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1. Crackdown on Fugitives Nets Thousands of Illegal Immigrant Arrests; Government Defends Tactics (AP, 05 Apr 2007)

More than one-third of 18,000 people arrested in a nearly yearlong federal crackdown on illegal immigrants were not the people authorities targeted, according to government figures. The so-called "collateral arrests" involved people picked up by immigration agents while seeking fugitives such as drug smugglers, thieves, drunken drivers and others who flouted deportation orders. When tracking down fugitives, authorities visit a suspect's last known address and often find other immigrants, who are then asked to prove they are legally entitled to live in the United States. Supporters of such tactics say the government is just doing its job after years of neglect.

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<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=3012656>

2. Homeland security panel demands plan for visitor tracking project (By Chris Strohm, National Journal's Technology Daily, 5 Apr 2007)

The House Homeland Security Committee demanded this week that the Homeland Security Department describe what system and technology will be used to determine when foreigners leave the country or overstay their visits. In a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, the lawmakers said they want a strategic plan by next Monday for the US-VISIT foreigner tracking system, including cost estimates and timelines for an exit component. The lawmakers said Congress has been waiting on the plan for almost two years, even though more than \$1.3 billion has been spent on VISIT to date. By law, the department is required to use biometric identifiers, such as digital fingerprints, to verify that foreigners leave the country. But building an exit component into VISIT has vexed the department since it was created four years ago.

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3. Concern mounts about latest effort to control U.S. borders (GovExec.com, 9 Apr 2007)

Patrick Flynn was the only agent nearby when the Border Patrol dispatcher said a sensor had detected movement at a site in the Arizona desert near Nogales. On a television monitor showing footage from a subterranean camera, Flynn saw a group of men wading toward the border through an underground tunnel. They were approaching a section he knew very well. Wearing a Border Patrol white polo shirt and riding an agency-issued mountain bike, Flynn didn't have the proper equipment to go underground: no boots or night vision goggles or more sophisticated technology not yet available that day in 2004. Nevertheless, he grabbed the key to the tunnel's entrance, readied his flashlight and began his descent.

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4. Immigration offices flooded with visa petitions for tech workers (By Michael Martinez, National Journal's Technology Daily, 4 Apr 2007)

Federal immigration offices have been flooded during the past two days with applications from technology companies for special visas for highly skilled foreign workers. U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services began accepting applications on Monday for the 65,000 H-1B visas available for fiscal 2008, and the window for applications is almost

certain to close by Tuesday evening. USCIS spokeswoman Chris Rhatigan said that more than 150,000 H-1B petitions had been received by service centers in California and Vermont by the close of business on Monday -- more than double the amount visas that are available. USCIS is required to accept applications for at least two full business days.

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5. Industry fights measure to bar contractors for immigration violations (GovExec.com, 9 Apr 2007)

Companies that hire illegal aliens could be banned from receiving federal contracts for 10 years under an amendment to the Senate-passed supplemental defense spending measure. Contractor groups are fighting to keep the language out of the final bill. Under the provision, employers that violate immigration laws would be barred from receiving federal grants, contracts or cooperative agreements for a decade if they already do business with the government, or for seven years if they do not hold existing contracts or agreements. The General Services Administration could waive or shorten the debarment period if it were found to be in the interests of national defense or security. Companies that participate in an electronic employment eligibility verification program, jointly run by the Homeland Security Department and the Social Security Administration, would be shielded from penalties.

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6. Lawmakers probe FDA response to harmful pet food (By Jessica Brady, CongressDaily, 5 Apr 2007)

Launching a probe on behalf of dogs and cats -- and pet owners like himself -- House Oversight and Government Reform Domestic Policy Subcommittee Chairman Dennis Kucinich, D-Ohio, is investigating the Food and Drug Administration's response to the massive recall of pet food that has killed or sickened pets. Kucinich, whose panel has broad jurisdiction over domestic issues, has written to Stephen Sundlof, director of the FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine, requesting information on when the agency first discovered harmful toxins in Menu Foods Income Fund pet food. Menu Foods issued a recall March 16 of dog and cat foods produced in two of their plants after discovering melamine in the wheat gluten used for wet food products. Tests also confirmed the presence of aminopterin, a rat poison. The Menu Foods announcement has led to the recall of 60 million pet food products and the FDA has confirmed at least 15 animal deaths from the incident so far.

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7. A Wal-Mart employee, who was fired last month for intercepting a reporter's calls, says he was part of a sophisticated surveillance operation (CNNMoney.com, 4 Apr 2007)

NEW YORK - A former Wal-Mart Stores Inc. worker said he was part of a large surveillance operation that included snooping on employees, stockholders and others,

according to a *Wall Street Journal* report Wednesday. Security worker Bruce Gabbard was fired last month after 19 years with the company for intercepting a reporter's phone calls, the paper said. Gabbard said he recorded the calls because he felt pressured to stop embarrassing leaks. But he said his spying activities were sanctioned by superiors. Gabbard said that as part of the surveillance, the retailer infiltrated an anti-Wal-Mart group to determine if it planned protests at the company's annual meeting last year and deployed monitoring systems to record the actions of anyone connected to its global computer network.

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<http://tinyurl.com/2n6nzc>

8. Security Experts: Mass Transit Security Lacking (The Conservative Voice, by Jim Kouri, 8 Apr 2007)

Conducting research and development (R&D) on technologies for detecting, preventing, and mitigating terrorist threats is vital to enhancing the security of the nation's transportation system. Following the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Congress enacted legislation to strengthen homeland security, in part by enhancing R&D. The Transportation Security Administration and the Department of Homeland Security are the two federal agencies with primary responsibility for transportation security. Officials at the General Accountability Office considered transportation security R&D to encompass the research, development, testing, and evaluation of technologies to protect the nation's transportation system from terrorist attacks or major crimes. The transportation system consists largely of infrastructure, such as airports, seaports, border crossings, rail stations, transit stations, highways, bridges, tunnels, and pipelines; and vehicles, such as aircraft, ships, ferry boats, trucks, buses, automobiles, and trains.

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<http://www.theconservativevoice.com/article/24127.html>

9. Mexican ports, oil rigs vulnerable to attacks (McClatchy News Service, 8 Apr 2007)

COATZACOALCOS, Mexico - When a group claiming to be part of al Qaeda in Saudi Arabia called in February for jihadists to strike Mexican oil installations in a bid to cripple the U.S. economy, Mexico announced that its navy had gone on alert and had stepped up surveillance of offshore oil platforms and port facilities. A month later, however, a McClatchy reporter was able to approach Mexican oil installations virtually unchallenged, raising questions about how secure Mexico's ports are from terrorist attacks. After Canada, Mexico is the largest foreign source of crude for the oil-addicted U.S. economy. An attack that seriously disrupted that supply could drive up gasoline prices in the United States as well as disrupt Mexico's economy, which is heavily dependent on oil revenues.

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<http://www.miamiherald.com/884/story/67154.html>

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<http://www.wtopnews.com/?nid=104&sid=1003009>

11. CA: L.A. Marchers Demand Immigration Rights (AP, 8 Apr 2007)

LOS ANGELES - Thousands of people marched through downtown on Saturday, demanding a way for the country's estimated 12 million illegal immigrants to become citizens and condemning President Bush's latest proposal. Carrying signs saying "Amnesty Now!" and "Love Thy Neighbor, Don't Deport Him," about 15,000 people danced to Mexican ranchera music, chanted "Si, se puede!" or "It can be done!" and passed large American flags over the crowd. Many were angry about a White House plan that would grant illegal immigrants work visas but require them to return home to apply for U.S. residency and pay a \$10,000 fine.

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<http://apnews.myway.com/article/20070408/D8OCEEHG0.html>

12. DC: DoD Announces Certification Of WMD-CST For District Of Columbia (DoD, 6 Apr 2007)

The Department of Defense (DoD) notified Congress today that the Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team (WMD-CST) of the District of Columbia National Guard is now certified. The 33rd WMD-CST of Washington, D.C., is fully ready to assist civil authorities in responding to a domestic weapon of mass destruction incident, and possesses the requisite skills, training and equipment to be proficient in all mission requirements. The team certified today brings the total number of teams certified by DoD to 49. Congress has authorized a total of 55 WMD-CSTs, which is enough to field at least one team in every state, territory, and the District of Columbia. The remaining six teams will be certified by September 2007.

13. FL: Shipping port rules burning daylight - End to night checks may delay loads, lines fear (The Times-Union, 6 Apr 2007)

When an NYK Lines ship loaded with cars showed up at the mouth of the St. Johns River last month, it had to sit at anchor for several hours before being allowed into port. The reason for the holdup: It arrived during the night, and the Coast Guard in Jacksonville is no longer doing mandatory security inspection of vessels in the dark, although they are done at most other U.S. ports. The impact, according to company officials: At least \$10,000 in labor costs paid to Jacksonville longshoremen standing around waiting for the vessel to come in after the daybreak inspection, as well as the potential loss of upwards of

\$100,000 stemming from cancelled reservations at the Panama Canal and missed berths and labor issues in other ports dominoing from the initial delay.

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http://www.jacksonville.com/tu-online/stories/040607/met_9092915.shtml

14. FL: Passengers detained at OIA - Armed agents boarded the flight from New York, a witness says (Orlanda Sentinel, 6 Apr 2007)

Passengers arriving on a Delta Air Lines flight from New York City were evacuated from the jet and detained Thursday night on the tarmac at Orlando International Airport while armed federal agents boarded the craft and searched it. Federal officials would only confirm that there was an incident at the airport Thursday night, but would not describe what took place after Delta Flight 1227 landed. "It's part of an ongoing investigation," said FBI spokesman Kevin Farrington in Tampa. He said it had nothing to do with the ongoing gun-running case being investigated at the airport.

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<http://tinyurl.com/35oase>

15. KY: University of Louisville breaks ground on biosafety lab at Shelby Campus (The Courier-Journal, 10 Apr 2007)

The University of Louisville invited the community yesterday for a groundbreaking celebration for its controversial regional biosafety lab on its Shelby Campus.

Construction will start this month on the 37,000-square-foot Center for Predictive Medicine, which is expected to be operating by early 2009, university officials say. Scientists at the \$34.6 million research lab will work to develop vaccines and other countermeasures for bioterrorism and emerging infectious diseases.

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<http://tinyurl.com/355shq>

16. IL: Des Plaines resident's spy trial begins (Daily Herald, 4 Apr 2007)

"There's a spy in this room," began Assistant U.S. Attorney James Conway Tuesday in the trial of Des Plaines resident Sami Khoshaba Latchin. "Mr. Latchin is not now and never has been a plant of the Iraqi Intelligence Service," retorted Mary Judge, Latchin's attorney, in her opening statements. And so began the trial of Latchin, 59, a U.S. resident since 1993. Prosecutors say Latchin was an agent of the IIS, sent here by Saddam Hussein after the first Gulf War, when all Iraqi diplomats were kicked out of the U.S., crippling Saddam's spy operations. "He [Saddam] didn't like that," said Conway. So he devised a sleeper spy program, sending agents to the U.S. to lay low and await further instructions, Conway said. "Guess who the first person who was picked for the planting program [was]?" asked Conway. "You're staring at him right now."

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<http://www.dailyherald.com/story.asp?id=297761>

17. LA: Shreveport Regional employees subjected to random screening (Shreveport Times, 7 Apr 2007)

Nearly everyone must subject themselves to airport security checks at Shreveport Regional Airport. Even the screeners are being screened. Employees at the airport have

been undergoing random searches by the Transportation Security Administration for several months as part of the agency's mission to improve security at airports across the nation. "This has been happening at every airport behind the scenes for six months," said Andrea McCauley, a regional spokeswoman for TSA based in the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport. "It's part of our multilayered approach to security." Every day, at randomly selected access points, some of Shreveport Regional's 800 employees must submit to a security check before entering one of the airport's secure areas.

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<http://tinyurl.com/2ux6ex>

18. MA: New UMass lab to combat bioterrorism threat (South Coast Today, 6 Apr 2007)

DARTMOUTH — The first UMass Dartmouth building devoted exclusively to scientific research opened yesterday, surrounded by a security barrier that speaks volumes about its mission and about the unfolding role of a young university in the community and the world. The \$14.4 million, 22,000-square-foot building was built first and foremost to be the home of the nation's center for botulism research on behalf of the Department of Homeland Security. UMass Dartmouth is the premier research institution in the area of botulism poisoning and antidotes, considered a serious bioterrorism threat. Grant money, not state taxes, paid for the construction of the center, which also will house research in such emerging fields as artificial skin and modeling of the world's weather.

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<http://tinyurl.com/ynr3xu>

19. MS: Local officers get special WMD training (Picayune Item, 5 Apr 2007)

PICAYUNE — While the local community would most likely never face the threat of a mass destruction event, there are areas close by that could be potential targets. To prepare for such incidents three members of the Picayune Fire Department attended a Homeland Security Weapons of Mass Destruction training course. John Mark Mitchell, Barry Lee and Louis Moak all attended the training in Alabama from March 26 - 28, which was fully funded by the Department of Homeland Security Office of Grants and Training. Lee said all the travel and other accommodations so the training did not cost Picayune tax payers a dime. Lee said the training focused on incident command instruction to show various agencies how to work together to get things done in the event of an incident.

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http://www.picayuneitem.com/local/local_story_095122901.html

20. NM: Constitutional law scholar on no-fly list (Daily Princetonian, 10 Apr 2007)

One of the most prominent names on the Transportation Security Administration's 44,000-person no-fly list is that of constitutional law scholar and emeritus politics professor Walter Murphy. Whether the ban is a case of mistaken identity or a reaction to Murphy's recent public criticism of the Bush administration, as Murphy alleges, is unclear. Murphy tried to check in at the curb after arriving at the airport in Albuquerque, N.M., where he lives in retirement. An airline employee told him he couldn't be issued a boarding pass because he was on the TSA's no-fly list and put forth some conjectures on why. "One of the two people I talked to said, 'Yes, you're on the list. Did you participate

in any speech marches?' " Murphy said in an interview. "And then before I could respond, he said, 'We ban a lot of people from flying for that.' "

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<http://www.dailyprincetonian.com/archives/2007/04/10/news/18014.shtml>

21. NY: JFK Gate-Crasher, Gunman Still at Large (Wired, 6 Apr 2007)

The man who crashed through a security checkpoint Thursday at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport remains at large, nearly 24 hours after the incident. Transportation Security Administration officials searched in vain for the man, who threw one of the world's largest travel hubs into chaos, on flights that landed in Fort Lauderdale, Orlando, Palm Beach, Salt Lake City and San Diego. The five flights were singled out because they shut their doors and began takeoff just after the security breach was announced at JFK, TSA spokesman Christopher White said. "No specific intelligence indicat[ed] the suspect was on board one of the flights," TSA White told the Associated Press. "But there was the small likelihood that the individual could have gotten on a flight." Meanwhile, a man was shot and killed in the airport's parking lot early this morning. "Police are still searching for the gunman," reports *Newsday*.

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http://blog.wired.com/defense/2007/04/jfk_gatecrasher.html

22. NY: TSA at the train station (Syracuse.com, 7 Apr 2007)

Train passengers said they felt safer Friday after their luggage was scanned for explosives at Syracuse's Regional Transportation Center. "They take precautions at the airport, why not here?" said Debra Cage, of Syracuse, who was heading to Georgia with her two young children. Friday was the start of random screenings of train baggage in Syracuse. Security officials took less than five minutes to scan each passenger's bags: purses, luggage, even diaper bags. None of the passengers seemed to mind.

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<http://tinyurl.com/37x9xy>

23. NY: NYPD Scuba Team Takes On Security Role In Wake Of 9/11 (NY1 News, 10 Apr 2007)

Since 9/11 nearly every unit in the NYPD has taken over counterterrorism duties, and the NYPD scuba team has taken on more than most. Criminal Justice Reporter Solana Pyne looks at how their job has changed in the following report.

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<http://www.ny1.com/ny1/content/index.jsp?stid=1&aid=68378>

24. OK: Jackson County bioterrorism exercise (KSWO.com, 6 Apr 2007)

Altus - We've seen some pretty intense natural disasters in Oklahoma, like wildfires, ice storms and even more recently, flooding. But are we prepared for an unnatural disaster? Folks in Jackson County put themselves to the test Thursday. Volunteers spent the day running a facility to help distribute life-saving medicines, in case of a biological attack. This drill is designed to test and improve the area's readiness and ability to treat at least fifty thousand people in forty-eight hours. This exercise marked the end result of months

of hard work from emergency response partners. Oklahoma Health Department Administrative Director John Thur said the process must be very detailed and thorough. CABLE Gram Suggested URL:

<http://www.kswo.com/Global/story.asp?S=6332717>

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PHOENIX - Authorities found at least 80 suspected illegal immigrants in a house west of Phoenix and arrested two suspected smugglers, a police official said. Authorities shot tear gas into the house Friday, forcing one of the suspected smugglers out. They found the other suspect hiding in the attic, Peoria police spokesman Mike Tellef said. He said authorities became aware of the drop house after a Michigan resident called U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, saying one of their relatives had called because the smugglers were demanding more money. ICE spokeswoman Virginia Kice did not confirm how the agency became aware of the drop house and declined to release further information. None of the immigrants requested medical treatment, although some had said they hadn't eaten for at least a day, Tellef said.

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http://abclocal.go.com/wpvi/story?section=nation_world&id=5190576

26. UT: Security Clearance Being Tightened at Salt Lake International Airport (WKSL, 9 Apr 2007)

Hundreds of employees and contract workers at the Salt Lake International Airport can no longer access secure areas at the airport because they are no longer compliant with federal airport security guidelines. The efforts are designed to tighten secure areas within airports across the country. An airport spokeswoman told us 13,000 people had security ID badges at Salt Lake International Airport, but six percent of those are now deactivated. Those employees will no longer be going through secure doors unless they prove they can comply with the new guidelines.

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<http://www.ksl.com/?nid=148&sid=1085219>

KEY PEOPLE

27. New Spy Chief Seeks More Power (AP, 10 Apr 2007)

President Bush's spy chief is pushing to expand the government's surveillance authority at the same time the administration is under attack for stretching its domestic eavesdropping powers. National Intelligence Director Mike McConnell has circulated a draft bill that would expand the government's powers under the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, liberalizing how that law can be used. Known as "FISA," the 1978 law was passed to allow surveillance in espionage and other foreign intelligence investigations, but still allow federal judges on a secretive panel to ensure protections for U.S. citizens _ at home or abroad _ and other permanent U.S. residents.

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<http://www.wtopnews.com/?nid=116&sid=1111776&sidelines=1>

GANG ACTIVITY

28. CA: International Gangs Infiltrate Northern California (News10.net, 3 Apr 2007)

Law enforcement is seeing an upswing in gang violence in Northern California and it's not just a local issue. There's evidence exceptionally violent gangs, such as the Mara Salvatrucha, are on the rise worldwide. The Mara Salvatrucha, also known as "MS-13," is widely believed to have formed on the streets of Los Angeles during the 1980s and early 1990s. Former MS-13 gang member Alex Sanchez, now director of anti-gang non-profit organization "Homies Unidos," said the gang was started by Central American immigrants. Specifically, the group was comprised of Salvadoran refugees who had settled in the Pico-Union district of Los Angeles after escaping a violent 12-year civil war in El Salvador. "They bonded among themselves and they started being called the Salvatruchas," Sanchez recalled.

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http://www.news10.net/display_story.aspx?storyid=26221

29. FL: Youth gangs in Florida are spreading from urban areas into rural sections of the state, where the recruiting is good (Palm Beach Post, 9 Apr 2007)

MOUNT PLEASANT -- Drive down a country lane here, with horses grazing and tomato plants blossoming just off the blacktop, and a rural mailbox appears on the side of the road. It is spray-painted in blue with the number "13." A bit farther down that trail, under trees where birds sing and a tractor just passed, is another mailbox "tagged" in the same fashion. The number and color are insignia of a local youth gang here, Southside 13 members either are affiliated with the violent national gang Sur 13 or at least want to be. "Yeah, we're part of that," brags Carlos, 15, a student at West Gadsden High School in Greensboro, a town of about 600 people and many more pine trees.

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<http://www.miamiherald.com/884/story/67785.html>

30. IN: Gang linked to Tri-State shooting (WFIE, 6 Apr 2007)

Three men are arrested in Nashville for a drive by shooting in Huntingburg last August. Huntingburg Police say the three Hispanic males face a list of federal charges as well because they're associated with a very violent gang. Huntingburg Police worked with federal authorities and a special gang unit with the Nashville Metro Police Department in Tennessee. The three members did not injure anyone during the drive-by shooting. But they're facing serious charges because of their activity with the violent gang Mara Salvatruchas.

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<http://www.14wfie.com/Global/story.asp?S=6332899&nav=3w60>

31. MD: MS-13 gang member sentenced to nine years (Gazette.net, 4 Apr 2007)

A Wheaton man who is a member of the MS-13 gang was sentenced Monday to nine years in prison and five years of supervised release for conspiracy to conduct and participate in racketeering enterprise activities. Ronaldo Diaz Vasquez, 26, was one of several area gang members who have been convicted or pleaded guilty to conducting

activities as part of the gang. According to the plea agreement, Vasquez admitted his part in a stabbing Oct. 4, 2004, at a convenience store on Georgia Avenue in Silver Spring.
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http://www.gazette.net/stories/040407/burtnew210604_32330.shtml

32. NY: Gambino captain sentenced for extortion, tax fraud (Empire State News, 9 Apr 2007)

Alleged Gambino Organized Crime captain Salvatore Scala, also known as “Uncle Sal” and “Fat Sal”, has been sentenced in Manhattan federal court to 72 months in federal prison following his conviction by a federal court jury on extortion and income tax evasion. Scala was convicted, after a three-week jury trial, of all charges against him, including two charges of extorting the VIP Club, an adult entertainment club located at 20 West 20th Street in Manhattan, and four counts of personal income tax evasion.

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<http://www.empirestatenews.net/News/20070409-5.html>

33. OR: Suspects to face organized crime charges (The Daily Astorian, 3 Apr 2007)

Four of the seven Mexican nationals arrested in connection with a drug raid in Astoria last month have been indicted on racketeering charges involving the unlawful manufacture, delivery and possession of controlled substances. Clatsop County District Attorney Josh Marquis said a Clatsop County grand jury upped the charges against Astoria residents Noe Hernandez-Carballo, 27, Mariano Zurita Ramirez, 30, Juan Gabriel Baizabal Cajina, 30, and Daniel Leon-Medina, 43. Felony charges of racketeering fall under the federal Racketeering Influenced Corrupt Organizations Act, or RICO, and carry a maximum penalty of up to 10 years in prison.

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34. TX: Texas Syndicate members arrested in organized crime case (The Monitor, 3 Apr 2007)

McALLEN — Nine Texas Syndicate members — including the highest-ranking one in the Rio Grande Valley — have been indicted in connection with a federal organized crime case tying them to three murders, one kidnapping and a slew of other crimes since 1999. Jose Ismael “Smiley” Salas, 35, and eight fellow gang members were indicted by a federal grand jury March 27, federal authorities announced Tuesday. Local police and federal authorities have identified Salas as the most powerful Syndicate member in the Valley. The charges are linked to three murders, one kidnapping, one attempted murder and cocaine and marijuana trafficking. Seven of the defendants, including Salas, are already incarcerated on various charges.

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<http://www.themonitor.com/onset?id=1338&template=article.html>

35. VA: Gang driver gets 48 years for role in woman's slaying in Stafford (Fredericksburg Free Lance-Star, 4 Apr 2007)

The gang member who drove Shannah Marie Angeles to her execution July 18 was sentenced yesterday to 48 years in prison. Luis Antonio "Crimen" Serrano-Gutierrez, 20,

was sentenced on first-degree murder and other charges in Stafford Circuit Court. Serrano-Gutierrez is the second MS-13 member sentenced in connection with Angeles' death. Daniel A. "Slow" Bonilla-Delcid, 24, got 15 years last week for his role in the slaying. Bonilla-Delcid gave his approval for the slaying, the evidence showed, but was not at the scene when she was killed.

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<http://fredericksburg.com/News/FLS/2007/042007/04042007/272942>

36. VA: Warrants Uncover Rival Gangs (The Connection Newspapers, 4 Apr 2007)

The Sheriff's Office Gang Intelligence Unit is investigating several assaults that occurred in the Sterling area earlier this year that may be tied to two rival gangs, MS-13 and the 18th Street Gang. Last week, the gang unit served 16 search warrants, eight in the Sterling Park area, and searched the lockers of eight students at Park View High School, who may be involved with several assaults that occurred in the area over the last few months involving MS-13 and 18th Street gang members.

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<http://www.connectionnewspapers.com/article.asp?article=79639&paper=67&cat=104>

NARCO TRAFFICKING

37. AL: Officers recover 66 pounds of cocaine, arrest two (Birmingham Hews, 6 Apr 2007)

Jefferson County deputies and Hoover police officers intercepted 66 pounds of cocaine on Interstate 459 and arrested two Texans. Roland Abrego, 23, of Edinburg, and Altemio Gonzales, 39, of LaPorte, were arrested after their truck was stopped on the highway. They were bound for New Jersey, according to investigators. Officials said the cocaine has a street value of more than \$1 million.

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http://blog.al.com/spotnews/2007/04/officers_recover_66_pounds_of.html

38. AR: 31 indicted in Ark. cocaine ring (WMC-TV, 7 Apr 2007)

CONWAY, Ark. A federal grand jury in Arkansas has indicted 31 people for allegedly taking part in a cocaine trafficking ring. The 59-count indictment -- announced today at a news conference at the Conway Police Department -- follows an investigation dubbed "Operation Black Falcon."

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<http://www.wmcstations.com/Global/story.asp?S=6336120>

39. CA: Cocaine arrest made in airport smuggle attempt (Inside Bay Area, 7 Apr 2007)

OAKLAND — Aloha, cocaine. Police said a Fairfield man was arrested Friday morning at Oakland International Airport trying to smuggle 2 kilograms of cocaine, worth at least \$600,000, onto a Hawaii-bound flight. Police said Frank Taylor, 22, used hot wax to encase the cocaine in the shape of candles, which he then hid in two vases in different carry-on bags. He was scheduled to catch a morning ATA airlines flight to Honolulu at Terminal 1. But federal Transportation Security Administration personnel operating X-

ray machines at a checkpoint line became concerned about 8:30 a.m. when the devices could not identify what was in the vases, police said. Police assigned to the airport were summoned, and Taylor was detained while a specially trained dog was brought to the scene to sniff out possible explosives.

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http://origin.insidebayarea.com/localnews/ci_5616699

40. FL: Man asks for loan to pay crack-cocaine debt (AP, 5 Apr 2007) - If only they were all this easy!

CALLAWAY, Fla. - Authorities say a man was arrested after he asked bank employees for money to repay a crack-cocaine debt. The Bay County Sheriff's Office reported yesterday that Charles Anthony Miller had been on a crack-cocaine binge since about noon Wednesday. When deputies arrived at the Regions Bank, Miller told them that he needed 500 dollars to pay off a crack-cocaine debt. Miller also told the deputies that one of the men who had kidnapped him was sitting in the bank lobby. Deputies took Marvin Williams into custody and reported that they found marijuana on him. Miller then told deputies that two other men were waiting outside in a green Camaro. Deputies reported that the driver, Devonte Levoris Pace, ran away when they tried to talk to him. Deputies found illegal narcotics while searching the Camaro.

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<http://www.tampabays10.com/news/local/article.aspx?storyid=52290>

41. FL: 2,400 pounds of cocaine lands at Mayport (The Florida Times-Union, 9 Apr 2007)

More cocaine, about 2,400 pounds, is now in the hands of federal agents after the crew of the Coast Guard cutter Northland turned it over Monday at Mayport Naval Station. The transfer comes after the Virginia-based Northland's third at-sea interdiction in as many weeks, yielding \$50 million worth of cocaine and heroin, 11 suspected smugglers and five suspected of supporting drug trafficking, according to the Coast Guard. The March 10 seizure began near Guajira, Colombia, when the air crew with the Jacksonville-Based Coast Guard Helicopter Interdiction Tactical Squadron noticed a suspicious vessel sitting idle. The vessel began to flee and ignored orders to stop, the Coast Guard said. The helicopter crew fired warning shots and then attempted to disable the vessel shooting at the engine compartment. The vessel began taking on water. When the Northland arrived, crews rescued the five men and recovered 41 bales of cocaine.

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http://www.jacksonville.com/tu-online/stories/040907/met_cocaine.shtml

42. MT: Two sentenced in cocaine ring (Billings Gazette, 7 Apr 2007)

Two men convicted in a large cocaine-trafficking conspiracy that brought pounds of the drug to Billings will spend years in federal prison. U.S. District Judge Richard Cebull on Friday sentenced Frank Sims, 33, to 20 years in prison and Adrien Beavers, 23, of Spokane, Wash., to 10 years and one month in prison. There is no parole in the federal system. Inmates can shorten their sentences with good behavior, but they generally serve 85 percent of their terms.

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<http://tinyurl.com/yr4wtm>

43. NM: State Bars Drug Charge When Overdose Is Reported (New York Times, 5 Apr 2007)

Struggling with an epidemic of drug fatalities, New Mexico has enacted a groundbreaking law providing immunity from prosecution for people who come forward to help drug users suffering overdoses. The act, signed into law Tuesday by Gov. Bill Richardson, prevents the authorities from prosecuting on the basis of evidence "gained as a result of the seeking of medical assistance." It also protects drug users themselves from prosecution if the process of seeking help for an overdose provides the only evidence against them.

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<http://www.nytimes.com/2007/04/05/us/05drugs.html>

44. PA: County drug task force recovers cocaine after serving search warrant (Herald-Standard, 8 Apr 2007)

Members of the Fayette County Drug Task Force said they recovered a kilo of cocaine - with a street value of about \$100,000 - after serving a search warrant Saturday morning. Assistant District Attorney Mark D. Brooks said officers went into the Millview Street apartment of 34-year-old Harold Smith around 8:45 a.m., and found Smith and another woman sleeping. Once inside, police found four safes, one of which contained the cocaine. A kilogram of cocaine is about 2.2 pounds of the drug.

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45. TX: Two Texas men in custody after 30 kilos of cocaine seized (AP, 6 Apr 2207)

A drug bust on a Hoover-area interstate resulted in the seizure of 30 kilograms of cocaine this week. Jefferson County sheriff's deputies and Hoover police intercepted the cocaine on Interstate 459 Wednesday night. Two Texas men - 23-year-old Rolando Abrego of Edinburg and 39-year-old Altemio Gonazalez of LaPorte were arrested and charged with trafficking. The two were ordered held without bond. Sheriff Mike Hale said the cocaine, valued on the streets at over one (m) million dollars, was bound for New Jersey.

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46. TX: Border Patrol seizes \$3.7M in cocaine (Caller-Times, 5 Apr 2007)

U.S Custom and Border Patrol agents seized nearly \$4 million worth of cocaine this week from a Brownsville man at the Sarita Border Patrol Checkpoint. The cocaine, which weighed 116 pounds and was packaged in 44 bundles, was found Monday in the battery compartment of a tractor-trailer, border patrol officials said. Border patrol agents were questioning the 27-year-old driver of the truck about his citizenship when a trained dog alerted them to the drugs, border patrol agents said. The cocaine, which had an estimated value of \$3,712,000, was turned over to the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the driver was arrested.

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http://www.caller.com/ccct/local_news/article/0,1641,CCCT_811_5466460,00.html

47. WA: 6 arrested in raid on heroin and cocaine ring (Seattle Times, 10 Apr 2007)

Six people were arrested early this morning in raids on a heroin and cocaine distribution ring operating throughout King and Snohomish counties, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. The arrests came after a nine-month investigation by the Drug Enforcement Administration and the Snohomish Regional Drug Task Force. Investigators allege that the organization, spearheaded by 27-year-old University of Washington-Bothell student Javier Sanchez-Vasquez, brought heroin and cocaine up from Mexico. The drugs were distributed throughout King and Snohomish counties, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office. Through the course of the investigation, 23 pounds of heroin, 33 pounds of cocaine and approximately \$260,000 cash were seized.

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http://seattletimes.nwsourc.com/html/localnews/2003659334_webdrug09m.html

48. Canada: Police probe links to organized crime (YorkRegion.com, 5 Apr 2007)

York Regional Police are working with their law enforcement counterparts in British Columbia and the Mouties to determine if men arrested in Thursday's \$9-million drug raid are connected to organized crime. The case is the largest street-level seizure of its kind in York Region. During the news conference in Vaughan, York police displayed the ecstasy and cocaine seized in a Concord parking lot and a city home. Three men, one from Vaughan and two others from British Columbia's lower mainland, are facing drug trafficking charges.

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http://www.yorkregion.com/yr/yr4/YR_News/TopStories/story/3935228p-4547403c.html

49. Bolivia: 100kg of cocaine seized in Bolivia (People's Daily Online, 6 Apr 2007)

Bolivian border police seized 100 kg of cocaine and arrested four suspected drug traffickers on the country's western border Thursday, according to reports reaching Lima from La Paz. Police intercepted a bus heading for La Paz, the capital city of Bolivia, during an operation on the border with Peru. Investigations showed that the cocaine was from Peru. The suspects, two Bolivians and two Peruvians, were planning to smuggle the drugs to La Paz, and then to Argentina, said police. More than 4 tons of cocaine have been seized during the first quarter of 2007, an increase of 1.3 tons when compared to the same period last year.

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http://english.people.com.cn/200704/06/eng20070406_364411.html

50. Spaniards caught with cocaine (Dominican Today, 7 Apr 2007)

Madrid.- Three Spaniards traveling from the Dominican Republic have been caught with 25 kilos of cocaine at Madrid's Barajas airport. The drugs were found inside bottles of rum and hidden luggage compartments. According to police, the arrested men arrived on flights from Santo Domingo, and two of them, named only as Pedro M.M., 49, and David S.S., 23 were in possession of 11.9kgs of cocaine diluted in seven bottles of rum, and 8.7kgs in five bottles, respectively.

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<http://www.dominicantoday.com/app/article.aspx?id=23421>

51. Bulgaria: Arrested Bulgarian Crime Boss Heads Drugs Distribution Circle (Sophia News Agency, 6 Apr 2007)

There is enough evidence that Dimitar Zhelyazkov, who was arrested on Monday in the Black Sea town of Burgas, is the leader of an organized crime group for drug dealing and trafficking, the judge on the case said Friday. The other arrested individual, Yanko Giurov, together with the other 11 detainees, is also part of the drug-dealing circle, Judge Demitza Valkova said. Zhelyazkov, dubbed Mityo Ochite (The Eyes), and his associates were charged with setting up a crime group for the distribution of drugs. Lawyer Iliyan Vassilev claimed that there was no evidence whatsoever to his client's guilt.

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http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=78990

52. Bissau police seize cocaine haul, but more gets away (Gulf Times, 7 Apr 2007)

BISSAU: Police in Guinea-Bissau seized 635kg of cocaine but officers lacked the manpower or vehicles to stop smugglers making off with almost two tonnes more, the UN drugs agency said. The West African country could become a "narco-state" if international donors do not help it fight drugs trafficking, UN Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) executive director Antonio Maria Costa said in a statement on Thursday. Military and government officials are suspected of involvement in smuggling drugs from Latin America and a policeman who took part in the operation this week said two of the three armed smugglers wore army uniforms.

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53. Hardline Taliban Netting Millions From Poppy Trade It Once Banned in Afghanistan (AP, 10 Apr 2007)

When the Taliban ordered Afghanistan's fields cleared of opium poppies seven years ago because of Islam's ban on drugs, fearful farmers complied en masse. Today, officials say the militia nets tens of millions by forcing farmers to plant poppies and taxing the harvest, driving the country's skyrocketing opium production to fund the fight against what they consider an even greater evil U.S. and NATO troops. "Drugs are bad. The Quran is very clear about it," said Gafus Scheltem, NATO's political adviser in southern Afghanistan. But to fight the enemy, he said, "all things are allowed. They need money and the only way they can get money is from Arabs that support them in the (Persian) Gulf, or poppies."

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<http://abcnews.go.com/International/wireStory?id=3026906>

CYBERTHREAT & THEFT

54. Disk With Data on 2.9 Million Georgians Lost (AP, 10 Apr 2007)

A computer disk containing the names, birth dates and Social Security numbers of 2.9 million Medicaid and children's health care recipients is missing, Georgia health officials said Tuesday. The state said the security breach was reported by Affiliated Computer Services, a private vendor with a contract to handle health care claims for the state. The

CD was lost while it was being shipped from Georgia to Maryland, ACS spokesman David Shapiro said. The company has been working with the carrier, which Shapiro would not identify, for several days to find the package, he said.

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<http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/us/AP-Lost-Data.html>

55. Biggest threat to Internet could be a massive virtual blackout (By Andrew Noyes, National Journal's Technology Daily, 6 Apr 2007)

The most serious threat to the Internet infrastructure in the 21st century is a massive virtual blackout known as a "distributed denial of service attack," an outspoken board member for the group that administers Internet addresses said Thursday at a Hudson Institute briefing. This type of high-tech ambush, which occurs when multiple compromised systems flood the bandwidth or resources of a targeted server to make Web pages unavailable, could be devastating for global online communication, said Susan Crawford of the Internet Corporation for Names and Numbers. The most significant attack in recent years came on Feb. 6, when six of 13 root-zone servers were slammed by an army of "zombie computers," which were compromised by hackers, the Cardozo Law School professor said at the think tank event.

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http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=36543&dcn=e_gvet

56. Opinion: How the IRS aids identity theft (Washington Post, 10 Apr 2007)

IRS stands for Internal Revenue Service, but after a frightening report from the IRS inspector general on the inability of the tax-collection agency to protect taxpayer data, IRS might stand for Information Relinquishing Service. According to the report last week, almost 500 laptop computers were lost or stolen from the homes, cars or offices of agency workers between January 2003 and June 2006. That's something sure to bring a smile to the faces of criminals who dabble in identity theft. This wouldn't be the first time they're smiling courtesy of the federal government. A year ago, the Commerce Department reported more than 1,000 laptops missing, some with sensitive information. And the Department of Veterans Affairs had a laptop with information on 26.5- million people pinched last May. It was returned a month later with everything intact.

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http://www.sptimes.com/2007/04/10/Opinion/How_the_IRS_aids_iden.shtml

COUNTERFEIT

57. Taking a Harder Line on Piracy (Washington Post, 10 Apr 2007)

The Bush administration fired another salvo in its campaign against Chinese trade practices yesterday, announcing suits to force Beijing to crack down on rampant counterfeiting and drop restrictions on the distribution of American music, movies and books. U.S. Trade Representative Susan C. Schwab said the United States will file two formal complaints today against China at the World Trade Organization in Geneva.

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<http://tinyurl.com/282oc4>

58. Pakistanis bust counterfeiting gang, arrest 10 (Reuters, 10 Apr 2007)

ISLAMABAD - Pakistani authorities have broken up a counterfeiting gang producing "superb" fake U.S. dollars and arrested 10 people, a senior anti-corruption official said on Tuesday. The gang had been operating for eight years in different parts of Pakistan, including Punjab and North West Frontier provinces and Pakistani Kashmir, with the help of some bankers, former government officials and businessmen. "It was a very well-connected, well-knit network having forward and backward linkages," said Sahibzada Fahim Noor, an investigator at the National Accountability Bureau.

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TECHNOLOGY

59. Retailers, FBI launch crime-tracking database (Reuters, 5 Apr 2007)

NEW YORK - U.S. retailers have teamed up with the FBI to support a central database designed to track and share data on organized shoplifting, which costs the industry an estimated \$30 billion a year. The effort brings together two powerful industry trade groups -- the National Retail Federation and the Retail Industry Leaders Association -- that had developed separate online databases used by retailers such as Macy's, Sears, and Limited Brands Inc. But with organized crime rings becoming more sophisticated and a federal law mandating that the FBI work with retailers to set up a national database, the trade groups announced on Thursday they have joined together to support the Law Enforcement Retail Partnership Network, or LERPnet. It is scheduled to launch on April 9.

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<http://www.reuters.com/article/consumerproducts-SP-A/idUSN0325256220070405>

60. Systems to verify worker IDs set for overhaul (By Chris Strohm, National Journal's Technology Daily, 10 Apr 2007)

The Homeland Security Department is revamping its electronic systems for helping employers verify the identities of workers and for storing biometric and biographic information on people who apply for immigration benefits. President Bush said on Monday that helping employers verify people's right to work in the country is a critical part of the administration's effort for comprehensive immigration reform. "We must create a better system for employers to verify the legality of their workers," Bush said in a speech along the Arizona-Mexico border. He also called for issuing workers new tamper-resistant cards that prove they are able to work in the country.

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http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=36568&dcn=e_gvet

61. Boeing Tests First SBInet Mobile Sensor Tower (SPX, 5 Apr 2007)

St. Louis MO - Boeing has successfully tested the first Secure Border Initiative (SBI) integrated mobile sensor tower, a key element of the SBInet system's mobile component. The tests validated the tower's infrastructure to ensure it can be deployed while meeting established technical criteria, including the interfaces between power, data, cameras, radar and the tower's security system. According to Dr. Kirk Evans, SBInet program

manager, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), "The tower and its components functioned as expected, and we are confident that the design is repeatable for deployment along the border." Once operational, the 98-foot high tower will detect and identify entries into the U.S. when they occur, allowing Border Patrol agents to respond effectively and efficiently to the entry and resolve the situation with appropriate law enforcement. The tower houses cameras, radar, wireless data access points, communications and computer equipment, and a tower security system.

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62. British airports may tag passengers (UPI, 10 Apr 2007)

British airports hope to use radio ID tags to track passengers, cut delays and possibly tighten security. Manchester airport has tested the system with 50,000 volunteers for six months, the Daily Telegraph reported. "It enabled us to see how much time passengers spent airside and how efficient our security was," the airport's head of innovation, Yemmi Agbegi, told the Daily Telegraph.

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<http://tinyurl.com/357dae>

RESOURCES

63. "Homeland Security: Compendium of Recommendations Relevant to House Committee Organization and Analysis of Considerations for the House, and 109th and 110th Congresses Epilogue," Congressional Research Service Report updated March 2, 2007

CABLE Gram Suggested URL:

<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homsec/RL32711.pdf>

OPPORTUNITIES

64. OR: TSA Holding Forum on Salem TSO Jobs (Salem-News.com, 10 Apr 2007)

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) is launching an effort to recruit and hire part-time Transportation Security Officers (TSOs) to support new air service in Salem. TSA will hire part-time (20 hours per week) TSOs at Salem's McNary Field. TSO's perform a variety of duties related to providing security and protection of air travelers, airports and aircraft. They are responsible for identifying dangerous objects in baggage, cargo and/or on passengers; and preventing those objects from being transported onto aircraft.

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http://www.salem-news.com/articles/april102007/salem_fourm_041007.php

EVENTS

65. Oklahoma City University School of Law Hosts Conference on Counterterrorism Measures (Business Wire, 9 Apr 2007)

OKLAHOMA CITY - Oklahoma City University School of Law will host a national conference on the legal framework for counterterrorism measures. The event, to be held Friday, April 20, at the Memorial Institute for the Prevention of Terrorism, will feature presentations by experts on national security law and counterterrorism measures from around the United States. The Honorable John C. Richter, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Oklahoma, will deliver the keynote address.

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FULL REPORTS

66. Fact Sheet: Acting This Year to Pass Comprehensive Immigration Reform (White House, 9 Apr 2007)

Today, President Bush Toured The Yuma Sector Of The Border In Arizona And Made Remarks On Comprehensive Immigration Reform.

In May 2006, President Bush visited the Yuma Sector Border and announced Operation Jump Start, under which up to 6,000 National Guard troops have been deployed to the Southern border to complement the work of the Border Patrol. Today, President Bush checked on progress in securing the Yuma Sector Border and dedicated the new Yuma Border Patrol Station.

- The President Called On Congress To Act This Year To Pass Comprehensive Immigration Reform That He Can Sign Into Law. Our Nation deserves an immigration system that secures our borders and honors our proud history as a Nation of immigrants. There is a desire on the part of Republicans and Democrats alike to get this problem solved, and by working together, we can enact comprehensive immigration reform into law this year.

- The Lessons Of Past Experience Is Clear: All Elements Of This Issue Must Be Addressed Together – Or None Of Them Will Be Solved At All. Illegal immigration is a serious problem that has been growing for decades. Past efforts to address it have failed because they did not do enough to secure our Nation's borders, failed to address the underlying economic reasons behind illegal immigration, and failed to provide sensible ways for employers to verify the legal status of the workers who they hire.

- Thanks To The Coordinated Efforts Of The Border Patrol And National Guard Members Deployed Under Operation Jump Start And Other Enforcement Efforts, Illegal Border Crossings In The Yuma Sector Are Down. More than 600 National Guard members are serving at the Yuma Sector as part of Operation Jump Start. In the months before Operation Jump Start, an average of more than 400 people a day were apprehended trying to cross the Yuma Sector Border. That number has dropped to fewer than 140 a day since the start of the operation.

Comprehensive Immigration Reform Must Accomplish Five Clear Objectives

1. Securing The Border

Securing The Border Is A Critical Part Of Our Strategy For Comprehensive Immigration Reform, And We Are Increasing Manpower And Improving Infrastructure And Technology At The Border. Since the President took office in 2001, we have more than doubled funding for border security – from \$4.6 billion in 2001 to \$10.4 billion in 2007. We have expanded the Border Patrol from about 9,000 agents in 2001 to about 13,000 agents today. By the end of 2008, we will have a total of more than 18,000 agents, doubling the size of the Border Patrol under the President's leadership.

Under Operation Jump Start, National Guard Members Are Supporting The Border Patrol In Texas, California, Arizona, And New Mexico. As we work to complete upgrades at the border, Operation Jump Start is providing the Border Patrol with immediate reinforcements. National Guard Troops deployed under Operation Jump Start are assisting the Border Patrol with surveillance, intelligence, construction, and logistics.

- Operation Jump Start Has Put More Manpower On The Border And Allowed The Border Patrol To Move 563 Agents Into Front-Line Positions. The number of people apprehended for illegally crossing our Southern border is down by nearly 30 percent in 2007 from this point in 2006.

We Have Effectively Ended The Practice Of "Catch And Release" For Every Non-Mexican Apprehended At The Southern Border. More than 85 percent of the illegal immigrants caught crossing the Southern border are Mexicans, and virtually all are sent back home within 24 hours. For years, however, most apprehended non-Mexican illegal immigrants were released back into society on this side of the border – with a notice to appear at a future court date – because the government did not have enough detention space to hold them. The President believes this practice is unacceptable, and we have effectively ended it for every non-Mexican apprehended at the Southern border.

- We Have Added Thousands Of New Beds At Detention Centers Across The Country. Since the President took office, we have provided funding for 7,798 new beds to accommodate apprehended illegal immigrants – a 40 percent increase over 2001.

- We Have Expedited The Legal Process To Cut The Average Deportation Time. We are also making it clear to foreign governments that they must accept back their citizens who violate U.S. immigration laws.

2. Creating A Temporary Worker Program

We Cannot Fully Secure The Border Unless We Take Pressure Off The Border – And That Requires A Temporary Worker Program. By creating a lawful and orderly channel for foreign workers to come to America on a temporary basis, a temporary worker program would help reduce the number of people trying to sneak past the Border Patrol,

freeing agents to focus on apprehending violent criminals and terrorists who pose a threat to our security.

3. Holding Employers Accountable For The Workers They Hire

Enforcing Immigration Laws At The Worksite Is A Vital Part Of Any Successful Reform. We are cracking down on employers who knowingly violate the law. To make worksite enforcement practical on a large scale, the President has called for the creation of a tamper-proof identification card for legal foreign workers and a better system for businesses to verify the legal status of their workers. By taking these steps, we will make it easier for businesses to obey the law – and leave them no excuse for violating it.

4. Resolving The Status Of The Millions Of Illegal Immigrants Already In The Country

The Administration Is Working With Democrats And Republicans To Find A Practical Answer That Lies Between Granting Automatic American Citizenship To Every Illegal Immigrant And Deporting Every Illegal Immigrant.

- The President Opposes Amnesty. Amnesty is the forgiveness of an offense without penalty. It should not be given to people who entered our country illegally.
- Illegal Immigrants Who Have Roots In Our Country And Want To Stay Should Have To Pay A Meaningful Penalty For Breaking The Law, Pay Their Taxes, Learn English, And Work In A Job For A Number Of Years. People who meet a reasonable number of conditions and pay a penalty of time and money should be able to apply for citizenship, but approval would not be automatic, and they will have to wait in line behind those who played by the rules and followed the law.

5. Finding New Ways To Help Newcomers Assimilate Into Our Society

We Will Honor The American Tradition Of The Melting Pot And Help Immigrants Assimilate By Learning Our History, Our Values, And The English Language.

- Last June, The President Created The Task Force On New Americans To Look For Ways To Help Newcomers Assimilate And Succeed In Our Country. Many organizations, from churches to businesses to civic associations, are already working to answer this call.

67. U.S. Training Helps Fight Global Securities Fraud - Program on securities markets attracts regulators from nearly 70 nations (By Jaroslaw Anders, USINFO Staff Writer, 6 Apr 2007)

Washington - Securities regulators from nearly 70 countries will come to Washington April 17 to take part in the two-week annual International Institute for Securities Market Development program organized by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC).

“In the globalized economy there is a great need for cooperation between regulators around the globe. We need the cooperation of sophisticated, well-trained counterparts in other jurisdictions,” Robert M. Fisher, assistant director in the SEC Office of International Affairs told *USINFO*.

The SEC is the U.S. regulatory agency mandated to protect investors, maintain fair, orderly and efficient markets, and facilitate capital formation.

Now in its 16th year, the institute is the SEC’s main global training program bringing together senior securities regulators from emerging or recently emerged market economies for a series of lectures, panels and workshops on the development, operation and regulation of securities markets.

After the training, participants have a chance to gain hands-on experience while visiting with U.S. stock exchanges, investment firms and nongovernmental self-regulatory organizations.

Later in 2007, delegates from developed markets will meet in Washington at a one-week Institute for Securities Enforcement and Market Oversight program. That program focuses on practical techniques for conducting investigations, market surveillance and auditor oversight.

Both institutes are part of a range of international training run by the SEC throughout the world in cooperation with the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), international financial institutions and nongovernmental organizations. In 2006, SEC provided training for more than 1,000 officials from 107 countries.

SEC training is helping countries build their own regulatory systems and protect investors in an increasingly borderless investment environment, according to the SEC official. Apart from sharing best practices and globally applicable standards, the program builds mutual trust and understanding needed in large enforcement operations, he told *USINFO*.

“We are building strong relationships and making good friends around the world, Fisher said.

He added that in today’s global economy it is common that crucial evidence of securities crimes committed in the United States is found abroad. Foreign regulators “often request our help and we often request their help.” This cooperation has resulted in hundreds of successful transborder investigations, the official said.

The United States does not try to impose its own regulatory solutions on other countries, the SEC official said. However, foreign regulators might find aspects of the U.S. model useful and implement them in their jurisdictions.

“To the extent that regulators around the world are sharing ideas and approaches to various challenges with one another, there is more likely to be long-term convergence in

regulation, and that tends to reduce cost for investors, issuers and everybody in the market,” Ethiopis Tafara, director of the SEC Office of International Affairs told *USINFO*.

The SEC international training program was initiated primarily to train securities regulators from former communist countries in Eastern Europe. Since then, it has branched out to offer training to regulators in practically every region of the world. SEC regulators work with their counterparts in South and East Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean. (See [related article](#).)

In 2006, the SEC conducted training programs in a number of overseas locations including China, India, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Vietnam, Ecuador, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait and Iraq.

The faculty of the SEC courses includes senior SEC officials as well as representatives of other U.S. government agencies, self-regulatory organizations and representatives of major U.S. securities companies.

SEC representatives say their agency is positioned uniquely to share the agency's expertise with international partners. The commission officers deal every day with cases of insider trading, market manipulation, market surveillance, financial disclosure and other aspects of modern securities markets. They are willing to share their collective knowledge with their counterparts abroad, they say.

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