation Security Administration (TSA)

TSA Responds to Liquid Explosive Threat in London: In response to the foiled terror plot in England, TSA trained its 43,000 security officers to address the threat of liquid explosives in a matter of hours. After two days security wait times returned to normal levels. Six weeks later, after conducting extensive explosive testing with our federal

partners, TSA again proved its flexibility by modifying its ban on liquids by allowing limited quantities onboard aircraft. Again, efficiency was not seriously affected and in fact wait times during the Thanksgiving holiday were slightly lower than in 2005.

TSA Strengthens Air Cargo Security: In Fall 2006, TSA issued two security directives requiring inspection of 100 percent of high risk cargo, as well as packages tendered to airlines at the ticket counters. TSA also expanded the use of explosives detection canine teams to screen cargo and added 100 air cargo inspectors.

TSA Screens 700,000 Port Workers: TSA conducted more than 700,000 name-based security threat assessments on port workers. In partnership with the U.S. Coast Guard, TSA issued a proposed rule and will soon issue a final rule that clears the path to begin enrollment for the Transportation Worker Identification Credential (TWIC) program in early 2007.

TSA Raises Freight Rail Security Baseline: TSA worked with freight rail stakeholders to mitigate the greatest vulnerability in freight rail transportation - the standing Toxic Inhalation Hazard (TIH) rail car. These efforts provide for minimizing the occurrence of unattended TIH cars in High Threat Urban Areas, and if they are present, lowering the cars' standstill times and providing protection or surveillance. TSA also published a notice of proposed rulemaking that would require a secure chain of custody for certain security sensitive materials and a car location reporting requirement allowing DHS to locate any car containing security sensitive materials at any time.

TSA Commences Baseline Security Evaluations for Mass Transit and Passenger Rail Systems: Through this program, 100 nation-wide Surface Transportation Inspectors reviewed implementation of 17 Security and Emergency Management Action Items that TSA and the Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration (DOT/FTA) jointly developed, in coordination with the Mass Transit Sector Coordinating Council. Implementation of the action items helps elevate security readiness throughout the public transportation industry by establishing baseline measures.

TSA Strengthens TSO Workforce: TSA has enhanced the TSO workforce through increased focus on IED training, lower injury rates, new career opportunities, and a new performance incentive system.

Strengthening Border Security: Customs and Border Protection (CBP)

President Successfully Deploys 6,000 National Guard to Border: In support of the President's initiative to deploy up to 6,000 National Guard personnel to the Southwest border, Border Patrol launched Operation Jumpstart. In addition to the National Guard deployment, Border Patrol staffing increased by 8 percent, from 11,265 to 12,349.

Increased Border Security At and Between the Nation's Ports of Entry: CBP Border Patrol agents reduced the number of apprehensions at the borders by more than 8 percent in fiscal year 2006. As a result of targeted coordinated enforcement efforts, CBP Border

Patrol reduced non-Mexican illegal alien apprehensions by 35 percent. In fiscal year 2006, CBP Border Patrol seized more than 1.3 million pounds of marijuana and 11,900 pounds of cocaine between the ports of entry. CBP officers at the nation's ports of entry seized more than 644,000 pounds of marijuana, arrested more than 23,000 suspected criminals, interdicted more than 209,000 inadmissible aliens and 1.628 million agricultural interceptions (meats and plants).

Increased Border Security Draws Reduction in Apprehensions: CBP Border Patrol agents reduced the number of apprehensions at the borders by more than 8 percent compared to last year. As a result of targeted enforcement efforts and close coordination with other federal, state, tribal and local agencies, the Border Patrol saw a 35 percent decrease in the number of apprehensions of non-Mexican illegal aliens compared to 2005.

CBP Deploys Over 880 Radiation Portal Monitors at Land and Sea Ports: CBP deployed 280 new radiation portal monitors throughout the Nation's ports of entry, bringing the number of radiation portal monitors to 881 at the Nation's land and sea ports of entry.

CSI Expands to 50 Ports, Covering Over 80 Percent of Containers: CBP expanded the Container Security Initiative (CSI), increasing participating ports to 50 in fiscal year 2006. CSI now covers more than 80 percent of U.S.-bound maritime containers.

Processed 61 Repatriation Flights: During the evacuations from Lebanon, DHS facilitated the processing of 61 civilian and military repatriation flights or 11,287 U.S. citizens, while continuing to be vigilant in identifying any individuals who would try and enter the U.S. fraudulently or with malicious intent. DHS fully vetted all arriving persons and ensured that all persons were checked for terrorism links, criminal warrants, immigration and other violations. Federal Air Marshals, Aviation Security Inspectors and Transportation Security Officers were also deployed to key sites both in the U.S. and abroad to facilitate secure flight and screening operations.

DHS Awards SBInet Contract to Boeing: DHS awarded a contract to Boeing Co. to implement SBInet along the Northern and Southern Borders. The program will provide DHS with the best possible tools to detect, identify, classify, respond to and resolve illegal entry attempts at our land borders.

CBP Increases Capability to Secure the Northern Border: CBP Air and Marine opened its third of 5 Air Branches planned for the Northern Border of the United States. The Great Falls Air Branch, Montana joins the Bellingham, Washington, and Plattsburgh, New York, Air Branches in supporting Homeland Security efforts along the northern tier.

Ports of Entry Inspections Form First Line of Defense at Land Borders: CBP officers inspected 422 million travelers, more than 132 million cars, trucks, buses, trains, vessels and aircraft. CBP Officers inspected 1.19 million private vehicles, 11.48 million trucks and more than 1 million aircraft.

CBP Immigration Advisory Program (IAP) Enhances Security: The IAP enhances security by preventing terrorists and other high-risk passengers from boarding aircraft destined for the United States. Since its inception in 2004, IAP teams have made more than 1,000 no-board recommendations for high-risk or inadequately documented passengers. IAP accomplishments equate to approximately \$1.6 million in cost avoidance associated with detaining and removing passengers who would have been returned after having been refused admission to the United States, and \$1.5 million in potential air carrier potential savings.

Protecting National Security and Upholding Public Safety: Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)

"Catch and Return" Replaces "Catch-and-Release" Along the Borders: The practice of "catch and release" for non-Mexican aliens existed for years and was one of the greatest impediments to gaining control of the border. In 2006, the Department of Homeland Security and ICE re-engineered the detention and removal process to effectively end this practice along the border, an accomplishment that many considered impossible in 2005 when only approximately 29 percent of apprehended non-Mexican aliens were detained along the border.

ICE Sets New Record for Worksite Enforcement: More than 4,300 arrests were made in ICE worksite enforcement cases, more than seven times the arrests in 2002, the last full year of operations for U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

ICE Sets New Record for Compliance Enforcement: ICE completed 5,956 compliance enforcement investigations resulting in the administrative arrest of 1,710 overstay and status violators, a 75 percent increase over the number of administrative arrests in FY 2005.

ICE Sets New Record for Alien Removals: ICE removed a record 189,670 illegal aliens from the country this fiscal year, a twelve percent increase over the number of removals during the prior fiscal year. ICE also increased its detention bed space by 6,300 during fiscal year 2006. Combined with fiscal year 2007 enhancements, ICE is now funded for a total of 27,700 beds.

ICE Nearly Triples the Number of Fugitive Operations Teams: ICE nearly tripled the number of fugitive operations teams deployed nationwide from 18 to 50. These additional teams maximized the efficiency of ICE immigration enforcement efforts to locate, apprehend and remove fugitive aliens, nearly one-third of whom have criminal histories.

ICE Dismantles one of the World's Most Powerful Drug Cartels: ICE concluded a 15-year probe into Colombia's Cali drug cartel, once responsible for 80 percent of the world's cocaine supply, with guilty pleas by its leaders and a \$2 billion forfeiture settlement. More than 141 members of this organization have been arrested, indicted or convicted as part of this ICE case.

ICE Targets Transnational Gangs: Through Operation Community Shield, ICE arrested roughly 2,290 violent gang members nationwide in 2006, of which 1,073 had convictions for violent crimes. Since its inception in 2005, Operation Community Shield has resulted in the arrest of 3,700 gang members.

Protecting the Public, the Environment & U.S. Economic Interests: U.S. Coast Guard

U.S. Coast Guard Christens First New High Endurance Cutter in Over 35 Years:

The U.S. Coast Guard christened the Coast Guard cutter Bertholf, the first new high endurance cutter to be built in more than 35 years and the first National Security Cutter in its Deepwater acquisition program. The cutter was designed to satisfy the Coast Guard's multi-mission responsibilities in homeland security, national defense, marine safety and environmental protection. The Coast Guard cutter Bertholf will play an important role in enhancing the Coast Guard's operational readiness, capacity and effectiveness at a time when the demand for its services has never been higher.

U.S. Coast Guard Implements National Capital Region Air Defense Mission: The U.S. Coast Guard officially assumed responsibility for air intercept operations in the nation's capital from U.S. Customs and Border Protection. The Coast Guard will support the North American Aerospace Defense Command's mission with its rotary wing air intercept capability. Coast Guard HH-65C helicopters and crews will be responsible for intercepting unauthorized aircraft which fly into an air defense identification zone that surrounds Washington.

U.S. Coast Guard Arrests "Tijuana Cartel" Drug Lord: In August, off the coast of San Diego, the U.S. Coast Guard, along with federal drug agents, arrested Mexican drug lord Francisco Javier Arellano-Felix, leader of a major violent gang, known as the Tijuana Cartel, responsible for digging elaborate tunnels to smuggle drugs under the U.S. border.

U.S. Coast Guard Set Records for Drug Seizures and Arrests: This year, counter-drug boardings from U.S. and Royal Navy vessels resulted in all-time records for seizures and arrests. The 93,209 pounds of drugs that were seized was more than the combined amount seized in the last two years.

Preventing or Mitigating the Effects of Catastrophic Terrorism: Science and Technology (S&T)

DHS Launches the Air Cargo Explosives Detection Pilot Program: The \$30 million program, launched at San Francisco International Airport and at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport, is designed to capture vital information associated with enhanced air cargo screening and inspection, and will provide critical knowledge to help TSA make future decisions and assist in technological research and development planning for the national air cargo security infrastructure.

S&T Announces National Interoperability Baseline Survey Results: The Office for Interoperability and Compatibility's SAFECOM program has released the final results of its National Interoperability Baseline Survey, fielded earlier this year to measure the capacity for interoperable communications among emergency response agencies nationwide. By identifying the Nation's interoperability capacities, survey findings will help policy makers and emergency response leaders make informed decisions about strategies for improving interoperability and target resources. The landmark analysis surveyed 22,400 law enforcement, fire, and emergency medical service agencies nationwide, and had a response rate of approximately 30 percent.

TSA Conducts Rail Security Explosives Detection Pilot Programs: Rail Security Explosives Detection Pilot Programs were conducted in Baltimore, MD and Jersey City, NJ to test and evaluate security equipment and operating procedures as part of DHS's broader efforts to protect citizens and critical infrastructure from possible terrorist attacks.

S&T Breaks Ground for the National Biodefense Analysis and Countermeasures Center(NBACC): The facility will comprise roughly 160,000 gross square feet with a concentration of research and associated space. NBACC will support a staff of approximately 120, and will house two centers, the Biological Threat Characterization Center and the National Bioforensic Analysis Center.

DHS Awards Contracts to Support Emerging Counter-MANPADS Technologies: S&T completed Phase II of a multi-phase program to migrate onboard military countermeasures technology to commercial aircraft to protect against shoulder-fired, anti-aircraft missiles, known as Man-Portable Air Defense Systems (MANPADS). Under Phase III of the program S&T and its industry partners are collecting operations, support, and performance data. Additionally, S&T selected three firms to receive \$7.4 million in combined contract awards to assess alternative methods to counter the MANPADS threat.

Keeping America's Doors Open While Ensuring National Security: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services(USCIS)

USCIS Eliminates Backlog: Through increased productivity, reengineered processes, and automated services, USCIS eliminated case backlogs of applications for immigration services and benefits, reducing the backlog from 3.8 million cases in January 2004 to less than 10,000 at the end of September 2006.

USCIS Establishes National Security and Records Verification Directorate: To combat fraud and criminal activity, USCIS established the National Security and Records Verification Directorate, deploying hundreds of officers who specialize in the detection of fraudulent documentation and immigration scams to USCIS field offices and centers throughout the United States.

Basic Pilot Employment Eligibility Verification Program Enrolls 11,000 Employers: USCIS enrolled more than 12,500 employers and businesses in the Basic Pilot Employment Eligibility Verification Program. This program verifies the work authorization of more than one million new hires a year at 47,000 hiring sites across the United States through online employment authorization checks against Social Security Administration and DHS databases.

USCIS Expands Electronic Filing: USCIS expanded opportunities for customers to file service or benefit applications electronically, and then track the status of their cases online through the USCIS.gov Web site. To further simplify immigration processing, new biometric standards were developed that permit USCIS to store electronic fingerprints, photographs, and signatures.

USCIS Welcomes New American Service Members: USCIS naturalized members of the United States armed forces during special overseas ceremonies in Afghanistan, Djibouti, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Iraq, Italy, Japan, Kuwait, Kenya, South Korea, Spain, the United Kingdom and in the South Pacific aboard the USS Kitty Hawk. This year, USCIS welcomed more than 1,604 new Americans during these ceremonies.

Establishing A Nimble, Effective Emergency Response System: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Rebuilding FEMA as the Preeminent Emergency Management Agency for the Nation: FEMA is concentrating efforts on improving core competencies, in such areas as Incident Management, Operational Planning, Disaster Logistics, Emergency Communications, Public Communication and Customer Service. FEMA is also focused on improving its business process to develop a strong foundation to support its mission, and has undertaken agency-wide organizational assessments in areas that range from human resources and logistics, to budgeting, communications, financial management, procurement and data systems management.

DHS Pre-Designates Disaster Coordination Teams: In preparation for the 2006 hurricane season, DHS pre-designated five teams to coordinate the federal government's role in support of state and local governments preparing for, and responding to major natural disasters. In total, 27 federal officials were appointed, each with unique expertise and experience.

FEMA Achieves Key Developments in Assisting Disaster Victims: FEMA increased registration capability to 200,000 a day through its toll-free registration number, online registration process, registering individuals in shelters and using mobile units; increased home inspection capacity to 20,000 a day; activated a contract to assist in identity verification in future disasters; and tightened processes to speed up delivery of needed aid while simultaneously reducing waste, fraud and abuse.

FEMA Strengthens Logistics Management Capabilities: FEMA implemented the Total Asset Visibility (TAV) program to provide enhanced visibility, awareness, and

accountability over disaster relief supplies and resources. It assists in both resource flow and supply chain management. FEMA implemented Phase One of TAV in the hurricane-prone Gulf Coast States for the 2006 hurricane season and plans to expand it to all the regions. Interagency Agreements, Memoranda of Understanding, and private sector contracts were also developed to strengthen disaster logistics capabilities.

FEMA Improves Communications and Situational Awareness: Real time information sharing is already occurring. To improve upon existing systems, DHS has initiated technological advances and elevated the standard by using satellite imagery, upgrading radios, and employing frequency management. The new National Response Coordination Center at FEMA is now operable. In addition, Mobile Registration Intake Centers, logistics supply systems and total asset visibility programs have been implemented.

Real time information sharing is occurring at all levels including local, state and federal. Advances in technology are being utilized; satellite imagery, upgraded radios and frequency management are the new standard.

FEMA Enlists Seasoned Leadership Team: In addition to the confirmation of Director R. David Paulison, FEMA has built a strong team of leaders across the organization who each bring more than 20 years of experience in emergency management or applicable fields. FEMA has also filled nine out of ten Regional Director positions with the same standard of experience, illustrating the vital importance of strong regional leadership, and is in the process of filling the last position.

Building a Culture of Preparedness: Emergency Preparedness

DHS Awards \$2.6 Billion for Preparedness: Included in this total, approximately \$1.7 billion in Homeland Security Grant funds has been awarded to state and local governments for equipment, training, exercises and various other measures designed to increase the level of security in communities across the nation. \$400 million in grants was awarded to strengthen the nation's ability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters and other emergencies that could impact this country's critical infrastructure. Almost \$300 million was also distributed in fire grants to fire departments and EMS organizations to enhance their response capabilities and to more effectively protect the health and safety of the public and emergency response personnel with respect to fire and all other hazards.

DHS Reviews 131 State and Local Emergency Plans: By reviewing state and local disaster plans, collocating decision-makers, and pre-designating federal leadership, DHS is improving coordination across all levels of government. Through the Nationwide Plan Review, DHS completed visits to 131 sites (50 states, 6 territories, and 75 major urban areas) and reviewed the disaster and evacuation plans for each. These reviews will allow DHS, states and urban areas to identify deficiencies and improve catastrophic planning.

DHS Completes National Infrastructure Protection Plan (NIPP): The NIPP is a comprehensive risk management framework that clearly defines critical infrastructure

protection roles and responsibilities for all levels of government, private industry, nongovernmental agencies and tribal partners.

DHS Receives New Authority to Enhance Chemical Security: DHS was given authority by Congress to implement risk-based security standards for chemical facilities that present high levels of security risk. This allows the department to recognize the significant investments that responsible facilities have made in security, while providing the department with authority to ensure that high-risk facilities have adequate safeguards in place.

Transforming U.S. Border Management & Immigration Systems: US-VISIT

DHS and DOJ Begin to Establish Interoperability: DHS and the Department of Justice began the initial phase of establishing interoperability between the US' VISIT program's Automated Biometric Identification System (IDENT) and the FBI's Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS) fingerprint databases. This interoperability will increase DHS and the State Department's ability to screen travelers, increase accuracy of matching, and provide greater ability to match against latent prints.

DHS Tests Biometric Verification At Sea: US-VISIT has teamed with the U.S. Coast Guard to test mobile biometrics collection at sea. The U.S. Coast Guard and US-VISIT began a pilot program to collect biometric information (digital fingerprints and photographs) from migrants interdicted while attempting to unlawfully enter U.S. territory through the Mona Passage, the body of water between the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico.

US-VISIT Deploys E-Passport Readers to 33 Airports: US-VISIT completed deployment of e-Passport readers to 33 U.S. airports so that ports of entry have the capability to compare and authenticate data in e-Passports issued by Visa Waiver Program (VWP) countries.

Protecting Our Nation from Dangerous Goods: Domestic Nuclear Detection Office (DNDO)

DNDO Awards over \$1 Billion for Next Generation Nuclear Detection Devices: DNDO announced the award of Advanced Spectroscopic Portal (ASP) program contracts totaling \$1.15 billion to enhance the detection of radiological and nuclear materials at the nation's ports of entry. ASP models were deployed to the Nevada Test Site, where they will be tested using nuclear threat material. Portals have also been delivered to the New York Container Terminal for data collection.

DNDO Establishes Nuclear Forensics Center: DNDO established the National Technical Nuclear Forensics Center to collect and analyze material evidence in order to identify and ultimately prosecute those responsible for any potential act of nuclear terrorism.

Training Our Front Line Officers: Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC)

FLETC Trains 51,000: Over 51,000 federal, state, local, tribal, campus and international law enforcement agents and officers were trained by FLETC on topics including border security, and the prevention and detection of nuclear, radiological or biological attacks.

Establishing Policy to Protect Our Nation: DHS Policy Office

DHS Renegotiates Passenger Name Record Data: DHS successfully renegotiated an interim agreement regarding Passenger Name Record (PNR) data with the European Union, allowing the department to make full use of passenger data as needed to protect our borders. Under the agreement, CBP will have new flexibility to share PNR data with other counter-terrorism agencies within the U.S. government, carrying out the President's mandate to remove obstacles to counter-terrorism information sharing.

Secure Freight Initiative Launches to Begin Screening at Foreign Ports: DHS and the Department of Energy announced the first phase of the Secure Freight Initiative, an unprecedented effort to build upon existing port security measures by enhancing the federal government's ability to scan containers for nuclear and radiological materials overseas and to better assess the risk of inbound containers. The initial phase involves the deployment of a combination of existing technology and proven nuclear detection devices to six foreign ports: Port Qasim, Pakistan; Puerto Cortes, Honduras; Southampton, United Kingdom; Port Salalah, Oman; Port of Singapore; and the Gamman Terminal at Port Busan, Korea.

Administration Announces Security Improvements to Visa Waiver Program: The Administration announced its intention to work with Congress to reform the Visa Waiver Program (VWP), to strengthen security and facilitate international allies' ability to join the program. A significant component of the proposed reform is the implementation of a secure travel authorization system that would allow us to receive data about travelers from VWP countries before they board a plane.

Always Be Ready: Ready Campaign

Ad Council Deems Ready One of the Most Successful Campaigns: The Ad Council declared the Ready Campaign one of the most successful campaigns in its more than 60-year history. The campaign has generated more than \$593 million in donated media support. The Web site has received more than 1.9 billion hits, the toll-free number has received more than 272,000 calls and more than 9.7 million Ready materials have been requested or downloaded.

Ready Kids Launches in February: Ready Kids, an extension of the Ready campaign, was launched as a tool to help parents and teachers educate children in ages 8-12 about emergencies and how they can help get their family prepared.

DHS and the Ad Council Launch New Ads: Together with the Ad Council, DHS released new television, radio, print, outdoor and internet PSAs to support the Ready campaign.

Preparing for & Responding to Incidents of Medical Significance: Office of Chief Medical Officer

DHS Coordinates Pandemic Influenza Activities: The Office of the Chief Medical Officer (OCMO) coordinated the department's pandemic influenza preparedness activities, including: serving as DHS representative to White House Homeland Security Council's Pandemic Influenza planning processes (National Strategy, Implementation Plan for National Strategy); overseeing formation and activities of the Department's pandemic working groups; representing DHS at the Department of Health and Human Services' State Pandemic Influenza summits; establishing the Pandemic Influenza Program Office within the OCMO; developing detailed spend plan for and initiated execution of \$47 million Avian Influenza supplemental appropriation.

Shaping the Intelligence Network: Intelligence & Analysis (I&A)

Fusion Centers Facilitate Flow of Information: I&A began embedding DHS analysts to state and local fusion centers across America. DHS has already deployed personnel to five centers and has provided over \$380 million in support of these centers.

DHS Enhances Information Sharing with Government and Private Partners: I&A analysts produced and distributed nearly 450 intelligence products which provided actionable information which helped our partners protect their communities and critical infrastructure.

Installation Begins on Homeland Security Data Network (HSDN): While an interim capability has been in use for several years, I&A began installing the Homeland Security Data Network, a classified network that will allow the advanced, real-time communications capability to exchange information up to the Secret level with our partners at the federal, state and local level. HSDN will be installed in every fusion center where I&A deploys an officer.

Integrating and Unifying All Aspects of the Screening Process: Office of Screening Coordination

Office of Screening Coordination Created: DHS started the Office of Screening Coordination to integrate the department's terrorist and immigration-related screening efforts, create unified screening standards and policies, and develop a single redress process for travelers. The office will generate new and innovative approaches to how the department detects and interdicts threats of all types and improve the experience for legitimate foreign travelers entering the United States.

Strengthening and Unifying DHS Operations And Management: DHS Management

Chief Human Capital Office Moves Forward with Performance Management Goals:

DHS deployed its performance management program and its automated system to approximately 10,000 employees in multiple components and trained 350 senior executives and more than 11,000 managers and supervisors in performance leadership.

The Office of Security Completes HSPD-12 Goals: The Office of Security met all Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 12 requirements by deploying an HSPD-12 compliant credentialing system and associated policy and procedures. This new credential meets all federal requirements for interoperability and security.

The Chief Procurement Office Exceeds Small Business Goals: DHS awarded approximately 34 percent of DHS prime contracts to small businesses, exceeding the goal by 4 percent.

Chief Information Office Stands Up New Data Center: Data Center Services completed the Stennis Space Center Data Center Construction Phase I, 24,000 square feet, on time and the first application has been transferred to this data center.

Countering the Drug Threat to the United States: Counternarcotics Enforcement (CNE)

National Southwest Border Counternarcotics Implementation Plan Closes Gaps: On August 18th, 2006, DHS and the Department of Justice (DOJ), serving as co-chairs and represented by the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement (CNE) and the Office of the Deputy Attorney General (ODAG) respectively, submitted a National Southwest Border Counternarcotics Strategy and Implementation Plan to the International Drug Control Policy Coordinating Committee (IDC-PCC). This 235 page document identifies the major goals, objectives, and resource requirements for closing gaps in U.S. and Mexico counternarcotics capabilities along the Southwest Border.

Statement of Intent Specifies Department's Effort Level in Counternarcotics

Operations: The Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement, in collaboration with the DHS Components, developed a document that formally specifies the Department's intended baseline level of effort (personnel and resources) that will be made available to support counternarcotics operations. This Interagency Statement of Intent, required by the National Interdiction Command and Control Plan, will assist operational commanders in allocating resources to collect drug-related intelligence, as well as support operations that interdict drug smugglers in South America, Central America, the Gulf of Mexico, the Caribbean and Eastern Pacific regions.

Protecting America and Preserving Our Freedoms: Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL)

CRCL Implements New Training Through The Civil Liberties University: The Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties, working with component offices throughout

DHS, developed a number of useful training products and posters for DHS personnel, including: an hour-long training on the introduction to Arab American and Muslim American Cultures; on-line training that emphasizes the core elements of the National Detention Standards developed by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Detention and Removal Office; two posters that provide guidance on how to screen and, if necessary, search individuals who wear common Muslim and Sikh head coverings; and an educational poster on how to screen those of the Sikh faith who carry a kirpan, or ceremonial religious dagger.

CRCL Implements Effective Processing of EEO Complaints: The Equal Employment Opportunity Program has developed an effective process for issuing Final Actions by hiring subject-matter experts, having a multi-tier quality control process, utilizing contractor support and exercising strong project management controls. The first priority has been addressing the oldest cases received from DHS's legacy organizations. The oldest case pre-dated DHS by 16 years. As of December 1, 2006, CRCL received over 3812 EEO complaints of discrimination for final agency action and over 3576 decisions have been issued.

DHS Co-sponsors Working Conference on Emergency Management and Individuals with Disabilities and the Elderly: CRCL, in partnership with the Department of Health and Human Services, co-sponsored a working conference on June 28-30, 2006. The conference brought together Governor-appointed State teams to connect State emergency management officials with key disability and aging experts to work toward integration of efforts within their jurisdiction's emergency management framework; to facilitate cooperative planning with senior officials of the Federal Emergency Management Agency regions; and to identify and institute measurable outcomes and systems for tracking results.

CRCL Continues Engagement with American Arab, Muslim, Sikh, South Asian and Other Ethnic and Religious Communities: CRCL has actively lead or participated in regularly-scheduled meetings with representatives from the American Arab, Muslim, Sikh, and South Asian communities in Houston, Los Angeles, Detroit, Chicago, Buffalo, and Washington, DC. CRCL has also established working relationships with immigration advocacy groups concerned with border security and naturalization policies, and with leaders of the disability community to discuss emergency preparedness issues, particularly in the context of natural disasters.

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