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1. U.S. Joint Forces Command (USJFCOM) is engaged and efforts designed to equip and train joint warfighters to operate in cities (USJFCOM, 31 Mar 2006)

After decades of experience with open-field warfare, the U.S. military has realized that a majority of future operational missions will likely migrate into urban areas. Faced with operating in cities, U.S. Joint Forces Command is focused on designing and implementing successful joint warfighting processes and capabilities for urban environments. As part of a continuing series allowing command personnel to highlight command priorities, challenges, and solution paths for the future within their field, Duane

Schattle, who heads the command's joint urban operations office, discusses the challenges of urban operations as part of an ongoing series of articles profiling command leaders who are helping to deliver solutions to joint warfighters.

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<http://www.jfcom.mil/newslink/storyarchive/2006/pa033106.htm>

2. Vacancies at the top put FEMA's funding in jeopardy (By Chris Strohm, CongressDaily, 31 Mar 2006)

With the nation hurtling toward another hurricane season while key Federal Emergency Management Agency positions are vacant or filled only temporarily, House appropriators threatened Wednesday to withhold FEMA funds unless it permanently fills its top leadership positions. House Homeland Security Appropriations Subcommittee Chairman Harold Rogers, R-Ky., said the agency, which has no permanent director, is only at 73 percent of its authorized staffing level. Four of the 10 division chiefs and four of the 10 regional directors are serving in an acting capacity, he added. The subcommittee will withhold fiscal 2007 appropriations for the positions if they are not filled, Rogers said at a hearing on FEMA's budget.

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3. IG: TSA should rebid mismanaged airport telecom contract (FederalTimes.com, 31 Mar 2006)

The Transportation Security Administration ran through most of a \$1 billion airport telecommunications contract without making sure it was getting what it paid for, a new audit says. TSA spent \$834 million on the contract with Unisys Corp. of Blue Bell, Penn., without receiving many of the services and products it needed for airport security and communications, Homeland Security Department Inspector General Richard Skinner said in the report released March 30. TSA needs to rebid the contract and make changes to ensure that proper controls are used on future contracts, Skinner said. The contract, which Unisys won in August 2002 under a streamlined procurement, was meant to improve telecommunications at airports nationwide in order to boost security.

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4. Company Answers Airport Security Criticism (Washington Post, 31 Mar 2006)

WASHINGTON - A company criticized for poor performance on an airport security contract insisted Friday it has done its job and, contrary to government claims, has supplied "state-of-the-art" technology. Responding to criticism from the Homeland Security Department's inspector general, Unisys Corp. said it met requirements for the \$1 billion contract and "in some cases, exceeded them to earn a performance award." The inspector general reported Thursday that airports didn't have equipment critical to security and communications because the Transportation Security Administration mismanaged the contract.

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5. Negotiations between FAA, controllers near breakdown (GovExec.com, 3 Apr 2006)

The National Air Traffic Controllers Association said Friday that talks on a new labor contract with the Federal Aviation Administration had broken down. "Contract talks are over," National Air Traffic Controllers Association spokesman Doug Church told the Associated Press. FAA spokesman Greg Martin countered that neither side in the negotiations had declared a formal impasse. The two sides are scheduled to meet again Tuesday. Church characterized that meeting as a formality at which no substantive negotiating would take place.

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6. Panel rejects proposal to scan all U.S.-bound shipping containers (By Chris Strohm, CongressDaily, 31 Mar 2006)

Republicans on the House Homeland Security Economic Security Subcommittee on Thursday rejected a proposal from Democrats that would have required all cargo containers headed for the United States to have tamper-resistant seals and be scanned for illicit materials. The proposal, offered as an amendment to the Security and Accountability for Every Port bill, was defeated on an 8-6 party-line vote before the subcommittee passed the bill by unanimous voice vote. The defeated amendment would have required the Homeland Security Department to issue new regulations within three years requiring all containers to have hardened seals and be scanned before leaving a foreign port. "This is something that's too important to allow industry to reject," said Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., who made the proposal. "This just keeps going back to the Republican majority and their slogan: in industry we trust."

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7. Cargo Security is Not Elementary - Governments, airlines, freight forwarders and shippers struggle to improve air cargo security without slowing the flow of commerce (Air Transport World, March 2006)

Since 9/11, governments, airlines, freight forwarders and shippers have struggled with ways to improve air cargo security without impinging too heavily upon the flow of commerce. The Transportation Security Administration's soon-to-be issued rule expanding air cargo security throughout the supply chain and existing rules only now being implemented across the European Union are intended to strengthen barriers against terrorism. But the industry remains concerned about whether the new rules and the introduction of costly explosive detection systems will be more trouble than they're worth.

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<http://atwonline.com/magazine/article.html?articleID=1549>

8. Port security? Fuhgetaboutit (Opinion piece by Ralph R. Reiland, PittsburghLine.com, 3 Apr 2006) – An interesting read!

"Allowing a Middle Eastern country such as Dubai to run our ocean ports seemed pretty bizarre to me until I remembered that during World War II, we turned the security of the

New York/New Jersey docks over to the Mafia," explains Palm Beach Post columnist George McEvoy. "The government hired the mob to keep the piers safe from Nazi saboteurs and espionage agents."

As the story goes, there wasn't much trouble on the docks from Nazi infiltrators after some of Tony Soprano's goombahs were running the show. The joke among U.S. intelligence agents was that the bottom of the Hudson was littered with German spies in cement shoes.

McEvoy explains that the U.S. government was desperate: "In 1942, the French ocean liner Normandie burst into flames and sank at its Hudson River pier. With France officially out of the war, the United States had seized the vessel and planned to convert it into a troopship, capable of carrying an entire division."

U.S. Navy intelligence knew that information was being leaked to the Germans, and to German submarines operating right off the U.S. coast, regarding sailing dates, cargoes and military operations at the New York port, reports McEvoy, including plans for the conversion of the Normandie: "The official explanation for the mysterious fire was that an unknown workman had been careless with his acetylene torch, but nobody in New York older than 12 believed that story."

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http://pittsburghlive.com/x/tribune-review/opinion/columnists/reiland/s_438799.html

9. Japan mulls joining US network of ports nuclear screening (Xinhuanet, 4 Apr 2006)

TOKYO - Japan is in discussion with the United States to join its network to screen cargo at seaports for nuclear and other radioactive materials, Japanese media reported Tuesday. The two countries are talking about a initial screening test at Nagoya port using the U.S. system, which was designed to help block nuclear terrorist attacks, Japanese government sources said on Monday. The screening network, which is dubbed Mega ports Initiative and run by the U.S. National Nuclear Security Administration, was brought into implementation in 2003 and is currently operational in the Netherlands, Greece, the Bahamas and Sri Lanka, playing an active role in detecting hazardous materials that could be smuggled to make "dirty bombs" or nuclear weapons, reports said.

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http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2006-04/04/content_4384166.htm

10. Senate: Canada trash U.S. security threat (UPI, 31 Mar 2006)

WASHINGTON - Tons of Canadian trash is shipped to the United States every day but it is not screened for security threats, according to a newly released government report. A bipartisan Senate report issued Thursday calls for the suspension of trash shipments until U.S. Customs and Border Patrol can insure the containers do not pose a security threat, among other reforms in port security. A January Homeland Security Department inspector general report found that Customs "does not have an effective method to screen and inspect the 350 truckloads of municipal solid waste that enter the U.S. daily through the Detroit and Port Huron ports of entry." X-rays cannot penetrate the dense trash

containers to reveal whether weapons or terrorists or other dangerous cargo is secreted inside, according to the Senate report "An Assessment of U.S. Efforts to Secure the Global Supply Chain."

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<http://www.upi.com/SecurityTerrorism/view.php?StoryID=20060330-040403-6288r>

11. HHS takes steps to bolster supply of flu vaccine (By Marilyn Werber Serafini, National Journal, 1 Apr 2006)

Dr. Bruce Gellin, director of the National Vaccine Program Office at the Health and Human Services Department, talked to National Journal about the nation's vaccine supply. Following are edited excerpts. NJ: Could we make enough vaccine right now to combat an avian-flu pandemic? Gellin: We have a long way to go. Global influenza vaccine manufacturing capacity is limited, and we currently have only a single manufacturer -- Sanofi -- that produces all components of influenza vaccine entirely within our borders. In a pandemic, vaccine will be in short supply everywhere, and we can't assume that vaccine produced elsewhere will be delivered here. There are other vaccine production facilities within the U.S., but influenza vaccine manufacturing uses dedicated facilities.

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12. United States Allocated \$3.8 Billion To Avian Flu Preparedness (Dept. of State, 4 Apr 2006)

The U.S. Department of State, through the Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, issued a fact sheet April 4 on international partnerships to meet the threat of avian influenza. According to the fact sheet, the United States is concerned that ongoing outbreaks of the highly pathogenic H5N1 virus in birds have the potential to turn into a human influenza pandemic that would have significant global health, economic and social consequences. The United States has allocated \$3.8 billion in emergency funding to address the threat of avian and pandemic influenza domestically and internationally, the fact sheet said. For more information on the disease and efforts to combat it, see [Bird Flu](#). Text of the fact sheet follows.

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13. Clean the Blood, Cure Bird Flu? (WIRED, 31 Mar 2006)

California researchers say a blood-cleaning machine could save lives if bird flu becomes a pandemic. Fighting viruses by cleansing the blood might sound too good to be true, and many infectious disease experts say it is. The device, called the Hemopurifier, performs a type of dialysis. According to James Joyce, founder and CEO of [Aethlon Medical](#) in San Diego, it can also remove smallpox and the Ebola and Marburg viruses. The Hemopurifier works against so many different viruses, according to Joyce, that the device could one day serve as a "portable immune system." Joyce's lofty claims make some infectious-disease specialists bristle. For one thing, dialysis carries a serious risk of infection, something Joyce himself admits. "But if there is no alternative but death," said Joyce, "I'm betting that patients and their doctors will want this as an option."

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http://www.wired.com/news/technology/medtech/0.70545-0.html?tw=wn_technology_1

14. Bioterrorism is a real threat (news24, 27 Mar 2006)

Singapore - Police forces around the world are beginning to recognise bioterrorism as a serious threat despite sceptics who doubt that preventive measures are needed, the head of Interpol said on Monday. Ronald K Noble, secretary-general of the international police agency, warned of the danger of biological weapons during a workshop for police and other officials from across Asia. Experts say a bioterrorist attack could be difficult to immediately detect and germs could be carried unnoticed by infected victims across continents. "Some people still question whether the threat of bioterrorism is real, they question whether it is truly necessary to prepare for it. I have no doubt that the threat is real," Noble said. "If we have the chance to take measures to protect the citizens of our nations, to help reduce the chances of our countries of becoming a target, then we have a duty to do so," he said. "Police around the world are now also beginning to recognize and respond to this threat." Lyon, France-based Interpol is hosting the three-day workshop on lab security, forensic work and laws to prevent bioterrorism. Nearly 80 delegates from 26 countries in Asia will also assess how to respond to a simulated bioterrorist attack. At a separate seminar, a US official said Washington considers naturally occurring or genetically engineered pathogens - micro-organisms or viruses that cause disease - one of the greatest global threats because they could kill hundreds of thousands of people.

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15. The role of doctors in bioterrorism response (Jane's, by Andy Oppenheimer JCBW Editor, 31 Mar 2006)

Unlike other forms of conventional attack, if a deliberate release of deadly microorganisms occurs, it is unlikely to be an immediate emergency. Rather than the emergency services having to deal with deaths and injuries at a terrorist incident, doctors will be the first to detect disease caused by a covert act of biological terrorism and their actions will be crucial in the medical response to such an attack.

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http://www.janes.com/security/law_enforcement/news/jcbw/jcbw060331_1_n.shtml

16. Senate Passes Phone Data Confidentiality Bill (InternetNews.com, 31 Mar 2006)

A U.S. Senate panel pushed out legislation yesterday that makes it illegal to acquire, use or sell a person's confidential phone records without affirmative written consent.

Applying to wireline, wireless and Voice over IP & carriers, the bill also bars unscrupulous companies and individuals from fraudulently obtaining consumers' private phone records through a deceptive practice known as "pretexting." The term refers to unauthorized persons using false pretenses to acquire private phone records. Under the Protecting Consumer Phone Records Act, a carrier must notify a customer if someone without authorization gains access to their phone records. It also charges the Federal Trade Commission (FTC) and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) with concurrent enforcement.

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<http://www.internetnews.com/bus-news/article.php/3595611>

17. U.S. Demands Files From ISPs, Tech Firms (AP, 30 Mar 2006)

PHILADELPHIA - The Justice Department is demanding internal files from dozens of Internet service providers and other technology firms as it seeks to defend a controversial Internet child protection law. The subpoenas are similar to one given to Google Inc., which waged a partially successful battle over the government's request for millions of pieces of information about search engine requests and Web site domains.

InformationWeek magazine unearthed subpoenas that show the government also demanded information from at least 34 other companies, including Internet service providers such as Comcast Corp. and EarthLink Inc., security software firms and other technology companies.

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18. Identity theft hit 3.6M U.S. families in six months of '04 (IDG News Service, 31 Mar 2006)

Wondering how likely you are to have your credit card number stolen? Well, according to a comprehensive survey conducted by the U.S. Department of Justice, identity theft is affecting millions of households in the U.S each year and costing an estimated \$6.4 billion per year. About 3% of all households in the U.S., totaling an estimated 3.6 million families, were hit by some sort of ID theft during the first six months of 2004, according to DOJ data set to be released Sunday. The data comes from the Justice Department's National Crime Victimization Survey, which interviews members of 42,000 households across the country every six months to better understand the nature, frequency and consequences of crime. Households that participate in the survey are selected at random and then interviewed by DOJ statisticians twice a year for three years.

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19. Battling identity-theft bills stuck in House (Knight Ridder Newspapers, 2 Apr 2006)

WASHINGTON - Proposed safeguards against identity theft could fall by the wayside this year because Congress can't decide between rival data-security bills. Two Ohio Republicans playing a key role in the debate say lawmakers still stand ready to act on an issue that commanded the national stage last year when hundreds of thousands of people learned that their sensitive financial information had been breached in a number of incidents. Reps. Steven C. LaTourette, of Madison, and Deborah Pryce, of Upper Arlington, say legislation they helped draft that recently was approved by the House Financial Services Committee would aid consumers when companies such as data-collection giant ChoicePoint or DSW Shoe Warehouse lose or have stolen information about thousands of customers.

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<http://www.tmcnet.com/usubmit/2006/04/02/1528941.htm>

20. Identity Theft Expert Reveals “Must-Take” Steps To Protect Yourself On Security Catalyst Podcast (PRWeb, 3 Apr 2006)

John Sileo, Identity Theft former victim-turned-expert and author, joins Michael Santarcangelo, Security and Privacy Expert, to discuss the reality of Identity Theft. In the interview, Sileo speaks candidly about his experience and shares the financial and human cost he faced as a victim. Sileo then provides basic steps that anyone needs to take immediately to reduce their risk. Brief and powerful.

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<http://www.prweb.com/releases/2006/4/prweb366893.htm>

STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

21. AZ: 'Minutemen' Back on Border Patrol - Group Says It Will Have 1,000 Members to Keep Illegal Immigrants From Crossing Into U.S. (ABCNews.com, 3 Apr 2006)

A group of illegal migrants along the Arizona border became the first to encounter the controversial Minutemen this year. The family of five had been lost in the desert for several days without food and water. The first structure they stumbled upon turned out to be a ranch used as the headquarters for the Minutemen. The family was turned over to the U.S. Border Patrol. Once again, a group of about 200, mostly older men and women, have taken their lawn chairs and staked out sections of the U.S.-Mexico border to observe and report illegal crossings to homeland defense authorities.

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<http://abcnews.go.com/US/story?id=1801057&page=1>

22. CA: U.S. to reconsider security funds for city - Bases, border issues were not figured in (Copley News Service, 31 Mar 2006)

WASHINGTON – The Department of Homeland Security will re-evaluate the criteria it used when excluding San Diego from applying for future federal urban security grants, a top Homeland official said yesterday. The department did not include some aspects of San Diego's international border, nor its military assets, when calculating whether the region should get federal anti-terrorism money this year, officials told Mayor Jerry Sanders during a meeting that also included members of Congress. “We are re-evaluating how military installations . . . are factored into the formula,” Paul McHale, assistant secretary of defense for homeland defense, wrote yesterday in a letter to Rep. Susan Davis, D-San Diego. “DHS can then make another full . . . assessment for the San Diego area.” San Diego was awarded nearly \$15 million last year under the federal Urban Areas Security Initiative, which is designed in part to help prevent terrorist attacks in cities considered at high risk. But San Diego officials recently were told they could no longer apply for the funds because the region is not among the nation's high-risk areas.

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<http://www.signonsandiego.com/news/metro/20060331-9999-6m31sanders.html>

23. CO: Tensions Change Dress Code At Local Middle School (CBS4, 3 Apr 2006)

WESTMINSTER, Colo. The immigration debate and demonstrations caused a middle school in Adams County to change their dress code. Students at Shaw Heights Middle

School are no longer allowed to wear anything that's patriotic, including camouflage pants, because they have become a political symbol for a version of patriotism.

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http://cbs4denver.com/topstories/local_story_094003340.html

24. CT: Sub base gets new mission (AP, 31 Mar 2006)

GROTON, Conn. - New London Naval Submarine Base, Conn., will become the center of the Navy's undersea counterterrorism operations under a plan announced this week. Submarines are used in the war on terrorism to intercept communication signals, monitor troop movements and deploy special forces overseas. Training for such activities will be consolidated at Groton, officials said Thursday, marking the first time such efforts have been centered on one place. "Our inherent stealth, endurance and intelligence-gathering capabilities make submarines a unique and vital platform in today's war on terrorism," Rear Adm. Mark W. Kenny said.

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<http://www.navytimes.com/story.php?f=1-292925-1658508.php>

25. DE: Military Cargo Plane Crashes in Delaware (New York Times, 03 Apr 2006)

A giant Air Force cargo plane crashed near a runway at Dover Air Force Base in Delaware early this morning, injuring several of the 17 military personnel on board but causing no deaths, the Air Force said. The plane, a C-5B Galaxy, had just taken off when it radioed that it had an "in-flight emergency" and was trying to return to the base. It was supposed to fly to the Naval Air Station in Rota, Spain, and then Kuwait, according to the Air Force. The Galaxy, the largest plane the Air Force flies, ordinarily carries a crew of seven but carried an extra seven so that it could complete a long-duration flight without violating crew rest rules, said Maj. Ange Keskey, a spokeswoman for Scott Air Force Base in Illinois, which had jurisdiction over the plane. She said she did not know what the emergency was, or what cargo was on board.

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<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/04/03/us/03cnd-crash.html>

26. FL: Florida, Kentucky among states bidding on bioterror lab (AP, 2 Apr 2006)

SOMERSET, Ky. - Kentucky and Florida are among the states bidding for a proposed \$450 million bioterrorism lab, a 500,000-square-foot facility at which scientists would study potential bioterrorism threats to the U.S. food supply and humans. Along with Kentucky, which wants to put the center in rural Pulaski County, Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Missouri, Kansas, Arkansas and Texas filed proposals with The Department of Homeland Security by Friday's deadline. Larry Orluskie, spokesman for DHS, said the more proposals may be added in the coming weeks as mail passes through a screening facility and is received. A short list of finalists will be announced in the fall, then environmental assessments will take place next year, Orluskie said.

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http://www.bradenton.com/mld/bradenton/news/breaking_news/14247465.htm

27. GA: Georgia submits two sites for DHS bio and agro defense facilities (AP, 31 Mar 2006)

ATLANTA - Georgia is bidding to house a new national bio and agro-defense facility, submitting two sites in Athens to the Department of Homeland Security as potential locations. The primary site is property owned by the University of Georgia off College Station Road and next to the campus and several existing federal facilities. Property on South Milledge Avenue at the southern end of the campus is the second proposed site. The sites were selected by the Georgia Consortium for Health and Agro-security. Two 20-page "expression of interest" packets were sent to the Department of Homeland Security promoting the sites.

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<http://www.ledger-enquirer.com/mld/ledgerenquirer/news/local/14234724.htm>

28. HI: TSA screeners plead guilty to stealing money from baggage (AP, 30 Mar 2006)

HONOLULU - Two Transportation Security Administration officers at the Honolulu International Airport pleaded guilty today to stealing thousands of dollars in yen from the luggage of Japanese tourists. Federal prosecutors say Christopher J. Cadorna and Benny S. Arcano admitted to being among a group of T-S-A security screeners who stole money from the baggage of outbound international travelers and divided the cash.

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<http://www.kpua.net/news.php?id=7869>

29. NY: NYC's Terror Bank (New York Post, 03 Apr 2006)

Manhattan District Attorney Robert Morgenthau has shut down a massive terror-finance pipeline in which a whopping \$3 billion in profits from drug deals and other crimes flowed through a major New York bank to Middle East fanatics, The Post has learned. Morgenthau told The Post his office is pursuing a settlement involving possible penalties against one of the largest and most prominent banks in New York - which he declined to identify - for maintaining an account where funds that originated in South America's notorious "tri-border region" were rerouted to suspect accounts in the Middle East. Evidence developed in the course of a three-year probe, which has already resulted in charges against other New York-based financial institutions, revealed that about \$3 billion that flowed through the account over a two-year period was going to terror groups Hamas, al Qaeda and Hezbollah, Morgenthau said.

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<http://www.nypost.com/news/regionalnews/61931.htm>

30. NY: County's bioterror funds not fully spent (Newsday, 31 Mar 2006)

Suffolk County has failed to spend more than \$868,000 of the nearly \$4 million available for combating bioterrorism, under a federal grant program since 2002, officials said yesterday. Speaking to a committee of the county legislature, Health Services Department executives said the grant money wasn't used in part because it came with conditions that conflicted with Suffolk's needs. They also said they were reluctant to hire more bioterrorism staff without first knowing if the federal program would be temporary or ongoing. Suffolk was eligible to receive \$3.9 million between 2002 and 2005, and spent more than \$3 million, according to data from the legislature's Budget Review Office.

Some of the money went for office equipment such as computers - \$265,605 in 2004 out of a total expenditure of \$1 million.

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31. NC: State chasing \$450M defense site (Triangle Business Journal, 2 Apr 2006)

RALEIGH - A consortium of North Carolina universities and agriculture groups is pulling together a proposal to lure a \$450 million U.S. Department of Homeland Security research facility to the state. The consortium, led by North Carolina State University's College of Veterinary Medicine, plans to submit a formal proposal to Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff by a March 31 deadline.

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<http://msnbc.msn.com/id/12127691/>

32. TX: City's homicides up nearly 25% in 2006 (Houston Chronicle, 2 Apr 2006)

The number of homicides in Houston rose nearly 25 percent during the first three months of 2006, compared with the same period last year, despite a multimillion-dollar police effort in the city's most crime-ridden areas. The Houston Police Department investigated 90 homicides through Friday, compared with 73 in the first quarter of 2005, police say. That puts the city on track for the deadliest year in more than a decade and would erase the last of the gains made in the 1990s, when the city's homicide tally was cut in half.

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<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/front/3764822.html>

33. TX: Baggage Screeners Charged With Lying About Criminal History (click2houston, 3 Apr 2006)

HOUSTON - Six Transportation Security Administration agents were indicted by a grand jury on charges of falsifying their employment applications to hide their criminal history, KPRC Local 2 reported in an exclusive story Monday. The following baggage screeners were charged with providing a false statement to the government, which is a federal felony.

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<http://www.click2houston.com/news/8445249/detail.html>

34. VA: Communication at Work - Questions worth answering (Richmond.com, 4 Apr 2006)

Sometimes it takes a jarring statement to get our attention about important matters. At a recent [summit on Virginia's preparedness for a flu pandemic](#), U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Michael Leavitt put the possibility of a global outbreak into frightening perspective. "The reality is, in the construct of history, we are overdue and under-prepared," he told the gathering of more than 900 community leaders. The United States is not prepared for such a crisis. As Leavitt noted, it's not a matter of *if* a flu pandemic will occur, but *when*. With increasing reports of bird-flu outbreaks, it could be the avian strain that catches us off guard. Such an outbreak could last up to 18 months and would push public-health resources to the limit. However, hospitals and other healthcare facilities are not the only organizations that would be strained. Think about

schools closing, retail activity slowing and business generally stalling as large numbers of people become ill or succumb to the disease.

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KEY PEOPLE

35. Department of Homeland Security: Charting a Path Forward (by The Honorable Michael Chertoff, Heritage Lecture #933, 3 Apr 2006)

I want to thank Heritage first of all for hosting me. I also want to thank Heritage for allowing us to shamelessly steal their ideas and some of their personnel in the course of setting up the Department of Homeland Security. Heritage, as you know, has produced a number of very thoughtful reports about the challenges at Homeland Security. We've adopted a lot of the recommendations. One of the notable ones was the creation of a policy office. I'm pleased to say we've pirated a top person from Heritage to come and help us get that up and running. I think the recommendations have been very thoughtful. And so this is, I think, a very appropriate place for me to discuss the way forward.

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<http://www.heritage.org/Research/HomelandDefense/hl933.cfm>

36. FBI: Warren T. Bamford Reports As Special Agent in -Charge In Los Angeles (31 Mar 2006)

Washington, D.C. – Warren T. Bamford, a 20-year veteran of the FBI, has reported for duty as the Special Agent in-Charge (SAC) of the Counterterrorism Division of the FBI's Los Angeles Office. Director Robert S. Mueller appointed him to this position in January, 2006. In his new role, SAC Bamford will lead a diverse team of professionals assigned to fighting domestic and international terrorism in one of the FBI's largest offices. He is replacing Randy Parsons who retired from the FBI. In his career Mr. Bamford has served in Washington, New Haven, and Baltimore Field Offices where he worked extensively in the violent crime program. His experience includes being a member of the Hostage Rescue Team (HRT), a SWAT team leader in New Haven, and as a supervisor of a Safe Streets Task Force in the Washington D.C. area.

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<http://www.fbi.gov/pressrel/pressrel06/bambord033106.htm>

GANG ACTIVITY

37. US unveils plan to combat gang warfare (Agence France-Presse, 31 Mar 2006)

LOS ANGELES - US Attorney General Alberto Gonzales on Friday unveiled a 15-million-dollar plan aimed at combating deadly gang violence in the country's major cities. Gonzales announced the program in the country's second largest city, Los Angeles, areas of which have for years been plagued by pervasive gang violence that has left hundreds of people dead in recent years. Gonzales said during a mayoral summit on gang violence that the problem had "become an increasingly deadly threat to the safety and security of our nation's citizens". "To have enduring success against gangs, we must address the personal, family and community factors that cause young people to choose gangs over

better, more productive alternatives," he said. "This new program brings together three essential strategies in the fight against gangs: prevention, prosecution and prisoner re-entry," he added. Six areas of the United States -- Los Angeles, the Ohio hub of Cleveland, the Dallas-Fort Worth area in Texas, Milwaukee in Wisconsin, the Florida city of Tampa and an area of Pennsylvania near Philadelphia -- were awarded 2.5 million dollars each to fight the scourge of gangs.

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<http://www.politicalgateway.com/news/read.html?id=6845>

38. CT: Mob boss admits extortion at town restaurant (Greenwich Times, 1 Apr 2006)

A Stamford man alleged to be the acting underboss in the Gambino crime family acknowledged extorting money from the owner of a Greenwich restaurant for seven years in federal court Thursday. Anthony "The Genius" Megale, admitted in federal court in Manhattan that he received money from the owner of a Greenwich restaurant, but court papers and Megale did not reveal the restaurant's name, his attorney, Stamford-based Stephan Seeger, said. Megale also admitted taking money from a New Jersey trucking company and a Westchester-based construction company. Neither company was identified by Megale or the court.

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39. CT: Slain Biker Was Hells Angels Conn. Chief (AP, 3 Apr 2006)

A motorcyclist gunned down on Interstate 95 Sunday was a leader in the Connecticut chapter of the Hells Angels who had served time in federal prison on drug charges, police said. Roger Mariani was one of 37 Hells Angels and associates from Connecticut arrested in the mid-1980s as part of a nationwide crackdown that resulted in 125 arrests and the seizure of \$2 million worth of drugs. He was released from prison in 1995, according to the U.S. Bureau of Prisons. Mariani, 61, of Stratford, was killed and motorcyclist Paul Carrol, 37, of Bridgeport, was wounded Sunday afternoon when someone opened fire on I-95 in West Haven.

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<http://www.forbes.com/home/feeds/ap/2006/04/03/ap2644181.html>

40. GA: Action needed to fight gangs not acrimony (Opinion Piece at macon.com, 4 Apr 2006)

In 1996, the Mayor's Gang Task Force received a \$266,000 federal grant, and Macon was rated 121 out of 202 cities by Money magazine. The high rating was partly attributed to the city's crime rate and gang problem.

In 1998, Catherine Meeks headed up the Youth Violence Task Force and sponsored the Mourning Mothers' March that responded to the escalating instances of youth violence. In 2001, gang violence was mentioned as one of the reasons Rodney Monroe was hired as police chief. He had extensive experience dealing with District of Columbia gangs. With all the history of gangs in Macon, it was surprising to hear Mayor C. Jack Ellis say the city didn't have a gang problem. Mayor Ellis made the statement following the death of

Bibb County Deputy Joseph Whitehead. He later clarified that he meant the city didn't have a big-city gang problem. Do we or don't we?

According to The National Alliance of Gang Investigators Association and the FBI, 455 law enforcement agencies said that gangs are now using advanced technology - cell phones, the Internet and computers. That was certainly the case with those accused of Deputy Whitehead's murder. The small house was outfitted with surveillance equipment.

The NAGIA's 2005 National Gang Threat Assessment study also stated that gangs are migrating nationwide, bringing "their culture of violence and fear to each new community." Law enforcement faces a battle tracking down gang activity. The assessment stated, "Modern hybrid gangs are less likely to use traditional symbols, colors, and markings to identify themselves. Hybrid gangs may use the name of one traditional gang, use the colors of another, and align themselves with rivals for financial gain."

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<http://www.macon.com/mld/macon/news/opinion/14254757.htm>

41. HI: Organized-crime case brings warning (Honolulu Advertiser, 31 mar 2006)

Fearing that organized crime may be resurfacing, federal and state law enforcement agencies want to put out the word that Hawaii will not be a haven for criminals expanding their enterprises, U.S. Attorney Ed Kubo said yesterday. "From here on in, they must look over their shoulders because we are coming," Kubo said. Kubo said a new indictment this week alleges that Chinatown restaurateur Kai Ming Wang, also known as "A Fook," operates a criminal enterprise that used extortion, robbery and the 2004 double murder at the Pali Golf Course to operate and protect his gambling establishments.

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42. NC: Governor Gives \$2 Million to Fight Gangs, 1 Apr 2006)

HICKORY - Catawba, Caldwell and Burke counties were among 15 counties awarded part of a \$2 million grant from the governor's office to fight gangs. The counties will share a \$100,000, two-year grant to implement a Salvation Army Boys and Girls Clubs program called Street Smart. The program teaches gang prevention and awareness, said John DeMauro, executive director of The Salvation Army Boys and Girls Clubs of Hickory.

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43. UT: New gangs are really bad news, police say - Worse than '90s: The violence is back; some cops see Latino population growth among reasons (Salt Lake Tribune, 31 Mar 2006)

In the mid-1990s, gang activity in Utah reached an apex. Now, after a decade of decline, gang-related graffiti, robberies, shootings and stabbings are on the rise. "It's the most active that I've seen it," said Lex Bell, a Salt Lake Area Gang Project detective. In Salt Lake County, gangs are growing too rapidly for investigators to quantify, with

recruitment at an all-time high, Bell said. Ogden police are seeing a similar trend, said Sgt. Kevin Cottrell. There, the number of gangs grew from 133 in 2003 to 271 last year. In the same two-year period, the number of gang members grew from 1,210 to 1,631 - a 26 percent increase, he said.

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http://www.sltrib.com/utah/ci_3658043

44. UK: Gangs earn £1bn a year from trafficking people (news.telegraph.co, 2 Apr 2006)

Criminal gangs in Britain are making £1 billion a year from people trafficking, according to the head of a new Government force dedicated to fighting organised crime. It is the first estimate of the profits made by ruthless operators who exploit illegal immigrants, such as the Chinese cockle pickers who died at Morecambe Bay and thousands of eastern European women forced to work as prostitutes. The figure was disclosed by Bill Hughes, the director general of the Serious Organised Crime Agency (Soca), which will be launched by Tony Blair tomorrow. People trafficking will be a priority, along with the drugs trade, which Mr Hughes estimates is worth £7 billion a year in Britain.

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45. Britain sets up agency against serious organized crime (Xinhuanet, 3 Apr 2006)

LONDON - Britain has set up the Serious Organized Crime Agency (SOCA) to counter "brutal, sophisticated 21st Century crime," the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) reported on Monday. More than 4,000 police, customs officers as well as immigration experts will work together with existing and new legal powers to fight crime, particularly cross-border human and drug trafficking, the reports said. The agency, which is Britain's first non-police law-enforcement body, is dubbed as the country's FBI, with its chairman Stephen Lander once led MI5, Britain's internal security agency.

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http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2006-04/03/content_4379404.htm

46. Albania targets speedboat outlaws (BBC, 04 Apr 2006)

The Albanian parliament has banned speedboats and other small private vessels from coastal waters, to tackle drugs and people smuggling. Hefty fines will punish anyone caught flouting the ban - although boats used for fishing and transport, as well as police and military ships, are exempt. The three-year ban will affect around 2,000 speedboat owners. Correspondents say smugglers are attracted by lax border controls, a weak judiciary and corrupt police.

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<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/world/europe/4877272.stm>

NARCO TRAFFICKING

47. Feds: Drug smugglers used Virgin Mary tombstones to hide cocaine (WABC, 30 Mar 2006)

An Eyewitness News Exclusive: Federal agents are today giving the details of an unusual, international drug take down. And you won't believe what the suspects were using to smuggle in the goods. Eyewitness News reporter Jeff Pegues joins us now with the story. Eyewitness News has obtained photographs that show the lengths some drug organizations will go through to smuggle cocaine into the country, and more specifically New York. Sources tell us at least 10 suspects have been arrested in New York as part of an international drug ring that used tombstones with the image of the Virgin Mary on them to smuggle drugs. Sources say federal agents discovered the cocaine, hundreds of kilograms of it, packed away in those tombstones. Eyewitness News has learned they were smuggled into the country by a cocaine trafficking organization based out of Monterey, Mexico. Sources say they used all sorts of methods to smuggle the cocaine across the U.S. border, through several states and all the way up the east coast.

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<http://abclocal.go.com/wabc/story?section=local&id=4039122>

48. FL: Police Bust Local Cocaine Ring (The Ledger, 1 Apr 2006)

BARTOW - Detectives say they've put a major Haines City-area drug dealer and his distribution ring out of business. They announced Friday the seizure of 75 pounds of cocaine and the indictment of Herbert Lacy III and eight other men, most from the Haines City area. The cocaine seized has a street value of \$3.4 million, detectives said.

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<http://www.theledger.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060401/NEWS/604010360/1004>

49. KS: Suspected cocaine dealers arrested (Lawrence Journal-World, 4 Apr 2006)

Police surrounded Lawrence Memorial Hospital on Monday evening hoping to catch a man wanted for federal gun and cocaine-dealing violations. Officers went to the hospital about 6:15 p.m. after getting a tip that Terry J. McIntyre Jr. — known as “T-Mac” or “Florida” — was visiting someone there. After nearly 45 minutes of waiting for McIntyre to finish visiting his girlfriend and newborn baby, Lawrence Police and Douglas County Sheriff’s officers arrested him outside of the hospital without incident. “We tried specifically to alleviate the hospital from the situation,” Police Sgt. Susan Hadl said of the outdoor arrest.

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50. MA: Malden-based cocaine ring busted (Malden Observer, 31 Mar 2006)

A series of early morning drug raids in Malden, Revere and Cambridge led authorities to discover more than \$107,000 in cash and assorted drug paraphernalia, and to arrest John Zapata, 37, of 520 Main St., Malden at his residence on March 23. Authorities said Zapata and the five other men arrested in other communities are believed to have been members of a Colombian drug cartel based in Malden. None of the others arrested lived in Malden. According to a press release from the Middlesex District Attorney's office, investigators arrested Zapata and five others as part of an ongoing effort to combat a cocaine distribution network. Zapata and the others are believed to have been supplying a number of communities in Middlesex and Suffolk counties.

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<http://www2.townonline.com/malden/localRegional/view.bg?articleid=461786>

51. NY: Long Island HS hoops coach, jail guard charged in cocaine sweep (AP, 30 Mar 2006)

NEW YORK - An assistant high school girls basketball coach whose son plays for the defending national champion North Carolina Tar Heels was among three people arrested Thursday on charges they participated in a multimillion-dollar cocaine distribution network, state police said. Daniel R. Green, 39, of North Babylon, who has worked as a teacher in the North Babylon School District and helped coach the girls' basketball team, was expected to be arraigned Friday on charges related to the drug scheme, said a spokeswoman for Suffolk County District Attorney Thomas Spota.

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52. NY: Suffolk Bust Nets \$45M In Cocaine, Cash & Guns (CBS, 30 Mar 2006)

SUFFOLK COUNTY New York State Police announced a major bust of a multi-million dollar cocaine distribution network. Their 3-month investigation into a high level narcotics trafficking network ended this morning with the arrests of Norman Goode, 38, of Holtsville, a Corrections Officer with the Suffolk County Sheriffs Dept.; Daniel Green, 39, of North Babylon, a school teacher and coach for the girls varsity basketball team in the North Babylon School District; and Billy Green, 43, of Wheatley Heights.

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http://wcbstv.com/topstories/local_story_089135950.html

53. NC: Alleged cocaine dealer charged (The Free press, 31 Mar 2006)

An alleged drug dealer who authorities said operated in Lenoir and Greene counties is being held under \$2 million bond in Lenoir County Jail, charged with trafficking cocaine after a month-long investigation into a Hispanic drug organization. Inocente Martinez Aguilar, 38, of 2044 Ham St. is charged with conspiring to traffic cocaine and three counts each of trafficking in cocaine by possession, trafficking in cocaine by transportation, trafficking in cocaine by delivery and maintaining and keeping a vehicle for the purpose of selling cocaine. Aguilar was arrested Tuesday.

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54. TX: Two US air marshals plead guilty to cocaine plot (Reuters, 3 Apr 2006)

HOUSTON - Two U.S. air marshals pleaded guilty on Monday to plotting to smuggle cocaine by using their positions to clear airport security and could face up to life in prison, federal prosecutors said. Shawn Ray Nguyen, 38, and Burlie Sholar, 32, were arrested in February in a sting operation where they agreed to carry 15 kilos (33 pounds) of cocaine on a flight from Houston to Las Vegas, Nevada for \$75,000. The sting was set up after an informant told authorities that Nguyen, a former U.S. drug agent who lives in Houston, had been involved in drug trafficking, officials said. The two men, both hired as air marshals in 2002, pleaded guilty to conspiring to possess and distribute cocaine and to taking bribes, U.S. Attorney Don DeGabrielle said in a statement.

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55. VT: Four charged in St. Albans drug busts (Boston News, 3 Apr 2006)

ST. ALBANS, Vt. - Four people face charges and more arrests are likely in what police describe as a "large-scale" cocaine distribution ring. Capping a three-month investigation, members of the Vermont Drug Task Force arrested two women outside a St. Albans bar Friday night. Two men were picked up elsewhere in the city. Police said they and others were involved in large weekly shipments of cocaine from Massachusetts for distribution in the St. Albans area, and that they distributed both power and crack cocaine.

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56. WI: Five Green Bay Men Arrested, \$40,000 in Cocaine Seized (WBAY, 31 Mar 2006)

Five men from Green Bay were arrested as state and Brown County agents seized tens of thousands of dollars' worth of cocaine from their house, the state attorney general announced. Peg Lautenschlager said state agents and Brown County drug officers arrested two men after they delivered four ounces of cocaine to undercover officers Thursday night. Agents searched the men's house, where they arrested three other men.

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<http://www.wbay.com/Global/story.asp?S=4710869>

57. Colombia cartel smuggled cocaine on airline: US (Reuters, 04 Apr 2006)

A Colombian drug cartel recruited Colombian airline employees and police in an unsuccessful attempt to smuggle more than \$10 million worth of cocaine into the United States, U.S. federal authorities said on Tuesday. An employee of Avianca Airlines, former Colombian police officers belonging to the Norte Valle Cartel and current police officers were among seven people arrested on Monday in Bogota. In addition, about \$10 million worth of cocaine was seized in a Bogota warehouse used by the cartel, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration said in a statement.

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58. Bolivia: Drug war takes different tack (AP, 2 Apr 2006)

LA PAZ, Bolivia - The smell filling the grimy whitewashed rooms of the market in the Villa Fatima district overlooking this Andean capital evokes the sweetness of cut grass, only it's more pungent, nearly intoxicating. Sacks of freshly harvested coca leaves are stacked all around, awaiting buyers. It's all legal, this trade in the leaves that produce cocaine. There's lots more coca leaf around than there has been in years, no surprise given that new President Evo Morales was recently re-elected head of Bolivia's coca growers' federation. Eradication of Bolivian coca leaf, an enterprise underwritten almost exclusively with U.S. tax dollars, is down more than 60 percent since Morales took office.

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<http://www.azcentral.com/news/articles/0402bolivia-coca0402.html>

59. A new scourge sweeps through Argentine ghettos: 'paco' - Abuse of the highly addictive cocaine byproduct 'paco' is causing officials to revamp drug laws (Christian Science Monitor, 5 Apr 2006)

BUENOS AIRES – To get it, Jerimias sold his shoes. Then he sold his clothes. Then he stole and sold his sister's clothes. Finally, says his mother María Rosa González, a welfare mom of four, her bone-thin teenage son dismantled the refrigerator to sell aluminum parts in the streets of their Buenos Aires slum. He did all this for paco, a smokable, highly addictive street drug sweeping through Argentine ghettos, hooking impoverished teenagers, and prompting law officials here to revamp drug laws to stop its insidious spread. A recent study by the Argentine Secretariat for Prevention of Drug Addiction and Control of Narcotrafficking, known by its Spanish initials SEDRONAR, showed paco has outpaced all other drugs in rates of adolescent users in the last two years. Based on the results of the study, officials say 70,000 Argentines between 16 and 26 years old in the greater Buenos Aires area have tried paco. Paco's effects on users are quick and obvious.

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<http://www.csmonitor.com/2006/0405/p04s01-woam.html>

CYBERTHREAT & THEFT

60. VA: Law Directs Schools to Teach Cyber-Safety (Washington Post, 30 Mar 2006)

RICHMOND - Virginia public schools will be required to teach students about Internet safety under a law passed by the General Assembly and signed by Gov. Timothy M. Kaine (D) this month. The law, which takes effect July 1, is designed to ensure that tech-savvy children understand the dangers lurking in cyberspace. The measure's sponsor, Del. William H. Fralin Jr. (R-Roanoke), said he wrote the bill after his oldest son turned 10 and started competing with his parents for computer time. "It raised a question in my mind," he said. "We teach our kids not to talk to strangers. We teach our kids not to take candy. But in today's world on the Internet, not only can you be talking to strangers without supervision, but you can be talking to someone you think is not a stranger, but who is one. There needs to be some sort of basic training on that." The law directs the state Department of Education to issue guidelines to schools for integrating Internet safety into their regular instruction. Fralin said many children encounter dangers with computers at home, not school, but since some parents are tech-phobic, schools need to step in.

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TECHNOLOGY

61. DHS moves to deploy transportation ID cards (By Chris Strohm, CongressDaily, 1 Apr 2006)

Under mounting congressional pressure, the Homeland Security Department has announced a timetable for issuing tamper-resistant, biometric-based identification cards to millions of workers at U.S. transportation facilities. The Transportation Security

Administration plans to request proposals for the program in early May, according to an announcement Thursday on the FedBizOpps.gov Web site. Known as TWIC, which is short for transportation worker identification credential, the program will issue cards with information such as fingerprints and iris scans so transportation facilities can verify worker identities and help prevent unauthorized access to secure areas. CNN cited Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff as saying the department will put the cards in the hands of every approved U.S. seaport worker by the end of the year.

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http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=33736&dcn=e_gvet

62. Novatron Biological Agent Protection System Installed in Pentagon (Business Wire, 4 Apr 2006)

SAN DIEGO - Novatron, Inc. announced today that its BioProtector(TM) air sterilization system has been installed in the Pentagon's heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) system in Washington, DC. The Novatron equipment sterilizes the air supply, rapidly and effectively killing biological organisms such as anthrax, bacteria, viruses and mold. The system uses a novel, high intensity, Advanced UV (ultraviolet) System (AUVS) that produces up to 1000 times the UV intensity of conventional germicidal systems, resulting in far greater sterilization. The system installed at the Pentagon treats 60,000 cubic feet per minute (cfm) of air flowing in the building's HVAC system. The Novatron system is being evaluated as part of the Pentagon Shield II Exercise test program and if successful, additional systems could be installed.

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<http://makeashorterlink.com/?C57C218EC>

63. FL: Radar system could save lives (Florida Today, 3 Apr 2006)

A San Diego-based defense and commercial technology company has opened a new office locally focusing on radar systems that could assess damage faster and save lives during natural or man-made disasters. Science Applications International Corp., which had \$7.2 billion in sales companywide last year, just moved its Melbourne office from Sarno Road to a larger, more modern space at 100 Rialto Place, where it runs an Advanced Radar Research and Development and Production Center. The private company, which is owned by its 43,000 employees, already has added 10 jobs related to opening the radar center, bringing the total employees at the office to 60. The company also employs 90 people at a facility in Cape Canaveral.

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64. TN; Airport Screening Equipment Fails in Tenn. (AP, 31 Mar 2006)

A software glitch knocked out computerized X-ray machines at Nashville International Airport for five hours Friday, causing long lines and flight delays while officials searched bags by hand. None of the Smiths Heimann X-ray detectors at the Nashville airport's two screening checkpoints was operating when security operations were scheduled to open for the day at 3:30 a.m., said David Beecroft, who oversees security operations at the airport for the Transportation Security Administration. Officials believe the problem

occurred when upgrades to the X-ray machine software were installed, TSA spokeswoman Laura Uselding said.

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<http://www.forbes.com/business/healthcare/feeds/ap/2006/03/31/ap2638731.html>

RESOURCES

65. US Secret Service Safe School Initiative: An Interim Report on the Prevention of Targeted Violence in Schools

CABLE Gram Suggested URL:

http://www.ustreas.gov/usss/ntac/ntac_ssi_report.pdf

66. Evaluating Risk for Targeted Violence in Schools (Dept. of Treasury Report)

CABLE Gram Suggested URL:

http://www.ustreas.gov/usss/ntac/ntac_threat_postpress.pdf

67. Final Report and Findings: Implications for Prevention of School Attacks in the United States

CABLE Gram Suggested URL:

http://www.ustreas.gov/usss/ntac/ssi_final_report.pdf

68. Threat Assessment in Schools: A Guide to Managing Threatening Situations and to Creating Safe School Climates

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69. MI5 warn open-plan offices 'raise bomb risk' (The Scotsman, 17 Mar 2006)

THE trend towards open-plan offices without internal walls could put employees at increased risk in the event of a terrorist bomb, MI5 has warned business leaders. The advice comes as the Security Service steps up its advice to companies on how to prepare for an attack. MI5 has produced a 40-page leaflet, "Protecting Against Terrorism", which will be distributed to large businesses and public-sector bodies across Britain. Among the guidance in the pamphlet is that bosses should consider the security implications of getting rid of internal walls.

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70. U.S. Security Chief Describes How U.S. Secures Its Ports in Asia - Ports have layers of defense and inspect cargo containers after risk analysis (Dept. of State, 31 Mar 2006)

Washington - The United States uses cost-benefit analysis to develop strategies that focus on the most serious risks to U.S. seaports, says U.S. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff.

Meeting with officials of Asian countries during a late March visit to the region, Chertoff said the Coast Guard and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) -- the government bodies that are primarily responsible for keeping U.S. ports safe -- use a "layered series of defenses" in securing U.S. ports from threats. Both entities are components of the Department of Homeland Security.

In visiting Singapore and China, Chertoff toured ports. On March 29, he spoke to ambassadors and members of the American Chamber of Commerce about port security. (See [related article](#).)

In remarks prior to his departure for East Asia, the secretary said that the "essence" of protecting infrastructure "is recognizing the tradeoffs and managing the risks." He added that the United States targets cargo containers that pose "the most serious risks" and screens them, rather than slowing maritime commerce by screening every container.

Some members of Congress have complained that only 5 percent of containers coming to the United States are inspected, but so far legislative proposals to mandate inspection of every container coming to the United States have failed.

Components of the "layered" defense Chertoff outlined include:

- The Container Security Initiative;
- The Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT);
- Radiation detection equipment provided by the National Nuclear Security Administration; and
- A planned "Transportation Worker Identification Credential" program.

The Container Security Initiative asks "partners" at foreign ports to notify the United States 24 hours before containers are loaded with details of their contents. CBP then analyzes the risk based on what it knows about the shipper and the history of the container. If a container is deemed suspicious, CBP can ask the foreign port to put it through radiation or other high-energy detectors or to open it and inspect its contents.

Homeland Security says ports participating in the program oversee shipment of 80 percent of the containers coming to the United States. Chertoff said that, by the end of 2006, eight additional foreign ports will become CSI partners and CBP will have the ability to assess risk of 90 percent of the containers coming to the United States.

The Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) program asks private companies -- importers, carriers, consolidators, licensed customs brokers and manufacturers -- to give employees' names to CBP and to submit details on company security practices. The companies also are required to communicate security guidelines to their business partners along the supply chain. In return, the CBP offers fewer

inspections, shorter border delays and guidance on security. To date, 5,000 companies, most of them U.S. importers, have joined the program.

The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) provides radiation-detection equipment to other countries and provides training to personnel charged with stopping hazardous materials that could be used to make a dirty bomb or nuclear weapon from being shipped through international ports. In a speech to a Washington think tank March 20, Chertoff said that, by the end of 2006, the United States will “be putting two-thirds of containers through radiation portal monitors either overseas or in this country, and next year we will get close to 100 percent.”

The radiation-detection equipment is being used already in Greece, the Bahamas, Sri Lanka and the Netherlands. The NNSA is negotiating with 10 additional countries to install the detectors. A typical agreement requires the United States to maintain the detectors for three years, after which the foreign country assumes maintenance responsibility.

During his remarks in Singapore, Chertoff promised to implement a “Transportation Worker Identification Credential” program that requires background checks of workers and issuance of special identifications to gain access to certain areas within U.S. ports. The identification credential was mandated under the Maritime Security Act of 2002. Officials expect it to be implemented by mid-2006.

Since the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001, funding for port security has increased by more than 700 percent, according to the Homeland Security.

A [fact sheet](#) on securing U.S. ports and additional information on the [CSI](#) and the [C-TPAT](#) are available on the CBP Web site.

More information on the [Megaports Initiative](#) is on the NNSA Web site, and additional information on the [TWIC](#) is on the Transportation Security Administration’s Web site.

For additional information on U.S. policy, see [Trade and Economics](#).

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71. Attorney General Calls Law Enforcement Key to Immigration Reform (Dept. of State, 4 Apr 2006)

Enforcement is a critical part of President Bush's proposal for comprehensive immigration reform, says U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales.

During an April 4 speech to the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce in Washington, Gonzales said "a reasonable immigration strategy has to include enforcement -- especially enforcement designed to keep terrorists and criminals from entering our

country -- and also provide legal opportunities for immigrants to pursue their dreams in jobs that cannot be filled by American workers."

He said that a reasonable immigration strategy would not succeed without enforcement designed to discourage employers from hiring workers out of status. "America should not have to choose between being a welcoming society and being a lawful society," Gonzales said.

Gonzales, himself an immigrant, said that providing immigrants the opportunity to obtain legal status should not be confused with amnesty, which President Bush firmly has rejected as "unfair and unwise."

Those illegal immigrants, Gonzales said, who do choose to enroll in President Bush's proposed temporary worker program should incur some sort of penalty for violating the law. He called for a monetary fine and a requirement to pay back taxes.

The attorney general emphasized that since the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States, it is crucial for the U.S. government to know "who is coming into our country and the reasons why."

Gonzales also emphasized the Bush administration's hope that the debate on immigration remains "civil and dignified."

"I am personally concerned about some of the rhetoric associated with this debate," the attorney general said. "No one should try to play on people's fears by recycling myths, or try to pit neighbor against neighbor. No one should pretend that immigrants are a threat to American identity, because immigrants have shaped America's identity. No one should claim that immigrants are a burden on our economy, because the work and enterprise of immigrants helps sustain our economy"

Gonzales said President Bush's efforts to enact comprehensive immigration reform are based on three critical elements: improving border security; strengthening immigration enforcement in the U.S. interior; and providing legal options for people who want to stay in the United States to work temporarily. (See [fact sheet](#).)

The president also has called on Congress to increase the number of temporary work permits that can lead to citizenship and to increase the number of visas available for foreign-born workers in highly skilled fields like science, medicine and technology, he said.

"No one is served by an immigration system that allows large numbers of people to sneak across the border illegally," the attorney general said, citing the brutality that can be inflicted by human smugglers.

The president's immigration reform proposals, Gonzales said, are based on law and the American desire to be a compassionate nation.

For more information on U.S. policies, see [Visas, Passports and Immigration](#) and [Chinese Human Smuggling](#).

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