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### **2. 6000 Terror Watch List Hits Inside US (by Shaun Waterman, UPI Homeland and National Security Editor, 15 Mar 2006)**

Washington - The U.S. government's Terrorist Screening Center says there have been about 6,000 "encounters" inside the United States between law enforcement or other officials and people on the center's terrorist watch list since it was set up on Dec. 1, 2003. Donna Bucella, the center's director, told reporters in Washington Tuesday that "about 6,000 individuals who are known or suspected international terrorists have been encountered within the United States." She said that about 40-50 percent of the encounters were "repeats" -- i.e. the same person encountered more than once -- but declined to give the total number of individuals involved. "I don't mean at our borders," Bucella added, saying the encounters could have happened as a result of traffic stops by state or local law enforcement, or when the watch-listed person applied for a gun permit or a commercial driver's license to haul hazardous materials.

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### **3. Panel approves bill establishing nuclear detection office within DHS (By Michael Posner, CongressDaily, 15 Mar 2006)**

A House Homeland Security subcommittee adopted Tuesday legislation to create a special office charged with the prevention of nuclear terrorism. Approved by voice vote, the legislation by the Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack Subcommittee moves

to the full committee. Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack Subcommittee Chairman John Linder, R-Ga., told the panel that Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff asked lawmakers to approve the office as a way to streamline the agency's efforts at thwarting the potential for a nuclear attack.

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#### **4. Cooper: We need a national IT disaster response plan (FCW, 16 Mar 2006)**

ORLANDO, Fla. - Looking back at Hurricane Katrina, Steve Cooper, the Red Cross' senior vice president and chief information officer, said he realized that such catastrophes require a national information technology response plan. But the federal government should not lead it, he said. "I will not support putting the responsibility of the plan in the hands of the federal government," Cooper said last week in his keynote address at the Information Processing Interagency Conference 2006 here. The Red Cross helped about 4 million people affected by the storm. The Red Cross performed its usual relief services, providing shelter, face-to-face case management and property damage assessments. But this time, it had to link families scattered nationwide.

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<http://www.fcw.com/article92624-03-16-06-Web>

#### **5. Tracking Data Needed For Hazardous Materials Transportation (Government Technology, 14 Mar 2006)**

Every day, thousands of shipments of hazardous materials traverse America's cities and towns by rail, road and boat. However, fewer than 10 percent of hazardous materials shippers/transporters have access to real-time tracking data that can identify, locate and monitor the transportation of these materials, according to a recent, cross-industry survey conducted for DP&C Enterprises, LLC. With escalating homeland security and environmental concerns, the survey demonstrated a significant need for immediate implementation of technologies that will enhance security and provide accurate, real-time tracking solutions for hazardous material transportation.

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#### **6. Lawmakers urge government, industry to partner on emergency communication (By Michael Martinez, National Journal's Technology Daily, 15 Mar 2006)**

Two key lawmakers on Wednesday said government agencies need to establish partnerships with the private sector in order ensure that critical communications infrastructure is reliable and available during emergency situations. Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee Chairwoman Susan Collins, R-Maine, said private entities responded faster and more effectively to Hurricane Katrina than their public counterparts at all levels of government. Speaking at an event organized by the Harvard University Kennedy School of Government, Collins said agencies should form regional response teams with private-sector partners that could be deployed rapidly and facilitate communications systems that work across jurisdictions.

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### **7. Official visits: protocol and security in the Capitol (The Hill, 15 Mar 2006)**

The Capitol Rotunda swarms with wrinkled amateur historians, women in dark knit sweaters and exuberant children. It hums with the familiar as word zips through BlackBerrys and cell phones, “He’s coming from the House side, and he’s being detailed.” The president of Colombia swoops in, and the humming turns into buzzing as tourists hush and shout at once. The scene is as familiar as it is extraordinary for Senate Sergeant at Arms Bill Pickle and others in charge of protocol and security for the hundreds of heads of state who visit Congress each year. It plays out like a scene from a movie. There are cameras but no actors, and the stakes are higher. There is a temptation to look around for the director, but in the Capitol, the closest thing is Pickle. He is responsible for the safety of not only heads of state but other foreign dignitaries, members of congress, staffers and tourists.

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### **8. TSA lawyer in Moussaoui case placed on leave for misconduct (Jurist Legal News & Research, 16 Mar 2006)**

Carla Martin, the [Transportation Security Administration](#) [official website] lawyer who [improperly coached witnesses](#) [JURIST report] against defendant [Zacarias Moussaoui](#) [JURIST news archive] in his September 11 sentencing trial, was placed on paid administrative leave Thursday. According to trial judge Leonie Brinkema, Martin egregiously violated federal rules when she sent witnesses [e-mails](#) [redacted PDF] about their upcoming testimony that disclosed parts of the government's case contrary to a [sequestration order](#) [PDF], coached them on how to react to defense cross-examination, and lied to defense lawyers to interfere with interviewing potential witnesses. Martin's ethical violations could lead to civil or criminal contempt charges, accompanied by penalties which could include fines, disbarment, or even imprisonment.

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<http://jurist.law.pitt.edu/paperchase/2006/03/moussaoui-judge-recesses-trial-as.php>

### **9. Canada: Information best weapon against predators (Burnadynewsleader.com, 15 Mar 2006)**

The key to tackling predatory violence and sexual assault is knowing the criminal, and uniting efforts to stop them in their tracks. The Mounties in B.C. are catching the attention of law enforcement agencies world-wide with their Behavioural Science Group. “We’re the only integration like this that we’ve been able to identify anywhere,” officer in charge Insp. Keith Davidson said. “We’re the first ones to put the whole integration operation together.” Davidson launched the 64-member unit three years ago. It falls under RCMP’s Major Crimes division, and includes criminal profiling, threat assessment, an operational psychologist, geographic profiling, the Violent Crime Linkage Analysis System, Integrated Child Exploitation Unit, an Integrated Sexual Predator Observation Team, and the sex offender registry – all based at the Mounties’ Newton satellite office. Police in Behavioural Sciences educate Crown prosecutors and judges on psychopathy and crime cycles, and work closely with Correctional Service Canada, the National

Parole Board, B.C. Corrections and municipal police. Some components, like ViCLAS, have been in operation since the 1990s. Others, like I-SPOT, began less than a year ago.  
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## **STATE AND LOCAL NEWS**

### **10. Arizona, Calif., New Mexico And Texas Agree To Share Intelligence (Government Technology, 14 Mar 2006)**

Governor Napolitano has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Governors Schwarzenegger, Richardson and Perry that will enable the four southern border states -- Arizona, California, New Mexico and Texas -- to share unclassified and, when necessary, classified intelligence information to provide better homeland security. "The safety and security of citizens is of primary importance," said Governor Napolitano. "By working together, the southern border states can better coordinate and strengthen security throughout the region." The four states are formalizing a cooperative relationship between the Arizona Counter Terrorism Information Center (ACTIC), the California State Terrorist Threat Assessment Center (STTAC), the New Mexico Office of Homeland Security, and the Texas Fusion Center (TFC). Under the MOU, intelligence information will be shared on a routine basis and under special circumstances. The state intelligence fusion centers will conduct at least one joint exercise per year to assure that intelligence is being quickly and effectively shared.

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### **11. AZ: Smuggling worries opponents of cell-phone tower near Sonoita (Arizona Daily Star, 16 Mar 2006)**

SONOITA - The activity that fuels the illegal-immigration debate nationwide takes place in the back yards of ranchers who live here at the foot of Biscuit Mountain, east of Sonoita. Last Friday night, a helicopter flew in, and Border Patrol agents with flashlights chased a group of fleeing illegal entrants up Biscuit Mountain in what has become a common occurrence. On Sunday, a female illegal entrant died of severe exposure and hypothermia at the foot of the mountain. Now, even the debate on a proposed cell-phone tower is mired in the controversy over illegal immigration in this group of ranches east of Sonoita on Arizona 82, about 25 miles north of the U.S.-Mexico border. A group of local residents has emerged in opposition to a 50-foot cell tower that Cingular wants to build here. In addition to being concerned about aesthetics and future growth of the tower — worries shared by many cell-phone-tower opponents across the country — the neighbors are afraid that the tower would bring more traffic into the area by opening up communications to smugglers of humans and drugs. "Once they recognize there is additional cell-phone contact down here, they can go to cell phones and nobody can track them," said Bevan Olyphant, who owns the Biscuit Mountain Ranch.

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<http://www.azstarnet.com/allheadlines/120307>

### **12. CA: Bogus billions seized in smuggling probe (Denver Post, 16 Mar 2006)**

Los Angeles - Federal authorities investigating a man accused of smuggling money into the country have seized 250 counterfeit bank notes in billion-dollar denominations, they announced Tuesday. The 250 bogus Federal Reserve notes had 1934 issue dates and were stained to make them look old, but no such currency exists, said U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokeswoman Virginia Kice.

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[http://www.denverpost.com/nationworld/ci\\_3602964](http://www.denverpost.com/nationworld/ci_3602964)

**13. CA: Calif. Could Fight Identity Theft At State Level (CBS, 15 Mar 2006)**

*GLENDAL*, Calif. Assembly Majority Leader Dario Frommer Wednesday introduced legislation designed to fight identity theft by allowing state authorities to help the federal government prosecute people who steal mail. An increasing number of identity thieves have been raiding residents' mailboxes and trash cans, looking for personal information that is often trafficked to other criminals for money, Frommer said. Mail theft has more than doubled since 2000 and currently can only be investigated under federal jurisdiction, and the U.S. Postal Service has been "overwhelmed" with higher-priority, organized theft rings, Frommer said.

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[http://www.cbs2.com/topstories/local\\_story\\_074140734.html](http://www.cbs2.com/topstories/local_story_074140734.html)

**14. CA: No Bail To Patrol Agents Accused Of Smuggling (AP, 15 Mar 2006)**

*SAN DIEGO* A federal judge in San Diego denied bail for two supervising Border Patrol agents accused of taking \$300,000 in bribes and releasing illegal immigrants from custody. After an hour-long detention hearing, U.S. Magistrate Judge William McCurine found that agents Mario Alvarez and Samuel McClaren, both of Imperial, were a risk to flee and a danger to the community. McCurine rejected requests by defense attorneys to release their clients on \$50,000 bonds secured by property.

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**15. CO: Real estate identity theft ring investigated (9News, 16 Mar 2006)**

*DENVER* - The I-Team has learned that the United States Secret Service and Aurora Police are investigating an identity theft case in which they believe dozens of homes were purchased in the metro area. The I-Team has learned that the United States Secret Service and Aurora Police are investigating an identity theft case in which they believe dozens of homes were purchased in the metro Denver area using fake documents, and stolen or fake identities. One of the suspects is a convicted felon, who went into the mortgage business while still on supervised release from federal prison.

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**16. FL: Coyote caught smuggling illegal immigrants on I-75 (NBC2 News, 14 Mar 2006)**

*LEE COUNTY*: Thirteen illegal immigrants were captured along I-75 Monday after a Florida Highway Patrol trooper pulled over a 1995 Ford pickup truck. The truck was originally pulled over because of its heavily tinted windows. Upon closer

inspection, the trooper discovered 13 men huddled together in small space in the bed of the truck. A "coyote," a term used for an immigrant smuggler, was driving the truck and is also an illegal immigrant, according to authorities. They say he was most likely bringing the men in from the Arizona-Mexico border. "There are just so many opportunities here. First and foremost is the amount of growth in Lee and Collier County. There are jobs available and they are jobs they're willing to do. Plus the amount of money they're going to make," said FHP Sgt. Dan Hinton. Troopers say they are aware of the problem, but their resources are so limited that illegal immigrants are usually cited and let go.

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<http://www.nbc-2.com/articles/readarticle.asp?articleid=6222&z=3&p>

**17. MD: Agencies unite to secure Brunswick's rails (Gazette, 16 Mar 2006)**

Many Brunswick residents are unaware that trains traveling along the city's western border often carry shipments of hazardous materials cargo such as hydrochloric acid. CSX Transportation owns the tracks that span through Brunswick. MTA operates its MARC commuter trains on the tracks that run through the city, while CSX uses the rails for longer freight cargo trains. Sometimes CSX freight operators must stop cargo trains carrying materials such as hazardous chemicals to check their cargo. The routine procedures delay commuter trains, on average, once a month, said MARC spokesman Ira Silverman.

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**18. MI: Resort tied to worker smuggling case (The Grand Rapids Press , 15 Mar 2006)**

GRAND RAPIDS - A state worker who allegedly sold false identification papers to undocumented workers helped lead federal agents to a human smuggling operation with connections to a resort in Traverse City, agents allege in court documents. The Grand Traverse Resort and Spa, home of a Jack Nicklaus-designed golf course, employed the allegedly underpaid housekeepers through a service based in Florida, according to an affidavit filed in U.S. District Court in Grand Rapids. Federal and state officials rounded up two dozen workers at the resort Feb. 26 and determined all were "undocumented illegal aliens," the affidavit states.

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**19. MI: Police: GM Employees Could Be Victims Of Identity Theft (ClickOnDetroit.com, 16 Mar 2006)**

At least 100 General Motors employees could be victims of identity theft. James Stafford Green II, former security guard of the General Motors Warren Tech Center, had 100 different Social Security numbers of GM employees in his possession last September, according to police. Green was going to use the numbers to get access into the GM database, and send employees e-mails about their company vehicles, according to police.

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<http://www.clickondetroit.com/news/7999009/detail.html>

**20. MO: Jackson students arrested for writing a letter threatening a teacher (Southeast Missourian, 16 Mar 2006)**

Two students at Jackson Junior High School were arrested earlier this week for writing a letter threatening to harm a teacher. The boys were taken into custody by juvenile justice authorities. They were questioned and their homes were searched. No signs of any weapons were found. The letter was written in a Word file on a school computer, and the two boys communicated by taking turns adding to the file. Among other things, they threatened to come to school with a poisonous gas and injure a teacher who had changed a classroom seating chart. Principal Cliff Crosnoe said the note was discovered after school let out the day it was written and authorities responded immediately.

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<http://www.semissourian.com/story/1144056.html>

**21. NY: Woman says she helped dozens of people into U.S. (WCAX-TV, 15 Mar 2006)**

BUFFALO, N.Y. A Buffalo bar owner has admitted smuggling at least 30 Irish citizens from Canada to the U.S. Federal prosecutors say 37-year-old Bridget Campbell of Depew hired bar customers to drive the people over the Peace Bridge into Buffalo. Court papers say Campbell also obtained driver's licenses for them. The smuggling took place between December 2003 and August 2004. Campbell said she received a fee of 12-hundred dollars per person.

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<http://www.wcax.com/Global/story.asp?S=4633619&nav=4QcS>

**22. NY: Drug trafficker tells jury why he agreed to testify against 2 ex-detectives (Daily News, 14 Mar 2006)**

The fed's star witness against Louis Eppolito and Stephen Caracappa testified yesterday that his daughter - a city Criminal Court judge - had for years urged him to rat out the reputed Mafia cops. But convicted drug dealer Burton Kaplan said he finally decided to cooperate only after he became convinced the former NYPD detectives were going to turn against him. "My wife and my daughter had been asking me to cooperate from the first day," said Kaplan, 72, referring to a 1996 arrest for marijuana trafficking. "I didn't do it." Kaplan's daughter Deborah, 45, is a respected jurist who was elected to the bench in 2002. She oversees drug treatment cases in Manhattan.

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<http://www.nydailynews.com/front/story/399883p-338755c.html>

**23. OH: Changes Ahead For CVG Screening (WCPO, 15 Mar 2006)**

A major change is just around the corner for security at the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky Airport. A new hiring plan is set to launch next week that will increase the number of screeners and make your time in line shorter. According to Transportation Security Administration officials, we are at the lowest levels of screeners since the government took over the job after September 11th, 2001.

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<http://www.wcpo.com/news/2006/local/03/15/tsa.html>

**24. OK: Ford co-authors identity theft bill (Examiner-Enterprise, 16 Mar 2006)**

OKLAHOMA CITY - Sen. John Ford (R-Bartlesville) has co-authored legislation to give Oklahomans greater protection against the crime of identity theft. Ford said the measure was unanimously approved by the full Senate on Tuesday. "Victims of identity theft can spend months, even years and thousands of dollars of their own money trying to clear their name and their credit records," said Ford. "It is literally a nightmare. That's why it is so important that we do everything in our power to protect Oklahomans from becoming victims in the first place." Ford explained Senate Bill 1748 has two key provisions to prevent the crime of identity theft from occurring, including a credit freeze provision. CABLE Gram Suggested URL:

<http://www.examiner-enterprise.com/articles/2006/03/16/news/2408.txt>

**25. WI: Identity theft invading UW-W community (Royal Purple News, 16 Mar 2006)**

The "Age of Information" may have its advantages, but unfortunately, technological advancements have left people open to identity theft. According to the United States Federal Trade Commission, identity theft occurs when an individual uses another's personal information without consent to take on that person's identity. It extends farther than misuse of a Social Security number. It can also include credit card and mail fraud. Amy Zdroik, a University of Wisconsin-Whitewater senior, was a victim of identity theft last April. When she went to withdraw money from her savings account, she found that the transaction could not go through because her account had been nearly emptied.

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<http://www.royalpurplenews.com/disarticle.php?id=1382&dateid=2006-03-15>

**26. WI: Sen. Kanavas: Identity Theft Notification Bill Signed Into Law (WISPolitics.com, 16 Mar 2006)**

Brookfield, WI - Senator Ted Kanavas (R-Brookfield) is pleased to announce that Senate Bill 164 was signed into law today by Governor Doyle. The new law will require any business, including government, to notify individuals when their personal information has been lost or stolen. The bill was introduced last year after security was breached at California based company ChoicePoint, affecting at least 145,000 individual's personal identification information. "It is vitally important that individuals know when their personal information has been stolen. Businesses, including government, have a fiduciary responsibility to hold and maintain that data with the highest amount of security. If a breach of security occurs, it is essential that they notify as quickly as possible," Kanavas said.

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<http://www.wispolitics.com/index.iml?Article=57444>

**KEY PEOPLE**

**27. CIO: Proactive approach to risk is essential (FCW, 16 Mar 2006)**

Dale Meyerrose sees his role and office as cage-rattlers for the federal information technology community. "The law that created our office was intended to disrupt the

status quo," said Meyerrose, associate director of national intelligence and chief information officer at the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI). The goal is to improve the best intelligence system in the world, he said. Meyerrose spoke today at a meeting sponsored by FedSources and FCW Media Group. Meyerrose is the first person to hold his position, which was created in December 2005 through the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act (IRTPA) of 2004.

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<http://www.fcw.com/article92643-03-16-06-Web>

### **28. Allen Leaves CIA to Lead Homeland Security Intelligence Shakeup (Bloomberg, 16 Mar 2006 15 Mar 2006)**

Charlie Allen, the 47-year CIA veteran now charged with organizing the Homeland Security Department's intelligence service, says the job is daunting: People who are supposed to be on the same team don't even talk to each other. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff wooed Allen from the CIA to Homeland Security in August to meld nine separate intelligence operations into one cohesive unit to avoid overlap and coordinate better with local law enforcement agencies. "The challenges are a little more difficult" than any he faced at the CIA, Allen said in a recent interview. The Homeland Security Department is a forced marriage of 22 agencies that Congress mandated following the Sept. 11 attacks. Allen said the intelligence efforts still aren't coordinated and time is running out.

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### **29. Bush Bioterrorism, Public Health Adviser Resigns (FOX News, 14 Mar 2006)**

WASHINGTON - One of the Bush administration's principal advisers on bioterrorism and other public health emergencies has resigned. [Stewart Simonson](#), assistant secretary for public health emergency preparedness, told the president in a resignation letter Monday that he had accomplished what he had set out to do, and it was time to move on. Some Democrats, and a key Republican, Rep. Tom Davis of Virginia, had been critical of Simonson's work, saying it would be better to have a medical expert serve in his position rather than a lawyer. Davis is chairman of the House Government Reform Committee. Simonson joined the Department of Health and Human Services in August 2001 and served as general counsel before becoming assistant secretary.

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<http://www.foxnews.com/story/0,2933,187858,00.html>

### **30. Mikulski Raises Concerns About Communication, Coordination In Times Of Public Health Crises (American Chronicle, 16 Mar 2006)**

WASHINGTON, D.C. - As the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions begins the reauthorization of the Bioterrorism Act of 2002, Senator Barbara A. Mikulski (D-Md.), a senior member, called for a comprehensive evaluation of the nation's public health infrastructure. This morning, Department of Health and Human Services Secretary Mike Leavitt, testified before committee members on Capitol Hill. "The American public must have the information it needs to prepare and respond to a bioterror or public health emergency and the equally dangerous panic that can follow. Americans

need information that is both credible and competent," said Senator Mikulski. "An informed, prepared American public will make better decisions and will react more calmly in a public health emergency." Senator Mikulski's opening statement, as prepared, is below.

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### **31. Lee to take FEMA spot (FCW, 16 Mar 2006)**

Deidre Lee will become acting deputy director of operations at the Federal Emergency Management Agency when she leaves the General Services Administration next month, according to an official announcement today. GSA froze hiring in February and will offer early-outs and buyouts to about 400 employees as it seeks to save money due to decreasing revenues. GSA officials today estimate the hiring freeze will save about \$10 million in this fiscal year.

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## **GANG ACTIVITY**

### **32. CA: FBI raids Project Trojans gang; nine arrested (SFGate.com, 14 Mar 2006)**

RICHMOND - Scores of FBI agents and local police arrested nine alleged members of the notorious Project Trojans street gang during simultaneous raids of 14 homes throughout Contra Costa County today, part of a concerted effort to cripple the gang. The Project Trojans have controlled much of the drug trafficking within North Richmond for decades and been the source -- directly or indirectly -- for much of the violence plaguing the community. "This gang has terrorized that community for decades," said Joe Ford, the special agent in charge in San Francisco. "We're happy to help the community by taking some key players off the street."

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### **33. CA: GPS Will Track Gang Parolees - Higher-tech anklets will be used in San Bernardino as part of a statewide program (Los Angeles Times, 15 Mar 2006)**

State corrections officials announced Tuesday that they would monitor 20 paroled gang members in San Bernardino with satellite tracking anklets typically used for high-risk sex offenders. The program, the state's first to focus on gang members, is part of a \$5.1-million effort to start tracking 500 parolees by June using the global positioning system, or GPS, devices. The larger program will monitor mostly people convicted of sex crimes. GPS ankle bracelets are an advancement over systems that let authorities know via telephone when a parolee is not at home.

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### **34. CA: Anti-gang pacts will get review - School board approves student transfer policy (Monterey Herald, 15 Mar 2006)**

After several trustees raised concerns over civil rights and possible consequences of cooperating with law enforcement, the board of the Salinas Union High School District on Tuesday agreed to review the district's current gang policy and its use of anti-gang behavior contracts. The board also approved a new transfer policy that ensures an equal number of students from each high school attendance area can switch to the school of their choice. Although the gang contract itself wasn't on Tuesday night's agenda, the board was asked to review a new provision of the district's gang policy that states: "If a student is observed engaging in gang-related behavior or exhibiting signs of gang affiliation, staff shall notify the student's parent or legal guardian."

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**35. CA: Police Chief Calls for Regional Approach to Gang Violence (SurfSantaMonica.com, 16 Mar 2006)**

While there are likely less than 50 gang members living in Santa Monica, tackling the city's gang problem will require a regional approach and help from the entire community, the police chief told the City Council Tuesday night. The advice -- echoed by other top City officials -- came two weeks after 15-year-old Eddie Lopez was gunned down at a mini-mart on Pico Boulevard, spurring a period of communal mourning in an upscale beachside city that has been grappling with the thorny issue of gang violence. "Why, in a city like Santa Monica where there is so much can bad things happen?" Police Chief James T. Butts, Jr. said during his opening remarks. "Unfortunately that's the way of the world.

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**36. IN: Youth symposium tackles gang violence (WNDU, 16 Mar 2006)**

South Bend, IN - A symposium in South Bend tackled gang violence problems and stereotypes within our community. The goal of the discussion was to help people build better relationships with disadvantaged youth. Crime, violence and poverty are some of the top concerns of local business leaders and community leaders. Thursday's youth symposium explained the importance of breaking down barriers with future members of the workforce. "My hope is that everyone will see that there is not two kinds of human beings. We are all basically human. People carry different challenges and weights in their lives, but everyone has the capacity to reach in their hearts and connect. Once they do, the whole situation improves," says Dr. James Garbarino of Loyola University in Chicago.

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**37. MD: Police are seeking wider awareness of gang issues (Herald-Mail.com, 16 Mar 2006)**

Hagerstown Police Chief Arthur Smith said Tuesday he wants to educate as many area residents as possible about gang activity in order to alert police about the presence of gangs in Hagerstown. Smith said he would like to see city and county workers, mail carriers, utility workers and other residents attend informational sessions the city has

been holding in order to help police crack down on gangs before they become established. "It is much more cost-effective if we keep them from getting a foothold here," Smith told City Council members during a work session Tuesday. In addition to more established American gangs like the Crips and Bloods, Smith said he is worried about the possibility of MS-13 gang members settling in Hagerstown. He said that MS-13, which has roots in El Salvador, is reputed to be more violent and more arbitrarily violent than other gangs.

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**38. MA: Lawmakers Send Anti-Gang Bill To Romney (The Boston Channel, 16 Mar 2006)**

BOSTON - House and Senate lawmakers approved new anti-gang legislation Thursday designed to crack down on guns, the distribution of grand jury testimony and witness intimidation. The bill won final backing in both chambers and is on Gov. Mitt Romney's desk. The bill would set aside \$1.5 million to create the state's first witness protection program and toughen state laws against tampering with witnesses at any stage of a prosecution. Anyone distributing grand jury testimony for the purposes of intimidating a witness could face up to 2 1/2 years in jail or \$5,000, under the bill. The bill also eases the standard of proof for perjury. Prosecutors would no longer have to show an intent to deliberately mislead, but only have to show that a witness's statements conflicted with earlier statements on important facts.

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<http://www.thebostonchannel.com/consumer/8067751/detail.html>

**39. MA: Salem Street stabbing may have been gang related (Medford Transcript, 16 Mar 2006)**

One month and counting. That's how long it's been since a local teen was brutally attacked on Salem Street by three males armed with a hatchet. Police Chief Leo A. Sacco Jr. said although no arrests have been made in the case yet, the department is making headway in its investigation. He said detectives have spent countless hours during the past month talking with both students and parents to try and make sense of what happened last month. According to police reports, a 15-year-old, whose name was withheld due to the nature of the investigation, was attacked by three males around 4 p.m. on Feb. 2.

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<http://www2.townonline.com/medford/localRegional/view.bg?articleid=449442>

**40. NY: Trial Begins for Members of Aryan Prison Gang (New York Times, 15 Mar 2006)**

SANTA ANA, Calif., March 14 - Federal prosecutors opened a sweeping murder and racketeering case on Tuesday aimed at dismantling what they called one of the nation's most vicious prison gangs, the Aryan Brotherhood. Michael W. Emmick, the assistant United States attorney, outlined in his opening statement a gruesome series of murders and assaults designed, he said, by four white supremacist gang members to terrorize and

control the inmate population at some of the most secure state and federal prisons in the country.

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**41. OK: 'Terrorism' definition could include gang activity (KTEN Local News, 15 Mar 2006)**

OKLAHOMA CITY Gang activity may soon be considered terrorism if House Bill 21-15 passes in the Senate. Author of the bill Thad Balkman says the bill would expand the definition of terrorism in state law to include acts of violence carried out to coerce civilians.

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<http://www.kten.com/Global/story.asp?S=4634610>

**42. TX: Growing Gang Problems - The FBI is trying to put an end to gangs that may involve members of the military community at Ft. Bliss (KTSM, 15 Mar 2006)**

The El Paso FBI says some Ft. Bliss soldiers may be affiliated with one of the nation's largest and most dangerous gangs. "We've identified 800 believed to be gang members...out of that, 80 are active...some of those involved are military and civilians," says Cesar Cortez, El Paso FBI, Safe Streets Gang Task Force. The FBI says those 80 members are operating around El Paso in what's known as the Folk Nation Alliance. That group includes gangs like the Black Disciples and the Crips. "They are starting to have a presence at Ft. Bliss. There was already a local presence but now more showing up because of the transfers to Ft. Bliss," says Cortez. Some who live around the base say they've heard of the group.

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**43. VA: Gang Members Videotaped Their Attacks On Others (WPBF, 16 Mar 2006)**

RICHMOND, Va. - Police in Virginia have a video of a neighborhood gang beating people with a trash can, slamming a man with a bicycle and robbing others at gunpoint. A police spokesman in Newport News said the department is still working to determine exactly how many people were victimized. But there appear to be six to 12 attacks on the tape. Six juveniles and two men have been arrested and police say they have identified three more suspects.

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**44. Mob Henchman Tells 'Brutal' Story (CBS/The Early Show, 15 Mar 2006)**

For more than 25 years, the Boston neighborhood known as "Southie" was said to be ruled by James "Whitey" Bulger, the head of a violent and often deadly Irish mob. He is charged with committing 20 murders and suspected in at least 20 more. But despite an international manhunt, the mob leader has been a fugitive for more than 10 years. If anyone has a clue where he is, you would expect it to be Kevin Weeks. For 20 years, Weeks was Bulger's right-hand man — and the last person known to have seen him in the United States. But six years ago, Weeks turned on his boss, becoming one of the most

important witnesses ever against organized crime. Weeks, who has written his story in a book called "Brutal," talked to *60 Minutes* correspondent Ed Bradley.

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**45. Canada: Notorious gang now in Calgary (Sun Media, 16 Mar 2006)**

CALGARY - Members of one of North America's most violent and notorious gangs have taken up residence in Calgary, Sun Media has learned. The hispanic Mara Salvatrucha gang, whose vicious crime sprees have gripped Central American cities, as well as Los Angeles and New York, also now has a presence in Calgary, say police. But so far they have kept a low profile in the city, said Sgt. Gavin Walker of the gang unit. "There are indications ... that there may be some members in the city but so far we haven't been able to link them to any particular crimes in Calgary," he said.

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<http://www.edmontonsun.com/News/Alberta/2006/03/16/1490793-sun.html>

**NARCO TRAFFICKING**

**46. AZ: K-9 Unit Sniffs out 20 Kilos of Cocaine in Truck (KPHO, 15 Mar 2006)**

Wednesday morning at approximately 7:40 a.m., Sergeant Kevin Jex was on patrol on I-17 northbound in the area of Anthem. Sergeant Jex observed a silver, Ford Pick-up that was traveling northbound and following too close to other vehicles. He made a traffic stop in the area of MP 227. While the officer was interviewing the driver, Daniel Edward Sonsie of British Columbia, Canada, he became suspicious of the responses the driver gave to several questions. Based on those suspicions, a consent was requested from the driver, which he granted. With the assistance of a Phoenix Police Department Canine unit, a search was conducted of the vehicle, and the Canine alerted to the area of the bed of the truck. Further search of that area revealed the 20 Kilos of high grade cocaine. The cocaine has a street value of over \$300,000.

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<http://www.kpho.com/Global/story.asp?S=4637638>

**47. MD: Drug Extortion Trial Begins For City Officers (AP, 15 Mar 2006)**

BALTIMORE, Md. - The trial has begun in Baltimore for two city police detectives accused of extorting drugs from dealers then selling them. Thirty-five-year-old Antonio Murray and his 36-year-old partner William King were arrested last May. A federal prosecutor told jurors yesterday that two officers preyed upon the people they were sworn to protect. But defense attorneys say their clients committed no crimes, sought to protect their informants while taking aim at big-time drug dealers. Murray and King are expected to testify in their own defense.

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**48. NY: Reputed member in cocaine cartel brought to N.Y. for trial (AP, 16 Mar 2006)**

NEW YORK - A man accused of being a high-ranking member of a Colombian drug cartel has been extradited to face charges that he manufactured tons of cocaine and heroin sold in the United States. Julio Cesar Lopez-Pena, a reputed member of the Norte Valle cartel, appeared briefly Thursday in a Manhattan courtroom. A federal magistrate judge entered a plea of "not guilty" on his behalf.

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**49. OH: Drug Bust Nets 52 Kilos Cocaine, \$1M In Cash - Feds Arrest Leader Of LA-Based Drug Ring (NewsNet5, 15 Mar 2006)**

STARK COUNTY, Ohio - A major drug bust in northeast Ohio netted more than 50 kilos of cocaine, several firearms, and \$1 million in cash stashed behind a car's bumper. FBI agents said the drug bust targeted a Los Angeles gang that has sold drugs in Stark County for 10 years, reported NewsChannel5's Jonathan Costen. The FBI is calling the bust "Operation Gumshoe," and it involves some major players from the West Coast all the way to northeast Ohio.

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<http://www.newsnet5.com/news/8035824/detail.html>

**50. TN: MPD Seizes Half a Million Dollars Worth of Cocaine and Heroin (myEyewitnessNews.com, 15 Mar 2006)**

Police seized half a million dollars worth of drugs from a Hickory Hill house. When officers pulled over 23-year-old Kevin Glenn Monday night on I-40 East near Arlington, they found 11 pounds of cocaine in his car. He confessed that he bought the drugs at a home in Hicory Hill. Police say they found 8.5 pounds of heroin and arrested three men inside when they raided the home. "This is obviously a very significant seizure of drugs. Its retail value would be in the millions of dollars," says Shelby County District Attorney Bill Gibbons. Drug Task Force members aren't surprised. They say drug dealers are now using Memphis as a distribution center. Drug dealers are driving across the country making stops in Memphis to pick up their loot.

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**51. Canada: Police bust cocaine ring in Montreal area (Canadian Press, 14 Mar 2006)**

MIRABEL, Que. - Quebec provincial police have busted a cocaine ring operating in the Montreal area and arrested 14 people so far. About 150 police officers searched a number of businesses and homes in the Lower Laurentians and northeast of Montreal, seizing drugs and \$30,000. Police spokeswoman Isabelle Gendron said Tuesday that police hope to arrest two more people and have arrested the 53-year-old alleged leader of the drug ring. The suspects have been charged with drug trafficking and gangsterism.

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**52. Canada: Fortified drug houses on the rise in GP (Herald-Tribune staff, 16 Mar 2006)**

Police won't be stopped by drug dealers who try to reinforce their houses, says the head of Grande Prairie's drug squad. Last Thursday, Mounties called in the Edmonton and Red Deer emergency response teams to blow open a fortified door on an alleged drug den along Montrose Avenue. That home also had fortified windows and surveillance cameras set up. It shows the willingness of police to take down these drug houses, said Cpl. John Wilson. "We are not going to be deterred from doing our job. If we have a court authorization, then we are going to ensure that we carry that authorization out as safely as we can with minimal risk to the police officers and the public, but we won't be deterred from doing our job," said Wilson.

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### **53. Pakistan taking tangible steps for stopping drugs smuggling in Kuwait (Onlinenews.com.pk, 14 Mar 2006)**

KUWAIT: Federal Minister for Anti Narcotics Ghaus Bakhish Mehr has said that Pakistan government would take practical steps for stopping drugs smuggling in Kuwait. He was addressing a Pakistani community here in Pakistan's embassy on Tuesday. Pakistan's ambassador in Kuwait Muhammad Aslam, Director General FIA Naveed Malik and MNA Chaudhry Ijaz Ahmed were also present on the occasion. The Minister noted that government had taken strict notice of drug trafficking adding, no influential person who finds behind drugs smuggling bid to be forgiven. Pakistan's name is being defamed and Pakistanis are not being issued visas due to few black sheep in neighbouring countries, he added.

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<http://www.onlinenews.com.pk/details.php?id=94481>

## **CYBERTHREAT & THEFT**

### **54. Computer Researchers Warn of Net Attacks (AP, 16 Mar 2006)**

WASHINGTON - A new variety of unusually powerful Internet attacks can overwhelm popular Web sites and disrupt e-mails by exploiting the computers that help manage global Internet traffic, according to security researchers. First detected late last year, the new attacks direct such massive amounts of spurious data against victim computers that even flagship technology companies could not cope. In one of the early cases examined, the unknown assailant apparently seized control of an Internet name server in South Africa and deliberately corrupted its contents. Name servers are specialized computers that help direct Internet traffic to its destinations.

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<http://apnews.myway.com/article/20060316/D8GCJR700.html>

### **55. Trojan extortion blocked by e-gold (by John E. Dunn, Techworld, 16 Mar 2006)**

The creators of the [Cryzip extortion Trojan](#) did not benefit from the fraud, Internet payment company e-gold has claimed. Criminals are believed to have set up a number of accounts at the company in order to receive funds extorted from users in return for decrypting data files scrambled by the Trojan. A spokesperson for e-gold said that the accounts had been detected and suspended before any funds had been received. "Our

investigators, through their normal reviews, detected multiple suspicious accounts. All were blocked from receiving payment very shortly after they were created,” the company said.

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<http://www.techworld.com/security/news/index.cfm?NewsID=5577>

**56. DHS Gets Another F in Computer Security (Washington Post, 15 Mar 2006, Contributed by Rick Forno)**

Most federal agencies that play key roles in the war on terror are doing a dismal job of protecting their computers and information networks from hackers and viruses, according to portions of a report to be released by a key congressional oversight committee Thursday. The Department of Homeland Security, which is charged with setting the government's cyber security agenda, earned a grade of F for the third straight year from the House Government Reform Committee. Other agencies whose failing marks went unchanged from 2004 include the departments of Agriculture, Defense, Energy, State, Health and Human Services, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs. The House Government Reform Committee is expected to award the federal government an overall grade of D-plus for computer security in 2005, a score that remains virtually unchanged from 2004.

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**57. Americans Want Banks To Spy On Their Accounts (InformationWeek, 14 Mar 2006)**

Nine out of ten Americans want their banks to [monitor](#) their online accounts for signs of suspicious behavior, much as credit card companies do now, a survey published Tuesday said. Conducted by the poll also found that although consumers aren't seeing a rise in the number of phishing e-mails, they are increasingly wary of all electronic communiqués from their banks. According to telephone survey, 79 percent said that they were less likely to respond to [e-mail](#) from their bank because of worry over [phishing](#) scams; that's up nine points from 2004, said RSA. A solid majority of 59 percent want their banks to contact them when something fishy is found, while 73 percent think banks should boost security by moving to a stronger [authentication](#) scheme than the typical username and password.

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<http://www.informationweek.com/security/showArticle.jhtml?articleID=181503699>

**58. If you don't know how vulnerable your systems are, no wonder you're scared (IT Business. by Shane Schick, 14 Mar 2006)**

We all know what a physical crime committed on company property looks like. There's a brick that's been thrown through a window, shattering glass across the floor. There are filing cabinets ripped open, its contents strewn across the floor. Desks might be overturned. Cybercrime doesn't conjure up the same set of images, and those we share tell us little about what has happened. The most common might be a teenager in his bedroom, using a home PC to – what? Unlock secret information that a company was supposed to keep private? Send denial of service attacks to cripple a Web site?

Redirecting funds from a company bank account? Substitute the portrait of a juvenile hacker with that of organized crime syndicates and it all gets murkier. And scarier. This is the only reasonable way to interpret the findings of a survey released by IBM on Monday in which 62 per cent of Canadian businesses said cybercrime proves more costly than physical crime. Most of them believe organized crime is replacing lone hackers, and there are fewer Canadian firms – 67 per cent – who believe they are protected against cybercrime versus 87 per cent in the United States.

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<http://www.itbusiness.ca/it/client/en/home/News.asp?id=38717>

## **RESOURCES**

**59. "Homeland Security: Protecting Airliners from Terrorist Missiles," Congressional Research Service Report updated February 16, 2006 (Contributed by Steven Aftergood, Federation of American Scientists, [www.fas.org](http://www.fas.org))**

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<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/RL31741.pdf>

## **EVENTS**

### **60. Multi-INT: Support to the Warfighter Conference**

Announcing IDGA's Multi-INT: Support to the Warfighter conference, scheduled to take place at the Hilton Washington DC/Silver Spring in Silver Spring, Maryland - main conference sessions will be held from May 23-24, 2006 with a full day of pre-conference sessions on Monday, May 22, 2006. IDGA's Multi-INT conference will offer a unique opportunity at the unclassified level to listen to key intelligence experts in the defense community, who are leading the way in the gathering and fusion of intelligence.

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Operational view of Multi-INT

Exploration of joint developments in intelligence fusion

Opportunities to network with leaders in the defense intelligence community

Speakers include:

Kevin Meiners, Director, ISR Systems, OUSD-I

Richard Wittstruck, Chief Engineer and Program Officer, PEO Intelligence, Electronic Warfare and Sensors, US Army

Colonel Timothy W. Keasling, USA Deputy Director of Joint Intelligence, National Guard Bureau

LTG Ronald Burgess, USA Deputy Director of National Intelligence for Customer Outcomes, Office of the DNI

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### **61. Critical Infrastructure Resilience Conference**

In the wake of 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina, it has become abundantly clear that an end-state of absolute protection is impossible to achieve. Therefore, there has been an increased focus to infrastructure resilience. IDGA's Critical Infrastructure Resilience will bring to light the challenges of resiliency and the need to maximize interoperability and shared services in a time of increasing global security threats.

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- National, State and Local perspectives on effective emergency management
- State and Local Homeland Security Funding Methods & Issues

Speakers to Include:

- W. Hord Tipton - Chief Information Officer, Department of the Interior
- Jeffrey Gaynor - Director, Emergency Response Senior Advisory Committee and Critical Infrastructure Task Force, Homeland Security Advisory Council
- Dr. David Boyd - Director, Research and Development Operations, Science and Technology Directorate, US Department of Homeland Security
- J. Robert McKee - Director of Emergency Response and Rescue, Texas Engineering Extension Service / Texas Task Force One

Attending IDGA's Critical Infrastructure Resilience conference is a great way to network with the highly distinguished speaker faculty, get up to date on the latest challenges and learn the latest strategies to improve and increase interoperability. But hurry – space is limited! To register or for more information, go online at <http://www.idga.org> or call customer service at 800-882-8684. Please mention your REGISTRATION CODE: NB98 when registering for this event.

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