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FEDERAL

1. Feds say smuggling ring helped fund Hezbollah (Detroit Free Press, 29 Mar 2006)

A smuggling ring operating in Michigan helped fund Hezbollah with profits from bootlegged cigarettes, counterfeit tax stamps, phony Viagra tablets and hijacked toilet paper, according to a federal indictment unsealed in Detroit on Wednesday. The

indictment, issued almost two years ago, names 18 men and alleges the leaders were bound together by their support of Hezbollah. Federal authorities say the men levied a surcharge on the cigarettes they smuggled as a tax on behalf of the organization, which is characterized as a terrorist group by the U.S. government. They were indicted on charges of being part of a global racketeering conspiracy.

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2. Human smuggling trade booming across nation (AP, 30 Mar 2006)

WICHITA, Kan. - Federal prosecutors say smugglers facing stiff penalties if caught transporting drugs are increasingly turning to still-lucrative cargo that is less likely to lead to their capture or result in punishment that's as severe: illegal immigrants. "These organizations have realized there is a lot less exposure smuggling humans than smuggling drugs," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Brent Anderson. With the typical fee for transporting an illegal immigrant running between \$1,000 and \$2,000 each, it is not uncommon for a smuggler to make \$20,000 to \$30,000 for a 24-hour trip by ferrying people from border states to the nation's interior, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Wichita.

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3. Linder introduces "Project Bioshield Material Threats Act of 2006" and "Prevention of Nuclear Terrorism Act of 2006" (The Weekly, 29 Mar 2006)

Washington, D.C. - Yesterday, Homeland Security Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack Chairman John Linder (R-GA) introduced two legislative proposals, H.R. 5028, the "Project BioShield Material Threats Act of 2006," and H.R. 5029, the "Prevention of Nuclear Terrorism Act of 2006." These proposals are designed to address separate, yet critical, components of homeland security. In 2004, Congress enacted the Project BioShield Act to encourage the development of chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear (CBRN) countermeasures. Under Bioshield, the Department of Homeland Security is responsible for conducting Material Threat Assessments (MTAs) and issuing Material Threat Determinations (MTDs) on specific agents presenting "material threats" to the nation. Without these determinations, the Department of Health and Human Services cannot determine what agent to buy for, what type of countermeasure is appropriate (such as a vaccine or a post-exposure treatment) or how many doses of an appropriate countermeasure to buy.

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4. DOJ, DOD stress self-powered communications (FCW, 30 Mar 2006)

If Hurricane Katrina taught first responders anything, it's that communications systems must survive a natural disaster before they can be used to coordinate response efforts. That's what officials from the Defense and Justice departments told Congress today as they explained some of the steps they are taking to improve information sharing before the 2006 hurricane season starts June 1. "The survivability of our systems is critical," Vance Hitch, DOJ's chief information officer, told the House Government Reform

Committee. The federal government must work with industry to create self-powered communications technology that can operate without traditional infrastructure, said Linton Wells, principal deputy assistant secretary of Defense for networks and information integration.

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<http://www.fcw.com/article92795-03-30-06-Web>

5. DHS management chief's exit unlikely to bring changes (GovExec.com, By Daniel Pulliam, 28 Mar 2006)

The resignation of the Homeland Security Department's management chief probably will not result in significant changes to its administrative structure, a DHS official said, despite repeated calls for change from outside observers. After more than three years as head of the DHS management directorate, Janet Hale announced last week that she will step down in early May. A department official, who asked to remain anonymous because Hale's position requires a presidential appointment, said the vacancy likely will be filled like any other opening. But Hale's departure creates a perfect opportunity to reconfigure the structure of the department's management branch and give more power to the five line-of-business chiefs serving beneath the management undersecretary, said former Homeland Security Inspector General Clark Kent Ervin. Such a move would not require legislative approval, he said.

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6. Probe raises doubts over focus of DHS agency's investigations (By Chris Strohm, CongressDaily, 30 Mar 2006)

The Homeland Security agency responsible for investigating criminal and terrorist activity inside the United States might not be making the best use of its resources and could be missing important leads to disrupt possible acts of terrorism, government inspectors told lawmakers Tuesday. The Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement only puts about 15 percent of its investigative resources toward cases that have a national security or terrorism connection, Richard Stana, GAO's director of homeland security and justice, told the House Government Reform National Security Subcommittee during a hearing. Stana said ICE has not done a comprehensive assessment to determine where it should focus resources and which cases should be given top priority. Instead, the agency focuses mainly on missions done by the former Immigration and Naturalization Service and Customs Service, both of which were dismantled in 2003 when the Homeland Security Department was created.

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7. IG: FAA telecom program at risk (FCW, 30 Mar 2006)

Contrary to assurances, the Federal Aviation Administration's project to replace systems that let air traffic controllers communicate with pilots is unlikely to be completed by the December 2007 deadline, according to the Transportation Department's inspector general. The FAA Telecommunications Infrastructure program was supposed to reduce operating costs by consolidating multiple telecom networks into one system operated by

Harris. "In a recently issued draft report to FAA, we concluded that FTI is a high-risk program - with a life cycle cost estimate of \$2.4 billion through 2017 - five years longer than originally planned," said Todd Zinser, DOT's acting IG. He spoke March 28 before the Senate Committee's Commerce, Science and Transportation Subcommittee on Aviation.

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8. Airport program to speed security checks (Times Union, 28 Mar 2006)

COLONIE - Airport security lines will be shorter, at least for some people, starting this summer, thanks to a nationwide Registered Traveler program. Albany International Airport is among dozens of airports expected to participate in the program. Frequent travelers who agree to a background check and pay a one-time fee - \$80 to \$95 to cover the costs of a biometer identification card - can go through a dedicated lane at the airport. They'll step into a kiosk at the beginning of the line, insert the card and have their fingerprints or eyes scanned to confirm their identity, then proceed through the X-ray machine and on to their gates.

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9. ACTE Seeks To Clarify TSA Policy (BTNonline.com, 29 Mar 2006)

The Association of Corporate Travel Executives is seeking clarification from the Transportation Security Administration regarding procedures that allegedly allow passengers to board flights without photo identification. In a statement to be released tomorrow, ACTE poses such questions to TSA as whether the passenger's name is checked against the no-fly list, if this action immediately red-flags a traveler for future flights and, in the case of passengers with lost or stolen identification, if it is required to submit another form of documentation or if it is a traveler's option not to produce ID. ACTE first learned of passengers boarding flights without identification last week through members of the association. A spokesman for the organization said ACTE finds the news neither good nor bad, just surprising, and is waiting for TSA's response before issuing an advisory to its members.

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10. Troops border deployment helped catch illegal aliens (Washington Times, 28 Mar 2006)

The deployment of federal troops along the U.S.-Mexico border in October netted a 60 percent increase in apprehensions of illegal aliens by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents, a congressional report says. The report given this month to the Senate Armed Services Committee says a Texas-based Stryker-armored reconnaissance, surveillance and target acquisition squadron helped CBP agents capture 2,000 illegal border crossers in New Mexico and Arizona. The squadron, part of Joint Task Force North (JTF-N), based at Biggs Army Airfield in Fort Bliss, Texas, was used to "detect and report" the movement of "transnational threats" to the U.S. Border Patrol during the 30-day Operation Western Vigilance.

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<http://washingtontimes.com/national/20060327-101937-6410r.htm>

11. Is 2006 Finally the Year for Chemical Plant Security Legislation? (Geoff Kohl, editor, SecurityInfoWatch.com, 28 Mar 2006)

Drive about an hour west of New Orleans and you're in swamp country near Geismar, Louisiana. The dry land isn't particularly dry, and the most likely acquaintance you'll make in the woods is something that hisses or buzzes. It's an area largely forgotten by most humans except the hunters, fishers and those working in the petrochemical industry. Besides the resident population of alligators, Geismar is home to a number of chemical and industrial plants. The core of the area is heavy industry, a place where chemical plants take advantage of cheap land prices and convenient access to the Mississippi River and the Interstate highway system. Honeywell, well known in our industry for its array of security products, is also heavily involved in chemical production. The company has a home in Geismar with a facility that spans close to one square mile and which hosts a number of co-located chemical companies that share products and by-products.

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12. Shippers fear port security measures would disrupt commerce (By Chris Strohm, CongressDaily, 28 Mar 2006)

While lawmakers in both parties intend to move quickly to pass legislation aimed at improving maritime and cargo security, officials with major shipping and container companies fear some new rules could be disastrous for international commerce. Industry experts worry that new regulations for screening and inspecting cargo could place odious and costly requirements on shippers, and they are urging lawmakers to be cautious. "If you delay the supply chain to the extent that prices go up and the cost of doing business with America is too high, and you have several shipping companies that can't upgrade their security, then the terrorists have won," said Noel Cunningham, a principal at The Marsec Group, which consults maritime companies and port operators.

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13. Honduran Port Joins U.S. Container Security Initiative (Dept. of State, 28 Mar 2006)

The Port of Cortes in Honduras is the first Central American port to join the Container Security Initiative (CSI). Through its CSI membership, the port now has the opportunity to ship more containers to the United States, say U.S. officials. The U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) CSI is a program that works cooperatively with foreign governments to target and pre-screen for terrorists or terrorist weapons maritime containerized cargo before the containers are shipped to the United States. Cortes is the 44th port worldwide to implement the initiative. In a CBP press release issued March 26, U.S. Ambassador to Honduras Charles Ford said that the Port of Cortes' membership in the initiative "will directly benefit the Republic of Honduras because foreign investors will see the country as an easy and secure way to send their merchandise to the United States." In addition to joining the CSI, the Port of Cortes also has joined the U.S.

Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration's MegaPorts Initiative, under which the United States will install radiological detection equipment in the port to identify nuclear material.

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14. Adams off terrorist watch list (The Buffalo News, 29 Mar 2006)

WASHINGTON - Irish leader Gerry Adams, who was prevented from boarding a plane for Buffalo for a St. Patrick's Day observance, has been removed from a terrorist watch list, Rep. Brian Higgins said Tuesday. The Buffalo Democratic congressman, who was Adams' prospective host, met in his office with officials of the Department of Homeland Security, the Transportation Security Administration and the Ad-Hoc Committee on Irish Affairs to learn what happened on March 17. The administration had maintained that Adams was not on a watch list.

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STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

15. CA: California protests over US immigration reform enter fifth day (Agence France-Presse, 30 Mar 2006)

California students protested against proposed US immigration reform for a fifth day as Congress debates a crackdown on undocumented workers. The protest came as President George W. Bush started a two-day summit with his Mexican counterpart Vicente Fox and Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper in the Mexican resort of Cancun. The American leader's first bilateral meeting was to be with Fox, whose country is worried about proposals in the US Congress to possibly criminalize unapproved entry into the country.

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<http://www.breitbart.com/news/2006/03/30/060330214834.s49b7mcc.html>

16. CA: Landmark E-waste Legislation Moves Past First Hurdle (California Chronicle, 30 Mar 2006)

SACRAMENTO – Legislation authored by Assembly Member Lori Saldaña (D-San Diego) that aims at phasing out the use of hazardous materials in nearly all electronic devices sold in California was passed by the Assembly's Natural Resources Committee Tuesday. While current state law requires the phase-out of toxic substances in electronic devices with a video display of 4 inches or larger, Saldaña's bill, AB 2202, expands the prohibition to include nearly any electronic or battery-operated device. If signed into law, this measure would be the first of its kind in the United States.

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<http://www.californiachronicle.com/articles/viewArticle.asp?articleID=7423>

17. DC: Still not ready for terror attack (Washington Post, 30 Mar 2006)

Nearly five years after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the Washington region still lacks a strategic plan to guide preparations for any future attacks or to effectively spend hundreds of millions of homeland security dollars, federal and local officials told a U.S.

Senate panel yesterday. The lack of a comprehensive regionwide communication system was repeatedly cited by senators as a case of poor planning and coordination. For example, Prince George's County does not have radios that are fully compatible with neighboring jurisdictions.

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18. FL: Preparing for the unthinkable. What would happen if a dirty bomb exploded in the midst of 1,000 students at a pep rally? (TBNWeekly, 29 Mar 2006)

PINELLAS COUNTY – A dirty bomb is the proverbial gift that keeps on giving. Effects of radiation linger and can cause cancer or even death long after the blast injuries have healed. Having such a diabolical device explode in the midst of 1,000 students at a high school pep rally is about as close to a worst-case scenario as it gets. But that was the opening scenario for about 75 first responders at a mass casualty drill at Pinellas County Schools' Discovery Room in Largo on March 22.

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http://www.tbnweekly.com/content_articles/032906_fpg-01.txt

19. LA: New Orleans Recovery Could Take 25 Years (AP, 30 Mar 2006)

A full recovery in New Orleans could take 25 years as homeowners, businesses and tourists are coaxed back to the city devastated by Hurricane Katrina, the Bush administration's Gulf Coast recovery coordinator said Thursday. "We kind of want it to happen overnight, or I do, but it's going to take some time," White House coordinator Don Powell said in an interview with Associated Press reporters and editors. "This could be five to 25 years for it all to fit into place." Powell added: "It's been a bottom-up process and it's complex." He said that much of what's needed for the return of New Orleans' population is "out of our control," including housing, ensuring safety and robust investment by the private sector.

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20. MD: Training center against terror (Baltimore Sun, 29 Mar 2006)

Developers are planning a training center at Aberdeen Proving Ground where trainees could learn to prevent or respond to terrorist attacks and other emergencies through drills at an urban assault village as well as a mock airport or rail station, Army officials announced yesterday. The Army selected APG Development Partners, a joint venture of Bethesda-based developer LCOR and Weston Solutions, to develop and operate the estimated \$350 million "simulated city." It will be equipped to train tens of thousands of people each year from government and private sectors. The center is expected to be the largest high-tech counterterrorism facility of its kind in the United States, the developers said. They're proposing several million square feet of classroom, training, lodging and office space in about 35 buildings on 1,300 acres of the 72,000-acre military post.

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21. MO: St. Louis will be part of bioterrorism study (Post-Dispatch, 28 Mar 2006)

WASHINGTON - The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is planning to place antibiotics in 5,000 homes in the St. Louis area in a first-of-its kind test to learn how people would handle drugs given them to prepare for a bioterrorism attack. Starting next month, some 20,000 people will be screened to see which households receive "MedKits" that contain antibiotics for each member of the family. Households will be randomly selected from three groups: public health responders such as firefighters; workers at a single, as yet unidentified corporation; and recipients of publicly funded health care at clinics. The drugs would be distributed at no cost.

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22. NY: TSA Establishes Permanent Screening Operations at the Downtown Manhattan Heliport (PRNewswire, 27 Mar 2006)

WASHINGTON - The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) announced today that it has established a screening presence at the Downtown Manhattan Heliport at Wall Street. This operation represents the first time since TSA's inception that it has assigned screening personnel and equipment to a heliport facility. "These dedicated resources will ensure that passengers and baggage entering Manhattan's airspace on commercial helicopter flights to New York- area airports have satisfied TSA's stringent screening requirements," said Douglas Hofsass, TSA Federal Security Director at LaGuardia Airport. Hofsass' responsibilities now include oversight of security operations at the Downtown Manhattan Heliport.

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<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/060327/dcm060.html?.v=28>

23. NY: 14 charged with smuggling more than \$5 million to Yemen (WSTM, 28 Mar 2006)

NEW YORK Two lawyers, a real estate broker and several immigrants living in New York City and in Newburgh were charged today in schemes to smuggle more than 5 (M) million dollars to Yemen. U-S Customs says some of the 14 men took part in an illegal money-laundering operation that transferred more than 5 (M) million dollars to Yemen between 2003 and July 2005. In a second plot, a lawyer arranged illegal loans of up to 100-thousand dollars for Yemeni immigrants.

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<http://www.wstm.com/Global/story.asp?S=4694613&nav=2aKD>

24. OR: Camp Adair to be evaluated for hazardous materials, again (Democrat-Herald, 29 Mar 2006)

ADAIR - The federal government says it will do another evaluation of the former Camp Adair and Adair Air Force Station for hazardous materials. A similar review was done 20 years ago, and the conclusion in 1986 was that no hazardous material was left at the former military sites. It was not clear why the Corps was doing it all again. From Portland, the Army Corps of Engineers said today it is evaluating "formerly used Defense sites," also known as FUDS, that had been used for military training within the former training camp and Air Force station west of Albany. The Corps will do this evaluation by

conducting a Military Munitions Response Program (MMRP) site investigation, to be conducted in the next few months by a Corps contractor, Shaw Environmental.

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<http://www.dhonline.com/articles/2006/03/29/news/local/news08.txt>

25. RI: TSA Begins Local Hiring Initiative for Part-Time Security Officers at T.F. Green Airport (PRNewswire, 30 Mar 2006)

WEST WARWICK, R.I. - The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is looking for talented candidates in the greater Providence area to work as part-time Transportation Security Officers (TSOs) on the frontlines of T.F. Green Airport (PVD) in an ongoing effort to secure the homeland. TSA at T.F. Green in West Warwick is one of many airports in the nation to launch a local hiring initiative. The initiative will replace the current Washington, D.C.-based hiring system and allow the agency to quickly hire talented security professionals to meet the changing needs of the operation.

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26. SC: State emergency officials plan for bird flu's migration to U.S. (The Sun News, 29 Mar 2006)

The chance that Avian influenza will migrate into North America is highly likely, but when and how widespread it will be remains a mystery, according to federal and state poultry experts who updated participants of Tuesday's state Hurricane/Emergency Management Workshop. "This is a bird virus ... that occasionally affects humans," said Pascale Wortley, medical officer for the National Immunization Program of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "There are many unknowns with this; we don't know which groups are going to be affected ... or when." If and when the bird flu virus does appear in U.S. poultry stocks, officials say they will be prepared to isolate the outbreak and keep it from entering the food chain and infecting people. So far, outbreaks have been contained to Asia and Europe, where 79 deaths from 148 cases have been attributed to the specific H5N1 or H5N7 strain of avian influenza. But even with plans in place, officials said, residents and business owners should know how they would react to an outbreak.

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<http://www.myrtlebeachonline.com/mld/myrtlebeachonline/14211021.htm>

27. WI: TSA Expands Explosives Detection Capability for Screening Bags at Green Bay Airport (PRNewswire, 28 Mar 2006)

WASHINGTON - The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) today announced the use of five Reveal Explosives Detection Systems (EDS) for screening checked baggage at Austin Straubel International Airport (GRB) in Green Bay, Wis. The new equipment means better customer service, since the Reveal machines are faster in screening bags. "This state-of-the-art technology will enhance our explosives detection capabilities on checked baggage," said TSA Green Bay Federal Security Director Timothy Decker. "The machines' reduced size and more efficient operating system offer significant benefits to the airport and its customers."

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GANG ACTIVITY

28. CA: Fighting declines, gang ties persist at juvenile centers (Mercury News, 28 Mar 2006)

Confrontations between staff and youths in the Santa Clara County juvenile hall and camps have dropped, but gang membership among boys and girls in the system persists in significant numbers, according to an annual status report. Overall, conditions at juvenile hall and the William James Boys Ranch in Morgan Hill and the Muriel Wright Residential Center in San Jose appear to have improved during the past two years, said Carol Petersen, a 12-year member of the Juvenile Justice Commission who chaired the report.

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<http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/local/14203692.htm>

29. CA: Gang Shooting Claims Lives of 2 Bystanders (Los Angeles Times, 28 Mar 2006)

SAN BERNARDINO - Two bystanders were killed during a gang-related shooting in downtown San Bernardino, a city so overwhelmed by crime that the murder rate was the top campaign issue in February's mayoral election. The double homicide Monday night came on the first day on the job for the city's new police chief, Mike Billdt, a veteran city police officer promoted by Mayor Pat Morris, a former judge. A teenage gang member opened fire on rivals near the intersection of 5th and H streets, a busy, crime-ridden section of downtown surrounded by cheap motels and liquor stores.

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30. CO: 11 Suspected Gang Members Arrested in Springs (AP, 28 Mar 2006)

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. El Paso County authorities said they'll aggressively prosecute nearly a dozen gang members arrested after a year-long investigation in Colorado Springs. Police said Curtis Cooper, 37, leads a gang called the "81st Street East Side Hustler Crips." Cooper was now behind bars facing multiple drug and weapons charges. Cmdr. Rod Walker said the gang has been around Colorado Springs for about 15 years. Walker said the arrests of Cooper and 10 others effectively "crippled" its operations. The arrests occurred Friday in the southeast part of the city where authorities reportedly seized cash, guns, cocaine, marijuana and methamphetamine.

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http://cbs4denver.com/local/local_story_087152406.html

31. IL: Cops say fatal shooting gang-related; 1 charged (Chicago Tribune, 28 Mar 2006)

WEST SIDE - A Chicago man was charged Monday with murder in a weekend shooting on the West Side that police say was gang-related. Terry Rogers, 23, of the 2100 block of South Homan Avenue is being held on first-degree murder charges and unlawful use of a

weapon in the fatal shooting Saturday of Lyntrell Heath of the 5600 block of West Madison Street, Chicago Police Officer Kristina Schuler said.

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32. IL: Gang ties in homicide spur striking realizations (Northern Star, 29 Mar 2006)

Everyone at some point in their lives experiences an "aha" moment. It could be positive or negative, but it teaches us a life lesson that will undoubtedly have a profound effect on our lives for years to come. DeKalb residents had that moment after a shooting that left 19-year-old DeKalb resident Jayson Martin dead Tuesday. Most people wouldn't fathom something like this happening in the seemingly safe little farm community that is DeKalb. And, for the most part, they would be right - until now. DeKalb Police Chief Bill Feithen said the incident was the first gang-related homicide on the city's record.

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<http://www.star.niu.edu/articles/?id=21345>

33. MD: 7 Men Charged in Gang Shooting (Washington Post, 28 Mar 2006)

Seven men were arrested over the weekend and charged with attempted murder in a shooting in Silver Spring this month that involved two street gangs. Police said they arrived in the 1000 block of Quebec Terrace about 2:30 p.m. March 18 after receiving calls about a shooting. At the scene, they found Alberto Flores with a gunshot wound in his upper left shoulder.

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34. MD: Murder Exposes Gang Problem In Harford County (WJZ, 28 Mar 2006)

BEL AIR, Md. While testimony continued Tuesday in the case of a Harford County teenager accused of shooting a taxi-cab driver to death, the trial also emphasized a growing problem of gang violence within the area. Wayne Bond is on trial for the murder of Derald Guess, a 37-year-old taxi driver who was fatally shot in the head in Edgewood in December of 2004. Darrell Miller was also charged in the shooting and plead guilty last fall. He testified against Bond on Tuesday as the state's key witness.

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http://wjz.com/local/local_story_087231001.html

35. MA: Romney Signs Anti-Gang Bill (WCVB, 30 Mar 2006)

BOSTON - Phyllis Lopes, whose grandson's 2004 death prompted a push for new anti-gang and witness intimidation bills, recalled his memory Thursday as Gov. Mitt Romney signed the legislation into law. "Cecil Milton Lopes III," the New Bedford grandmother said, leaning back and looking skyward as she stood in a Dorchester schoolyard.

"Wherever you are, I know this won't bring you back, but this is a beginning, a stride for justice, and, hopefully, justice will come." The law sets 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. In addition, 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.

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<http://www.thebostonchannel.com/news/8366266/detail.html>

36. MA: Springfield eyes anti-gang funds (The Republican, 28 Mar 2006)

Communities will compete for \$11 million in state grants for anti-gang efforts, with Springfield's mayor expecting to present a strong case for a portion of the funds. The new grant program was recently approved by the Legislature "to support regional and multi-disciplinary approaches to combat gang violence through coordinated programs for prevention and intervention," according to a statement. Mayor Charles V. Ryan said yesterday he expects there will be a limited number of communities in serious contention for portions of the state grant.

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37. UT: Gang violence, graffiti spike (Deseret Morning News, 30 Mar 2006)

Salt Lake County sheriff's detective Lex Bell, a member of the gang unit for more than two years, knows that violence and graffiti have spiked in recent months. *Mark Diorio, Deseret Morning News* Detective A. Montes, left, and South Jordan policeman Jared Nichols question a man pulled over for driving without insurance or license Friday. "The last few months there have been an above average number of shootings," he said. In fact, detectives say gang activity in Salt Lake County has returned to what it was five to seven years ago: Violence is up, graffiti is up and gang members are flying their colors again. The surge is anticipated to give law-enforcement officers plenty to talk about as they meet today and Friday for the 16th annual Utah Gang Conference at the South Towne Expo Center.

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<http://deseretnews.com/dn/view/0,1249,635195551,00.html>

38. VA: You can't hide - The suburbs and the country are not gang-proof (Daily Press, 28 Mar 2006)

Anyone who was surprised to read in last week's Daily Press about gang-related robberies and graffiti in York County has not been paying attention. The same goes for anyone who'd be surprised to learn about gang activity in Poquoson, Isle of Wight County, James City County, Gloucester or the rural environs beyond. Just because a locality is suburban or still largely rural doesn't make it immune from gangs and the violence they breed.

Here are some of the reasons why:

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39. Canada: Notorious bike gang rebuilds in Quebec (The Canadian Press, 26 Mar 2006)

MONTREAL - Hells Angels bikers, once the scourge of Quebec, are rebuilding after their ranks were decimated five years ago in the Operation Springtime police crackdown. Although a number of the imprisoned bikers will be locked up for more than 20 years,

others have started to trickle out and the gang's visibility is beginning to grow. "It's started already since the beginning of the year," said Guy Ouellette, one of the top experts on outlaw bikers in Canada. "They show their colours everywhere they go."

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<http://calsun.canoe.ca/News/National/2006/03/26/1506079-sun.html>

40. Canada: Guns And Gangs - The gang players (The Leader, 29 Mar 2006)

A 2003 RCMP threat assessment listed more than 80 gangs of all types in B.C., from sophisticated and business-like smuggling and drug running operations to small-time street gangs of a few people. That number is considered a conservative estimate. The dominant gangs are the Vietnamese and the almost exclusively Caucasian outlaw biker gangs, which are vying for control of B.C.'s lucrative pot and methamphetamine trade. Both groups are considered extremely sophisticated and disciplined, with the Vietnamese specializing in loan-sharking, people smuggling and credit card fraud, while the bikers trade in cocaine, hashish and extortion.

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<http://www.surreyleader.com/portals-code/list.cgi?paper=73&cat=23&id=618155&more>

41. Canada: Crystal meth - a looming threat (Observer, 29 Mar 2006)

Crystal meth is coming to a town near you. In fact, indications are it has already arrived. Lee Mason recently presented a workshop designed to bring the brutal truth about crystal methamphetamine to students and resource workers in an effort to stop the use of this deadly drug before it grips the community. Mason, of the Young Warriors Network, received a grant from Union of B.C. Municipalities to bring this message to 20 northern communities.

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NARCO TRAFFICKING

42. CA: Nineteen in Southern California charged in meth smuggling case (AP, 27 Mar 2006)

SAN DIEGO - A Chula Vista man suspected of leading a methamphetamine trafficking ring that used juveniles to sell or smuggle the drug was in federal custody Monday after being charged in a two-count indictment, authorities said. Jorge Arreola-Gomez was among 19 people named in the indictment unsealed Friday by the U.S. Attorney's Office alleging that the defendants used numerous couriers, many of them teenagers, to smuggle methamphetamine across the U.S.-Mexico border. An investigation led to the seizure of more than 140 pounds of methamphetamine, more than \$25,000 in cash, a firearm and 20 pounds of pseudoephedrine, a nasal decongestant authorities say is commonly used to make methamphetamine.

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http://www.mercurynews.com/mld/mercurynews/news/breaking_news/14200723.htm

43. CO: Traffic stop in Denver turns up \$500,000 in cocaine, DEA says (Denver Post, 29 Mar 2006)

Denver police found a cache of cocaine worth a half-million dollars when they stopped a car being driven erratically, authorities said. Patrol officers in northwest Denver spotted the blue Lincoln Continental with Colorado license plates speeding and making erratic lane changes about 2:45 p.m. Monday and attempted to stop the car, said Special Agent Suzanne Halonen of the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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http://www.denverpost.com/news/ci_3649266

44. FL: Largo PD arrest eight in crackdown on crack cocaine (Tampa Bays 10, 28 Mar 2006)

LARGO, Florida - Eight people have been arrested in a police crackdown on narcotics sales at two apartment complexes. Four young children were removed from one apartment where a handgun and magazines for an AK-47 were found, police said. The arrests at the Glades Apartment Complex, 305 Glades Circle, followed a four month investigation and included cooperation from the complex management, police said. Charged with sale of crack cocaine there were Ricky Shaw, 40; Shantara Barnard, 19 and Markus Ferguson, 20. Clifton Collins, 30, was charged with possession of crack cocaine.

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<http://www.tampabays10.com/news/news.aspx?storyid=27900>

45. GA: Cocaine bigger problem than it seems redandblack.com, 29 Mar 2006)

Cocaine in Athens it's one of those dirty little secrets no one wants to talk about. Cocaine ranks in the top three drugs University students admitted to using in a 2005 survey on alcohol and other drug use. If the numbers from the survey reflect the larger student body, more than 2,200 students used cocaine in the last year and more than 1,000 used it in the 30 days before the survey. Athens-Clarke County police admit powder cocaine is a problem and that it's available. But an officer said they don't pursue it as intensely as meth or crack, which are more problematic due to related crimes.

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<http://www.redandblack.com/vnews/display.v/ART/2006/03/29/4429e3a65d397>

46. IL: 2 held for selling cocaine to agents (Chicago Sun times, 28 Mar 2006)

Two men charged with selling more than \$350,000 of cocaine to undercover agents were ordered held in federal custody Tuesday pending a detention hearing. Melitone Carrera and Saul Rodriguez-Herrera, whose ages and addresses were not immediately available, were named in a criminal complaint charging them each with one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute cocaine.

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<http://www.suntimes.com/output/news/cocaine28.html>

47. MO: Two drug charges filed over cocaine (Branson Daily News, 28 Mar 2006)

An alleged illegal immigrant who lives in Branson faces two separate drug charges stemming from incidents that occurred in October 2005. Charges of second-degree trafficking and possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute were filed against Jorge Guzman, 31, last week by Taney County Prosecuting Attorney Daniels. According to police documents, Guzman was arrested on Oct. 6 in Branson. He was in a

van that was pulled over for invalid license plates. Reports state that upon searching the van, officers found 264 grams of a substance containing cocaine. Guzman was arrested for an outstanding warrant of receiving stolen property, a charge he would later plea guilty to and be sentenced to two years in prison for on Jan. 5, Daniels said.

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<http://www.bransondailynews.com/story.php?storyID=664>

48. PA: Philly Police Find \$11 Million in Pot (AP, 28 Mar 2006)

A burglary call at a house led to the seizure of roughly 2,500 pounds of pot worth about \$11.6 million on the street, police said Monday. It was believed to be the largest marijuana bust in the city in more than 40 years. Police responding to a 911 burglary call Saturday night at a home in West Philadelphia searched the home and discovered 120 bales of pot in the basement. Allen Womack, 27, and Dalion Baskerville, 42, were arrested and charged with possession with intent to deliver marijuana and conspiracy. Baskerville told authorities someone had paid him to use the house as a storage facility, police said.

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<http://www.wtop.com/index.php?nid=104&sid=738281>

49. TN: Officers recover \$200,000 worth of cocaine in Morristown (WATE, 27 Mar 2006)

MORRISTOWN - Officers with Morristown and Hamblen County law enforcement recovered cocaine with a street value of about \$200,000 Monday evening. The officers seized the cocaine, two kilos worth, after an attempted buy. A police detective arranged to purchase the drugs from 20-year-old Sergio Laureano Pacheco, of Morristown. A second suspect, identified as 21-year-old Alfredo Rosas, of Morristown, was with Pacheco. During the buy, Pacheco noticed the officers' presence and fled the scene. A detective saw Pacheco throw the cocaine from his vehicle.

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<http://www.wate.com/Global/story.asp?S=4691364&nav=0RYv>

50. Venezuelan Authorities Seize 2.1 Tons of Cocaine (Xinhuanet, 30 Mar 2006)

Venezuelan authorities seized 2.1 tons of cocaine, which they said were to be smuggled to the European Union or the United States, and arrested two smugglers, a government official said Wednesday. Deputy Security Minister Jesus Villegas Solarte told a news conference that the authorities intercepted the cocaine at a farmhouse in Miranda state, in Venezuela's eastern coastal region. The drug was hidden in a cellar, in 76 small packages. Two smugglers, one Colombian and one Venezuelan, were arrested in the anti-drugs operation, one of the largest seizures of cocaine recently in the South American country. Caracas also seized two mobile phones and planned to use them to find other people involved in the same drug deal, he said.

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<http://en.chinabroadcast.cn/706/2006/03/30/176@68832.htm>

51. Italians Arrested in Cocaine Raid on Villa (Corriere Della Sera, 28 Mar 2006)

NAIROBI – After harassment, violence and beatings in prison, two Italians resident in Kenya now face a real risk of life imprisonment in Kenya for drug trafficking, a crime that –according to various confidential documents collected by the Corriere della Sera – they did not commit. The 1.2 tons of cocaine, valued at 70 million euros, have led to 70-year-old Angelo Ricci, from Foggia, and his wife Estella Duminga Furuli, 43, born in Argentina but of Calabrian origin, languishing for 14 months in the decaying prisons of Nairobi.

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http://www.corriere.it/english/articoli/2006/03_Marzo/28/Malindi.shtml

52. Experts start Kenya cocaine tests (BBC, 28 Mar 2006)

Some 1.1 metric tons of cocaine, worth \$88m, is being tested in Kenya, amid fears that some of the drug may have leaked onto the international market. Kenyan experts have been joined by a team of international monitors to find out if it has been tampered with. Kenya's biggest ever haul of the drug is to be destroyed this week, following a court order last week. It has been held since December 2004, while investigations were carried out to try and identify the traffickers.

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<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/africa/4852930.stm>

CYBERTHREAT & THEFT

53. Business, FBI unite against cyber crime (St. Petersburg Times (FL) (KRT) Via Thomson Dialog NewsEdge, 29 Mar 2006)

TAMPA - A small army of agents from the FBI's Tampa office descended on Raymond James & Associates last month. It wasn't a raid, or an investigation. They were there to network and build bridges with the business community, cooperation the FBI says is vital in its fight against cyber crime. The occasion was the annual Cyber Security Summit, co-sponsored by the FBI and attended by more than 200 law enforcement, academic and information technology experts. "You have people who do a lot of the same things that we do that have more time to tinker," said Stacy M. Arruda, supervisory special agent for the FBI's Cyber Crime Squad in Tampa. "And they're seeing what we don't see and the information is being passed to us."

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<http://www.tmcnet.com/usubmit/2006/03/29/1515371.htm>

54. Symantec Sounds Alarm on Rising Security Threats (CIO, 30 Mar 2006)

There has been a rise in the number of security threats meant to steal sensitive information, according to a report by security firm Symantec Corp. Unlike in the past, today's attacks are increasingly leaning towards the motive of silently gaining a profit without doing noticeable damage. According to the report, malicious code threats that could reveal information rose from 74% to 80% from July to December last year.

Symantec recently released its latest biannual Internet Security Threat Report (ISTR), which covered the second half of 2005. The ISTR is an analysis of global Internet security activities and trends compiled every six months that identifies and analyzes

attacker methods and preferences. The report revealed that there has been a marked increase in threats designed to facilitate cyber crime.

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<http://www.cio.in/news/viewArticle/ARTICLEID=1130>

COUNTERFEIT

55. "North Korean Counterfeiting of U.S. Currency," Congressional Research Service Report March 22, 2006 (Contributed by Steven Aftergood, Federation of American Scientists, www.fas.org)

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<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/row/RL33324.pdf>

TECHNOLOGY

56. Technest Holdings Develops High Tech Sensing Device for Chemical Plant Security (ASD-Network, 27 Mar 2006)

BOSTON - Technest Holdings a defense and homeland security company transforming advanced laboratory technology into real-world products, announced today that its wholly owned subsidiary, EOIR Technologies Inc., has developed a new innovative remote sensing device named the Automated Adaptive Chemical Examination System (AACES). The AACES is expected to be able to provide highly advanced capabilities to detect and classify a very broad range of chemicals which could be released into the air during a terrorist attack against any one of the 15,000 chemical facilities located in the United States. The AACES is being designed and tested under a Phase 2 SBIR funded by the US Army. Originally intended for use in military applications it can provide a powerful perimeter security capability for the protection of chemical facilities against terrorist attacks.

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http://www.asd-network.com/press_detail_B.asp?ID=7331

57. Reveal Imaging lands \$3.3M deal (The Lowell Sun, 30 Mar 2006)

BEDFORD - Reveal Imaging has received a \$3.3 million contract from the federal Transportation Security Administration to install five explosive-detection systems at Austin Strabel International Airport in Green Bay, Wis. The new machines will allow TSA employees to screen twice as many bags per hour than was possible with older equipment. Reveal Imaging last year landed a \$24.8 million pact to supply TSA with more than 70 of its CT-80 detection systems at various national airports. That contract was followed by a \$2.5 research and development deal with TSA.

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http://www.lowellsun.com/business/ci_3655683

58. Prepared Response Adds GIS Capability to Rapid Responder Crisis Management (Telematics Journal, 30 Mar 2006)

Prepared Response, Inc., a Seattle-based developer of crisis management planning and response systems, announced today it has added Geographic Information System (GIS)

functionality to the Web-based version of its Rapid Responder crisis management system. The GIS capability allows police, fire, and other first responders to view a variety of features, such as streets, pipelines, railroads, or political subdivisions as layers on an interactive map. The GIS functionality allows emergency responders to create more accurate tactical pre-plans and respond faster and more effectively during a wide variety of emergencies, including terrorist related incidents, bombings, civil disturbances, hazardous materials spills, fires, earthquakes, hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, and tsunamis.

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<http://www.telematicsjournal.com/content/newsfeed/6782.html>

59. Lab team readies nuclear detection device (Los Alamos Monitor, 30 Mar 2006)

The word "gadget" was a nickname for "bomb" in the earliest days of the atomic weapon project at Los Alamos. Now one of the most pressing needs in the world is for a different kind of gadget, probably several, that will solve problems of securing a variety of nuclear material around the world and foiling any attempt at clandestine transportation. The issue came up again in Washington, D.C., Tuesday, when Sen. Norm Coleman, R-Minn., began two days of Senate hearings with a new report from the Government Accountability Office that, he said, "demonstrates significant vulnerabilities in our defenses against a dirty bomb and other terrorist threats." Michael Rabin, a LANL physicist, leads a collaborative effort working on a device that would have a number of potential applications for analyzing radioactive materials and following up on suspicious spot-checks at inspections.

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http://www.lamonitor.com/articles/2006/03/29/headline_news/news03.txt

60. Drone aircraft may prowl U.S. skies (c|net, 29 Mar 2006)

Unmanned aerial vehicles have soared the skies of Afghanistan and Iraq for years, spotting enemy encampments, protecting military bases, and even launching missile attacks against suspected terrorists. Now UAVs may be landing in the United States. A House of Representatives panel on Wednesday heard testimony from police agencies that envision using UAVs for everything from border security to domestic surveillance high above American cities. Private companies also hope to use UAVs for tasks such as aerial photography and pipeline monitoring.

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<http://makeashorterlink.com/?I69B342EC>

61. Technology Helps The Boss Spy On Employees (KFMB, 29 Mar 2006)

David Letterman joked about it, saying, "you know your boss is spying on you when he criticizes all the typos in your private emails." But privacy rights groups aren't laughing about this growing trend. Is your boss spying on you? Probably! According to a recent study by the National Workrights Institute, 92 percent of employers conducted some form of workplace monitoring. "Unfortunately we're seeing that there's more and more surveillance." Something, the new Director of the American Civil Liberties Union finds troubling. So does the Director of the Privacy Rights Clearinghouse.

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http://www.kfmb.com/features/special_assignment/story.php?id=44448

62. Spy program snoops on cell phones (c|net, 29 Mar 2006)

The [FlexiSpy](#) application captures call logs, text messages and mobile Internet activity, among other things. The software, released at the beginning of March, sells for \$49.95 and is advertised by Bangkok, Thailand-based [Vervata](#) as a tool to monitor kids and unfaithful spouses. The data captured is sent to Vervata's servers and is accessible to customers via a special Web site. Similar surveillance software [for PCs already exists](#) and has raised the ire of [groups fighting domestic violence](#), who fear it may be used by abusive spouses.

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http://news.com.com/Spy+program+snoops+on+cell+phones/2100-1029_3-6055760.html

RESOURCES

63. FDA's Accomplishments in 2005 (FDA.gov, 29 Mar 2006)

In 2005, on the eve of its 100th anniversary, the Food and Drug Administration continued strengthening the performance of its core functions: ensuring the safety and effectiveness of drugs, biologics, and medical products; protecting the safety and security of 80 percent of the food supply; making certain that cosmetics and equipment that emits radiation do no harm; and ensuring the safety of animal drugs and feed. In addition, the agency took major steps to advance its forward-oriented agenda by implementing the FDA's strategic plan, a part of the Administration's blueprint for a healthier and more vigorous America.

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<http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/news/2006/NEW01342.html>

64. "Material Support of Terrorists and Foreign Terrorist Organizations: Sunset Amendments in Brief," Congressional Research Service Report updated March 17, 2006 (Contributed by Steven Aftergood, Federation of American Scientists, www.fas.org)

ZGram Suggested URL:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/terror/RS22222.pdf>

65. "Balancing Scientific Publication and National Security Concerns: Issues for Congress," Congressional Research Service Report updated February 2, 2006 (Contributed by Steven Aftergood, Federation of American Scientists, www.fas.org)

ZGram Suggested URL:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/secrecy/RL31695.pdf>

66. "National Emergency Powers," Congressional Research Service Report updated February 10, 2006 (Contributed by Steven Aftergood, Federation of American Scientists, www.fas.org)

ZGram Suggested URL:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/98-505.pdf>

**67. "The Exon-Florio National Security Test for Foreign Investment,"
Congressional Research Service Report updated March 15, 2006 (Contributed by
Steven Aftergood, Federation of American Scientists, www.fas.org)**

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<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/natsec/RL33312.pdf>

EVENTS

**68. WMMB to Hold Free Ag Terrorism Training Workshop (Wisconsin Ag
Connection, 28 Mar 2006)**

Officials in the agricultural industry are being invited to attend a workshop which will cover agroterrorism specific to Wisconsin. The Wisconsin Milk Marketing Board is holding the forum on April 5 at its offices in Madison, where attendees will learn how to define agroterrorism threats and identify targets, as well as how to respond to specific agroterrorism events. The workshop is being held for emergency responders and managers, law enforcement, fire and EMS, agribusiness leaders, bankers and the insurance industry, owners and managers of food and agricultural operations, sellers, processors and shippers of agricultural commodities and representatives of public health and state and federal agencies.

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<http://www.wisconsinagconnection.com/story-state.cfm?Id=373&yr=2006>

FULL REPORTS

69. President Bush Outlines Vision for Immigration Reform (Dept. of State, 28 Mar 2006)

A guest-worker program would enable the United States to better secure its borders, but such a program should not reward people who enter the country illegally by granting them automatic legal status, according to President Bush.

In a March 28 roundtable discussion with Canadian and Mexican journalists, Bush outlined his vision for immigration reform in the United States and outlined issues slated to be addressed with Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Mexican President Vicente Fox at the March 30-31 Security and Prosperity Partnership meeting in Cancun, Mexico.

As the debate over immigration reform intensifies in the United States, Bush said a comprehensive approach that includes a guest-worker program will take pressure off the U.S. Border Patrol and allow the United States to better secure its borders. (See [related article](#).)

"I believe that any immigration bill ought to make sure that we're ... able to secure the borders," he said. "I also recognize that part of securing the borders requires a guest-worker program ... In other words, the two go hand-in-hand."

The president, noting the United States is a nation of immigrants, emphasized that the debate over immigration should be conducted in a dignified manner.

He added that even though immigrant workers have helped expand the United States' economy, he does not favor a program that would reward those who have entered the United States illegally with automatic citizenship or legal status.

"I think that part of a rational worker program is - say you're here on a temporary basis, and if you choose to be a citizen, or want to be a citizen, you get in line," said Bush. "It's essential that we not have automatic amnesty or legality."

The president added that a program that bestowed automatic legal status on previously undocumented workers would both undermine the rule of law and encourage additional illegal immigration.

"It would send a signal that said all you've got to do is get here illegally and eventually you get in the head of the line," he said. "My view ... is that, yes, you can become a citizen, but you have to get in line. In other words, you can't get ahead of those who have been here playing by the rules."

To accommodate those individuals who have already applied for legal status, Bush called on the U.S. Congress to increase the number of green cards dispensed.

"Right now part of the problem is that the green cards are limited," he explained, saying that congressional action to increase the number of green cards would take pressure off the immigration system.

SECURITY AND PROSPERITY PARTNERSHIP

As for the upcoming SPP session, Bush said that he looks forward to what termed a "very important" and "very useful" series of meetings. (See [related article](#).)

In addition to migration and border issues, Bush said, trade and cooperation to enhance democratic institutions regionally and globally will also be among the issues discussed at the SPP session.

The president said that trade has helped North Americans achieve better lives, and that continued close cooperation on trade issues should allow the region to compete confidently. Bush said he would continue to advocate the benefits of free trade, and hopes to extend the North American cooperative spirit on trade to the entire hemisphere. The creation of a proposed Free Trade Area of the Americas, he said, would facilitate a Western Hemisphere that trades freely in order to be competitive. (See [Free Trade of the Americas](#).)

Bush told reporters that the SPP session also would include a call for the nations of North America to work together to emphasize the importance of democratic institutions in the Western Hemisphere and globally.

Ultimately, the underlying message of the SPP meeting, he said, is that North America can do a great deal collectively.

"It's an important meeting and it's a very strong signal that the three of us working together are better than each of us working apart," Bush said. "Whether it be border security or commerce or hearing the values that are important in our neighborhood, we can do a lot together."

For additional information on U.S. policy in the region, see [The Americas](#).

70. U.S. Official Cites Anti-Drug Strategy Progress in the Americas (Dept. of State, 30 Mar 2006)

U.S. partnerships with the countries of Latin America and the Caribbean - as well as the growing trend of regional alliances among many of those countries - have resulted in "significant progress" in fighting the illicit drug trade, says Anne Patterson, U.S. assistant secretary of state for international narcotics and law enforcement affairs.

In March 30 congressional testimony, Patterson outlined the region's progress in combating illegal drugs and the ongoing problems that regional authorities must address. The Western Hemisphere's improved counternarcotics performance of recent years has been achieved "not just by individual countries, but by countries working together," she told lawmakers.

The State Department's 23rd annual *International Narcotics Control Strategy Report*, released March 1, "provides evidence of maturing policies, modernizing institutions, and stronger cross-border, subregional, and international cooperation," said Patterson. (See [related article](#).)

After relinquishing outdated "sovereignty sensibilities" that hindered cooperation, the region now "recognizes the links of the drug trade to money laundering, terrorist financing and organized crime, and has been working together to confront the many challenges," she said.

Patterson praised the counternarcotics efforts of Colombia, Mexico, Costa Rica, El Salvador and Nicaragua, among others. "All recognize that only through common cause will we be able to contain and diminish the threats of drugs and organized crime, which are impediments to political and economic freedom and prosperity," she said.

And "nowhere has progress been more pronounced than in Colombia," Patterson said. In the 1990s, the Andean nation launched its "Plan Colombia" strategy, designed to combat the illicit drug trade and rebuild Colombia's shattered economy.

Under the leadership of two successive Colombian presidents, Plan Colombia has helped transform the country, said Patterson. The Colombian government now conducts an aggressive aerial spraying campaign to eradicate illegal drug crops and also extradites organized-crime leaders to face trial in the United States, she said.

U.S. CONCERNED OVER DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER ANDEAN NATIONS

Elsewhere in the Andes, there is cause for concern, according to Patterson. "Peru and Bolivia remain the second- and third-largest producers of coca," she said. There are indications of increased coca cultivation in Peru, and "the policies of the new government to be elected this April will obviously have significant bearing on the future of Peru's counternarcotics effort," she said.

Bolivia's newly elected president, Evo Morales, "has displayed a lackluster commitment to coca reduction," said Patterson. "Our relationship with the new [Bolivian] government will depend upon the policies it adopts on a wide range of issues, with counternarcotics a key component of our bilateral relationship," said Patterson.

In other parts of the region, the drug problem assumes a different aspect, she said. Ecuador and Venezuela are "not major drug-producing countries," but they "play critical roles in drug trafficking because of their long, largely unguarded borders with Colombia," she said.

The tri-border area shared by Argentina, Brazil and Paraguay "remains vulnerable to exploitation as a transit zone for narcotics trafficking and other transnational crime," so the United States is helping to enhance the capabilities of the law-enforcement agencies in those countries, she said.

"Combating drug trafficking from and through Mexico is an enormous challenge," said Patterson. "Mexico is the principal transshipment route to the United States for South American drugs, a major source of heroin and the key supplier of methamphetamine."

Yet "there are ample reasons to be optimistic about what can be done," she added. Under the direction of Mexican President Vicente Fox, Mexico's law enforcement agencies have pursued joint investigations with their U.S. counterparts, and in 2005, "Mexican forces took forceful action against a number of the [Mexican] drug cartels," Patterson said.

Violence plaguing communities along the U.S.-Mexico border is "another major challenge that defies easy solutions," but the State Department "is confident that - regardless of the outcome [of the upcoming Mexican presidential election] - the next administration in Mexico will realize that it is clearly in Mexico's interests to cooperate with the U.S. on security and combating crime," she said.

In citing Central America and the Caribbean as popular transit zones for narcotics shipments, Patterson said the emerging threat of criminal youth gangs in Central America must be addressed as part of the United States' overall drug-control strategy. "The

Department of State is working closely with other countries, especially in Central America, to confront the social and security problems posed by youth gangs," she said.

Despite serious challenges in the hemisphere, she said, collaborative efforts against illicit drugs are achieving impressive results - in the United States and in neighboring countries. "The use of illegal drugs by teenagers in the United States has dropped by nearly 20 percent since 2001," said Patterson. "I firmly believe that if the United States was not supporting counternarcotics programs in the Americas, the situation here at home would be dramatically worse."

Even though "we have a huge amount of work to do," she concluded, "that is best done through strong partnerships - bilateral and multilateral. And nowhere in the world do we have greater solidarity and shared sense of purpose and responsibility than right here in our own hemisphere."

The [South America](#) segment of the 2006 report and the full text of the two-volume [2006 International Narcotics Control Strategy Report](#) are available on the State Department Web site.

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