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1. DHS Announces \$1.7 Billion in Homeland Security Grants (DHS, 31 May 2006)

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security announced today the recipients of \$1.7 billion in fiscal year 2006 Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP) awards. The grants will enhance the ability of states, urban areas, and territories to prepare for and respond to terrorist attacks and other disasters.

“Our goal is to greatly enhance the collective preparedness of the nation while making certain that finite resources are directed to areas most at risk and to solutions that are innovative and regionally driven,” said Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. “The department is committed to ensuring that our partners have the training, equipment, and resources they need to become better prepared.”

In fiscal year 2006, DHS adopted a risk and effectiveness-based approach to allocating funding for certain programs within HSGP. This approach aligns federal resources with national priorities and targets capabilities established by the Interim National Preparedness Goal to generate the highest return on investment in increasing the nation’s level of preparedness.

“Preparedness must be a shared responsibility,” said Tracy Henke, Assistant Secretary for the DHS Preparedness Directorate’s Office of Grants and Training. “State and local homeland security professionals from across the nation played a significant role in the design and implementation of this fiscal year’s grant program. By collaborating, we ensure consistency of effort and a common vision of preparedness.”

HSGP funds can be used for planning, organization, equipment, training, exercises, management, and administration costs. The 2006 funds are in addition to the approximately \$10 billion already delivered to state and local governments by the department’s Office of Grants and Training since September 11, 2001.

HSGP includes five separate grant programs: State Homeland Security Grant Program, \$544.5 million; Urban Areas Security Initiative, \$757.3 million; Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program, \$396 million; Metropolitan Medical Response System, \$29.7 million; and Citizen Corps Program, \$19.8 million.

Under the State Homeland Security Grant Program and Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program, each state, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico receives a base amount of .075 of the total award. The territories of Guam, American Samoa, Northern Mariana Islands, and Virgin Islands receive a base amount of .025 of the total award. The remaining funds are allocated on risk and the effectiveness of applicants’ proposed solutions to identified needs. All Urban Areas Security Initiative funds are allocated based on risk and the effectiveness of the applicants’ proposed solutions to identified needs. The Metropolitan Medical Response System (MMRS) grant program distributes funds equally among each of the 124 MMRS jurisdictions. Under the Citizen Corps grant program, each state and territory receives a base allocation, with remaining funds distributed based on population.

Grants and Training, a component of the DHS Preparedness Directorate, partners with federal, state, local, and private sector officials to strengthen the capabilities of state, local, tribal, and regional authorities to prepare for, prevent, and respond to terrorist acts and other catastrophic incidents. Grants and Training provides a broad array of assistance to America’s emergency responders through funding, coordinated training, exercises, equipment acquisition, and technical assistance.

FY2006 Homeland Security Grant Program Allocations

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http://www.dhs.gov/interweb/assetlibrary/grants_st-local_fy06.pdf

State Contacts & grant Award Information

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<http://www.dhs.gov/interweb/assetlibrary/states.htm>

2. Mass disaster drill tests JTF-CS capability (Sgt. Jacob Boyer, 28th Public Affairs Detachment, 1 Jun 2006)

Terrorist attacks, hurricanes, pandemic influenza and plague are all threats that could potentially cripple parts of the United States on their own. However, if more than one of these disasters occurs simultaneously, resources could be stretched thin on a national level, and command and control over disaster-relief assets would be key in ensuring Americans receive the help they need. The Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines and civilians of Joint Task Force Civil Support, headquartered at Fort Monroe, faced the specter of all four disasters May 10-16 during Exercise Ardent Sentry '06, a nationwide Joint Chiefs of Staff-directed exercise to rehearse cooperation between Department of Defense assets and local, state and federal agencies as well as the Canadian government. "Exercises like this are tremendously important not only to our unit, but to the nation as a whole," said Air Force Col. Jim Wolcott, JTF-CS operations officer. "If something like this were to really happen, we'd be there to help save lives, prevent suffering and perform critical lifesaving tasks in support of the lead civilian agency on the ground."

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<http://tradoc.monroe.army.mil/casemate/stack/052606jtfcs.htm>

3. U.S. at risk from boats packed with explosives (Reuters, 1 Jun 2006)

WASHINGTON - The United States must close security gaps that could let small boats packed with explosives slip into ports and stage attacks like the one that killed 17 men on the U.S. warship Cole in Yemen, the new Coast Guard chief said on Wednesday. Adm. Thad Allen, who took over as commandant of the Coast Guard last week, said officials had to do more to help thwart such stealthy strikes, which could cause massive damage to ports, oil facilities, ports, cruise ships or tankers. "Our own threat analysis and vulnerability analysis tell us there is a significant threat by vessel-borne improvised explosive devices," Allen told Reuters in an interview. "We haven't put nearly as much thinking in science and technology and (general) thought into the small-vessel threat as we need to, and I think that's where we need to go next."

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4. Terror Funds Mean Greater Threat (AP, 30 May 2006)

WASHINGTON - In the annual competition for counterterrorism funding, the Homeland Security Department wants the 46 cities receiving money this year to consider the other side of the coin: The aid means the government thinks they are terror targets. Major urban areas will find out Wednesday how much they will share of a \$740 million anti-terror

grant. Three of them _ Memphis, Tenn., and Orlando and Fort Lauderdale, Fla. _ qualified for the list of eligible cities this year after being passed over in 2005. Eleven others may be booted in 2007 based on a new Homeland Security formula the department says is based on intelligence and law enforcement data about terror threats and the possible consequences in each city.

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<http://www.wtop.com/index.php?nid=116&sid=806554&sidelines=1>

5. TSA names three new DCA gateway airports (Aviation International News, June 2006)

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has added three more airports to the list of "gateway" airports that qualified general aviation operators can use to get a pre-clearance to fly into Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport (DCA). To receive final clearance for a flight into DCA, operators must make their last departure before DCA from an FBO that holds a TSA security authorization at a gateway airport. Early last month, the TSA added Dallas/Love Field, Memphis International and Milwaukee's General Mitchell International as gateway airports, bringing the total to 15.

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http://www.ainonline.com/Issues/06_06/06_DCA_8.htm

6. Davis questions safety of FAA telecom program (FCW, 1 Jun 2006)

A House committee chairman is calling on the Transportation Department to develop a new transition plan for a Federal Aviation Administration telecommunications program and to address safety concerns associated with the project. A May 25 letter from House Government Reform Committee Chairman Tom Davis (R-Va.) to DOT Secretary Norman Mineta directly questions the program's safety, marking the first time the government has raised the issue about the FAA Telecommunications Infrastructure (FTI) program. Davis cited a recent April DOT inspector general report, which recommended that the FAA reconsider continuing the program.

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<http://www.fcw.com/article94720-06-01-06-Web>

7. The Industrious Spies (The Global Politician, Sam Vaknin, Ph.D., 1 Jun 2006)

The Web site of GURPS (Generic Universal Role Playing System) lists 18 "state of the art equipments (sic) used for advanced spying". These include binoculars to read lips, voice activated bugs, electronic imaging devices, computer taps, electromagnetic induction detectors, acoustic stethoscopes, fiber optic scopes, detectors of acoustic emissions (e.g., of printers), laser mikes that can decipher and amplify voice-activated vibrations of windows, and other James Bond gear. Such contraptions are an integral part of industrial espionage. The American Society for Industrial Security (ASIC) estimated a few years ago that the damage caused by economic or commercial espionage to American industry between 1993-5 alone was c. \$63 billion. The average net loss per incident reported was \$19 million in high technology, \$29 million in services, and \$36 million in manufacturing. ASIC then upped its estimate to \$300 billion in 1997 alone - compared to \$100 billion assessed by the 1995 report of the White House Office of Science and Technology.

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<http://globalpolitician.com/articledes.asp?ID=1824&cid=1&sid=27>

8. Defense domestic violence data incomplete (GovExec.com, 31 May 2006)

The Defense Department's system for collecting information on domestic violence is inadequate, according to a new report from the Government Accountability Office. In the wake of a number of high-profile incidents in which soldiers killed their spouses, the 2000 defense authorization act mandated the creation of a central database of domestic violence incidents, within an existing criminal reporting system. But the data in the system is incomplete, GAO found. The Defense Department lacks accurate numbers on incidents and on disciplinary actions taken, the report (GAO-06-540) stated.

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http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=34193&dcn=e_ndw

STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

9. AL: Grand jury returns indictments in alien smuggling cases (WTVM, 1 Jun 2006)

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. Four alleged smugglers of illegal aliens are under federal indictments. The charges were returned yesterday by a grand jury in Birmingham. U-S Attorney Alice Martin said 26-year-old Alejandro Soria and 31-year-old Pablo Rodriguez are each charged with transporting illegal aliens for commercial gain or financial gain. Both were arrested April 25th in Vestavia Hills. Martin said officers were called to the eatery to break up a fight between Soria and Rodriguez when they spotted a total of 24 Hispanics in a van and three other vehicles. U-S Customs agents determined that each passenger was being transported to other states in the Southeast and East. Authorities said each foreign national had a three-by-five note card detailing names, destinations and transportation costs.

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<http://www.wtvm.com/Global/story.asp?S=4976336&nav=8fap>

10. AZ: Nine immigrants plead guilty under Arizona's new smuggling law (News 5 Phoenix, 30 May 2006)

PHOENIX The first nine people to be charged under a new state law for paying to be sneaked into the country plead guilty today to solicitation to commit immigrant smuggling. The nine were sentenced to two years of supervised probation and are expected to face deportation proceedings. Nearly 200 people have been charged in Maricopa County under the law. Most are customers of smugglers.

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<http://www.kpho.com/Global/story.asp?S=4967148&nav=23Ku>

11. CA: Guard likely won't be on border before July (NC Times, 31 May 2006)

It will probably be July before National Guard troops report for duty along the California border with Mexico, and many of them will stay for several months rather than rotating out after a few weeks, a Guard official said Wednesday. Unresolved issues between the federal government and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger and the governors of Arizona,

New Mexico and Texas are pushing back the date the troops begin supporting the U.S Border Patrol. President Bush announced in May that he was sending 6,000 National Guard troops to the border to help stem the flow of illegal immigrants with initial plans having them report as early as this week.

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http://www.nctimes.com/articles/2006/06/01/news/top_stories/21_03_595_31_06.txt

12. CA: Board likely to divide up L.A. county health duties (Copley News Service, 1 Jun 2006)

The county Board of Supervisors gave tentative but unanimous approval Tuesday to splitting the Department of Health Services into two agencies, one focusing on countywide issues such as bioterrorism and communicable diseases and the other concentrating on running county health facilities such as hospitals, clinics and medical centers. Officials said the split -- if it receives final approval from the board next week -- will give the public health division the autonomy and authority needed to better protect county residents against epidemics, bioterrorism and other health threats. Dividing the department ensures that there will be clear accountability for public health, said Supervisor Don Knabe, who authored the original motion proposing the split a year ago.

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<http://www.dailybreeze.com/news/articles/2901351.html>

13. CA: Alleged strongman faces charges (Tracy Press, 1 Jun 2006)

A Tracy man is being held on \$930,000 bail on more than 20 criminal charges that include extortion and kidnapping. Carlos Enrique Castaneda, 36, appeared in the Tracy branch of San Joaquin Superior Court on Wednesday afternoon for his arraignment. Castaneda faces 21 criminal counts for his alleged involvement in a vehicle extortion ring that operated in Tracy. Police believe the incidents occurred for six to eight months from late 2005 through 2006. Detective Dan Pasquale said Castaneda forced his victims to go to car dealerships with him to buy cars and trucks. Once the purchases were made, he would threaten them and take away whatever they bought.

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<http://www.tracypress.com/local/2006-06-01-charges.php>

14. CA: Three arrested in 40-victim identity theft (Daily Bulletin, 1 Jun 2006)

RANCHO CUCAMONGA - Three people were arrested Tuesday on suspicion of stealing the identities of more than 40 people. San Bernardino County Sheriff's investigators out of the Rancho Cucamonga station arrested Christine Mashino, 37, of Rancho Cucamonga, Sherri Lynn Scott, 33, of Fontana, and Jeff Gardner, 45, of Malibu, about 11:13 a.m at an apartment in the 7900 block of Day Creek Boulevard, according to a sheriff's statement. Investigators received a tip about Mashino and Scott making counterfeit checks at the Day Creek apartment, according to the statement. Detectives were also told that the women, who are parolees, were seen in a Honda with paper plates and had to be started with a screwdriver. Detectives conducted surveillance in the area and approached the three suspects after the Honda arrived at the apartment, the statement said.

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http://dailybulletin.com/news/ci_3885931

15. DC: Homeland Security grants rile D.C., NYC - Feds say cuts result from new formula, smaller total budget (CNN, 31 May 2006)

WASHINGTON - The Homeland Security Department said Wednesday that the cities of New York and Washington will get less money in this year's allocation of grants, drawing harsh criticism from politicians in both areas. The department announced the recipients of \$1.7 billion distributed through various programs to help states and cities help prepare for potential terror attacks and natural disasters.

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<http://www.cnn.com/2006/US/05/31/homeland.grants/index.html>

16. FL: Judge Sets Bond For Accused FIU Cuban Spy (CBS4, 31 May 2006)

MIAMI The FIU employee who along with her professor husband, was arrested for spying for the Cuban government is being released on bond Wednesday. A federal judge set a \$500,000 bond for Elsa Alvarez, though her husband Carlos Alvarez had his bond request denied. He will remain in custody until his case goes to trial. The Cuban-American couple is accused of using their employment at Florida International University as a cover up as they spied for Castro on Miami's Cuban-American exile community. The couple has pleaded not guilty to charges of failing to register as required as agents of a foreign government.

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http://cbs4.com/topstories/local_story_151170431.html

17. HI: Counterterrorism funding cut (Honolulu Advertiser, 1 Jun 2006)

A 40 percent cut in Hawai'i's federal counterterrorism funds will force the state to reprioritize its homeland security needs, a Civil Defense official said. Edward Teixeira, vice director of state Civil Defense, said the state had anticipated receiving the same allocation as last year - nearly \$22 million - and was surprised yesterday to learn it would get only \$13 million. "We really had no indication it was going to be less," he said. The state's grant application pinpointed 15 priorities, including improvements to first responders' communications systems and increasing emergency shelter capacity for people with special needs.

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18. IN: Indiana Legislature passes identity theft bill (WNDU, 31 May 2006)

Your personal information will be better protected thanks to a comprehensive identity theft bill. State Representative Jackie Walorski announced Wednesday that the Indiana Legislature passed a new law that will protect Hoosiers from the release of their personal information. The legislation addresses security breaches in companies that have customers or clients in Indiana.

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http://www.wndu.com/news/052006/news_50260.php

19. ME: BIA garners new explosive detection equipment (Bangor Daily News, 1 Jun 2006)

BANGOR - Two new explosive detection machines have just arrived at Bangor International Airport as part of the Transportation Security Administration's effort to expand its baggage screening capabilities. BIA is among 21 airports nationwide scheduled this year to receive the machines, which examine checked baggage using CT, or computed tomography, scanning technology, TSA regional spokeswoman Ann Davis said Wednesday. TSA screeners in Bangor are being trained on the new machines, which should be operational within two weeks, she said.

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<http://www.bangornews.com/news/templates/?a=135139>

20. MA: Brothers sentenced in immigrant-smuggling ring (The Salem News, 1 Jun 2006)

BOSTON - A federal judge sentenced two Peabod brothers to prison for their part in smuggling immigrants from Brazil and illegally wiring money, the U.S. attorney's office announced yesterday. Mario Viana, 41, of 111 Central St., was sentenced to three years in prison followed by three years of supervised release. Julio Viana, 37, of 11 Foster St., was sentenced to 11 months.

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21. MN: Minnesotans get new tool to fight ID theft (Pioneer Press, 31 May 2006)

Minnesotans will have a new weapon to protect themselves against the fast-growing crime of identity theft, thanks to a bill signed into law Tuesday by Gov. Tim Pawlenty.

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<http://www.twincities.com/mld/twincities/business/14702856.htm>

22. NH: N.H. Adopts ID Theft Law (Insurance Journal, 1 Jun 2006)

New Hampshire Gov. John Lynch has signed into law legislation giving New Hampshire consumers new tools to protect themselves against identity theft. Senate Bill 334 allows victims of identity theft to ask their credit reporting agency for a "credit freeze." Once they do, their credit reports cannot be forwarded without their consent or involvement, which will help prevent identity thieves from using people's good credit against them. A credit freeze will also prevent criminals from being able to open new lines of credit in their victims' names. The bill exempts insurance from the credit freeze provision, an issue of concern to insurers in New York. The Granite State law goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2007.

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<http://www.insurancejournal.com/news/east/2006/06/01/69007.htm>

23. NJ: Emergency response to be tested (News Transcript, 31 May 2006)

The Monmouth County Health Department in conjunction with the Monmouth County Office of Emergency Management recently conducted the first of two exercises to test the county's reaction to a state of emergency following a bioterrorism attack. According to a press release, the object of the exercises is to test the ability to move medical supplies

using alternate means of transportation. The first exercise took place May 18 and involved the Monmouth County Sheriff's Office, police, and emergency management personnel from Howell, Farmingdale, Keyport and Union Beach. According to a press release from the Monmouth County Board of Freeholders, the drill began with "reports" of large volumes of people flooding area hospitals with flu-like symptoms and a higher-than-normal rate of absenteeism in the schools.

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http://newstranscript.gmnews.com/news/2006/0531/Front_Page/037.html

24. NM: New Management Takes Over at Los Alamos (Global Security Newswire, 1 Jun 2006)

The Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico officially received new management at midnight today, the Associated Press reported (see [GSN](#), Jan. 20). The University of California gave way to a group led by the school and Bechtel Corp. The change was forced by security and safety mishaps and other problems at the nuclear weapons laboratory.

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http://www.nti.org/d_newswire/issues/2006_6_1.html#A21487AE

25. NM: Trace Portal Machines Deployed to Albuquerque International Sunport (PRNewswire, 31 May 2006)

WASHINGTON - The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) today announced that it has deployed two explosives detection trace portals to the passenger security checkpoint at Albuquerque International Sunport (ABQ). The state-of-the-art machines further enhance TSA's ability to detect explosives at the checkpoint and have added customer service benefits. "The trace portals support TSA's risk based approach, as they focus on the greatest threat of explosives," said Melvin Carraway, TSA's Federal Security Director at ABQ. "The machines also are efficient and convenient for travelers passing through Albuquerque International."

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<http://biz.yahoo.com/prnews/060531/phw041.html?.v=47>

26. NY: Homeland honcho cuts funds by 40% (New York Daily News, 1 Jun 2006)

A new report from the Homeland Security Department deems that New York City has no national icons that deserve special protection from potential terrorist threats. The city was stunned yesterday to find that its share of federal anti-terror funds was slashed nearly in half by bureaucrats who said it has no national icons to protect and lousy defense plans. Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff determined, however, that cities that have never been targeted by Al Qaeda - like Louisville, Atlanta and Omaha - deserve whopping increases. "This is a knife in the back," fumed a furious Rep. Pete King (R-L.I.), chairman of the House Homeland Security Committee. "As far as I'm concerned, the Department of Homeland Security has declared war on New York." Mayor Bloomberg ridiculed Homeland Security's reasoning. "When you stop a terrorist, they have a map of New York City in their pocket. They don't have a map of any of the other 46 places or 45 places [that get funding]," he fumed.

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<http://www.nydailynews.com/front/story/422633p-356751c.html>

27. NY: Federal Support Renewed At Gabreski (ZWire, 31 May 2006)

Following the Base Realignment Commission's decision to keep the 106th Air Rescue Wing open, Congressman Tim Bishop (D-Coram) announced, on May 22, a renewed federal investment at Gabreski Airport. "The 106th Air Rescue Wing's core mission is to save lives and a new pararescue facility is vital to helping train and plan for rescue operations," Bishop said. "Saving the 106th was just the beginning. We need to work just as hard to make sure they have all the resources needed to carry out this mission." The House of Representatives approved \$502,000 to construct a pararescue facility for the unit. The funds were included in the Military Construction Appropriations bill, which was passed by the House on May 19. This new funding raises the total federal investment that Bishop has secured for the facility to \$2.4 million. The project requires an estimated \$13 million of additional funding.

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<http://makeashorterlink.com/?D1D31233D>

28. OH: Feds cut Ohio cities' share of counterterrorism money (AP, 31 May 2006)

WASHINGTON - Federal anti-terrorism funding to Ohio will be cut, with large deductions for four big cities that must share their reduced allotment for the first time with surrounding towns, the Homeland Security Department announced Wednesday. The \$26.1 million distributed to Cincinnati, Toledo, Columbus and Cleveland in 2005 will be cut by a third to \$17.6 million this year and spread among the larger urban areas. The cities use the money to help pay for police and fire departments, emergency communication systems and disaster response teams. Leaders in Ohio said they couldn't understand why vital programs would not continue to receive adequate funding, particularly when the federal government had limited its urban grants to the places facing the highest risk.

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<http://www.ohio.com/mld/beaconjournal/news/state/14709420.htm>

29. OR: Roberts Field gets more TSA gear, screeners (KTVZ, 31 May 2006)

It won't be in place for this summer's big air-travel season, but by fall, Redmond's Roberts Field will have added security screeners and equipment to get more folks through the gate and to their planes on time, Rep. Greg Walden, R-Ore., announced Wednesday. Walden said the Transportation Security Administration has committed to adding staff and equipment at Redmond Municipal Airport to help improve the efficiency of passenger and luggage security screening. This fall, TSA will hire six more part-time screeners for the airport and will purchase two Reveal CTX-80 baggage scanners to help reduce delays due to security screening for individuals flying out of Redmond. TSA also plans to add an additional X-ray machine at the security checkpoint.

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<http://www.ktvz.com/story.cfm?nav=news&storyID=12572>

30. TX: U.S. cuts Texas' counterterrorism funding (AP, 1 Jun 2006)

WASHINGTON - Texas' major metropolitan areas will get \$35 million in counterterrorism money from a Homeland Security Department grant program for cities at high risk of attacks -- \$14.8 million less than last year. In total, the state will receive about \$90 million in department grants that pay for a range of activities, from intelligence gathering to community preparedness. That compares with \$129 million for fiscal 2005, which ended Sept. 30, according to the office of Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas. Gov. Rick Perry said he is dismayed by the reduction, particularly considering the state's 1,200-mile border with Mexico and the continued release of illegal immigrants in Texas because of a lack of detention space.

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31. TX: Another arrest in human smuggling on South Padre Island (KRGV, 31 May 2006)

SOUTH PADRE ISLAND – Michael Walker is the fifth person to be arrested in connection with an immigrant smuggling ring. Immigration agents say it is a criminal network and their investigation is far from over.

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KEY PEOPLE

32. Senate confirms FEMA, GSA chiefs (GovExec.com, 30 May 2006)

As part of a spate of confirmation votes Friday afternoon, the Senate approved President Bush's picks to head the Federal Emergency Management Agency and General Services Administration. Senators confirmed acting FEMA chief R. David Paulison as the agency's permanent director, in a move praised by Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff. "Chief Paulison is fully committed to strengthening FEMA's response and recovery capabilities and building an integrated emergency management structure," Chertoff said in a statement.

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33. IN: Emergency Management director resigns, again (The Tribune-Star, 30 May 2006)

A search is on again to replace the director of Vigo County Emergency Management. In January, Dick Setliff, 73, told the Vigo County Board of Commissioners he planned to step down. Then in February, Setliff in a letter told Gerald H. McGlone, chairman of the Vigo County Emergency Management Advisory Council, he no longer intended to resign. That stirred a debate among county commissioners over the firing and hiring of the director. Setliff now plans to resign effective July 15, he said in a May 25 letter to commissioners.

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34. MA: Local man named to Homeland Security (Daily News Staff, 30 May 2006)

Being nominated by the president of the United States was the easy part. Weston native David L. Norquist had to field a grueling 80 minutes of questioning from members of a U.S. Senate committee before being confirmed Friday as chief financial officer of the Department of Homeland Security. Norquist took heat from Sen. Joseph Lieberman, D-Conn., ranking member of the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, for allowing, while in his previous job, defense company Halliburton to edit passages from a Defense Department audit of one of the company's Iraqi reconstruction contracts. But Norquist took the grilling in stride. "The hearings went very well," he said. "The senators seemed very concerned about the importance of the position."

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<http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/localRegional/view.bg?articleid=131553>

35. MA: Coy stepping down as head of Massport (AP, 30 May 2006)

BOSTON - Craig P. Coy, who stabilized the Massachusetts Port Authority in the aftermath of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, announced Tuesday he was resigning to work for a private company focusing on homeland security. Coy, a 20-year veteran of the Coast Guard and former White House Fellow and adviser on counterterrorism, was portrayed as a silver-haired, senior executive when he was hired in March 2002. He replaced Virginia Buckingham, a well respected but political appointee with little transportation experience who was heading Massport when two commercial jets were hijacked from Logan International Airport and flown into the World Trade Center.

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36. NV: New chief takes over at FBI office in Las Vegas (AP, 30 May 2006)

LAS VEGAS - An FBI veteran with experience in the West, Washington and abroad took over Tuesday as special agent in charge of the Nevada FBI office. Steven M. Martinez replaced Ellen Knowlton, who retired Feb. 3 after 24 years with the bureau. Martinez has 19 years with the FBI, including a stint as acting assistant director of the cyber division at the agency's headquarters in Quantico, Va., according to a bureau announcement. He was appointed to the Las Vegas job in February. He served as the FBI's first on-scene commander during the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom, managing counterterrorism and counterintelligence operations from the Persian Gulf nation of Qatar.

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GANG ACTIVITY

37. CA: Evidence Seized in Gang Sweep; 4 Cited, Released (Los Angeles Times, 31 May 2006)

Four people allegedly affiliated with a local gang were arrested and 20 weapons seized in a sweep by police early Tuesday morning. Nearly 300 law enforcement officials executed 31 search warrants in Riverside, Corona and Rubidoux against members of a street gang, Riverside Police Department officials said. The raids were conducted primarily to gather intelligence and evidence, said department spokesman Steven Frasher. Other members of

the gang were already in custody in connection with the shooting death of a rival gang member in August in Riverside.

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38. NY: Ex-Mob Boss Now a Devastating Informant (AP, 28 May 2006)

NEW YORK - The killers put the dead canary in the freezer. Later, their work finished, they placed the bird inside the mouth of the equally deceased Bruno Facciola. The slaying was orchestrated by a diminutive thug known to fellow Mafiosi as "Little Al." Few embraced the mob ethos more fervently than Alphonse D'Arco, a hard case from the cradle. "I was a man when I was born," Little Al once bragged. He committed every crime except pimping and pornography, which he deemed beneath his dignity. Murders? He committed eight while rising through the Luchese ranks. He especially despised informants. "Rats," he'd spit. He did a three-year heroin rap without opening his yap. So when word came that Facciola was singing, D'Arco arranged for his demise. Four months later, D'Arco became the Luchese boss, though not for long. His reign abruptly ended, but not in the fashion he expected: on the wrong end of a jury verdict. Or maybe a bullet. Instead, D'Arco _ disgusted by the loss of mob honor, double-crossed by men he had respected _ became in 1991 what he most abhorred: a rat. And not just any rat. Over the last 15 years, he has brought down mob bosses, underbosses, consiglieres. And he's still making inmates out of ex-accomplices today. Little Al may be the most devastating mob informant ever.

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39. NY: "Fat Angelo" sentenced for extortion (MidHudsonNews, 1 Jun 2006)

A Hopewell Junction man was sentenced in Federal Court in New York City Wednesday to 59 years in federal prison for his leadership and participation in a series of violence crimes committed in Westchester County, mostly during the summer of 2001. Angelo "Fat Angelo" DiPietro, 49, and four co-defendants were found guilty after a 12-week trial of conspiracy to commit extortion, extortion, using a firearm in connection with crimes of violence, conspiracy to commit robbery, attempted robbery and extortion.

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http://www.midhudsonnews.com/News/DiPietro_sentence-01Jun06.htm

40. TN: Memphis police investigate gang related crimes (WMCTV.com, 30 May 2006)

In Lowrance Park, where children should play safely, it's empty...except for Shelby County Gang Officers reading gang graffiti. These investigators say a gang initiation recently took place at this park. Not far away they documented dozens of gang members living in a neighborhood off of Crumpler. Memphis City Police say they can attribute more than 800 crimes in 2005 to gang members. Those crimes are costing you.

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41. TX: Fort Worth Police Expanding Gang Programs (CBS 11 News, 30 May 2006)

FORT WORTH The Fort Worth Police Department wants to expand a gang intervention program. The city has identified 260 separate gangs since 1983. This month, two innocent teenagers were killed when they were caught in the crossfire during gang related shootings.

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42. TX: Dallas police: Military gang recruiting concerning (WFAA-TV, 1 Jun 2006)

Both the military and local police have acknowledged that the military inadvertently recruiting existing gang members could become a problem if the members are looking for expert training in weaponry and other areas to take back to the streets. The graffiti of notorious gangs from the United States, such as the MS-13, Latin Kings and the Aryan Brotherhood, has shown up thousands of miles away in Iraq. Pictures taken by the Chicago Sun-Times showed walls and armored carriers tagged with gang symbols.

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43. Teen gangs find voice on Web (The Dallas Morning News, 1 Jun 2006)

Teen gang members and wannabes are finding a platform in cyberspace to brag, bully and blog about their exploits. Social networking sites feature Dallas-area youths dressed up gangster-style and flashing gang signs, holding guns and knives, getting tattooed or partying with marijuana. Common images include pit bulls, gang pledges and rivals' colored flags on fire. Many of the Web postings come from kids who merely want to imitate the gangster image, which is not illegal, investigators say. But they add that they have to take the sites seriously because some of the postings come from serious gang members and many of the "wannabes" can become real dangers.

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44. Police Are Criticized in Wave of Gang Violence in Brazil (New York Times, 30 May 2006)

SÃO PAULO, [Brazil](#), May 28 - The street combat between the police and criminal gangs that left at least 186 people dead and brought this metropolis of nearly 20 million people to a halt two weeks ago has ceased, at least for now. But recriminations against the police and the way they handled the attacks are intensifying, fed by indications that irate officers may have sought revenge with a killing rampage that swept up lawbreakers and innocent civilians alike. "It is barbarity against barbarity, truculence against truculence, firepower against firepower," a group of 10 prominent lawyers, law professors and bar association leaders complained in a recent statement. "Down this path, only chaos can be sowed."

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NARCO TRAFFICKING

45. AL: 11 Pounds Of Cocaine Seized In Two Separate Raids (NBC13.com, 30 May 2006)

SHELBY COUNTY, Ala. - The Shelby County Drug Enforcement Task Force confiscated nearly half a million dollars worth of cocaine in two separate drug raids. Both raids happened Friday night in the northern part of the county. In the first raid, agents seized nearly nine pounds of cocaine and arrested Jose Landeverde, Francisco Alzaman Jr., and Larry Samuels. Investigators then moved to a location in Pelham, where they uncovered almost two pounds of cocaine and arrested Esmeralda Jaimez and Sandra Vences.

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<http://www.nbc13.com/news/9294607/detail.html>

46. FL: Nine arrested in Treasure Coast cocaine ring bust (TC Palm, 31 May 2006)

FORT PIERCE - From his home in Stuart, Johnny Daniels oversaw a large cocaine trafficking ring that supplied several kilograms a week to local drug dealers, authorities say. Daniels, 27, of the 1600 block of Southeast Pomeroy Street in Stuart, and his alleged supplier, Derrick Cooper, 34, of the 1600 block of Southwest Day Street in Port St. Lucie, were among nine people on the Treasure Coast arrested in connection with the ring. The sheriff's office and other law enforcement agencies will conduct a press conference today to discuss details on those arrested.

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47. FL: Palm Beach County leads state in cocaine deaths (Palm Beach Post, 31 May 2006)

Cocaine claimed more lives in Palm Beach County last year than any other county in the state, surpassing "Cocaine Capital" Miami-Dade County. That's according to statistics released Tuesday on drug-related deaths reported by state medical examiners in 2005, which also show the county leading the state in overdoses caused by several prescription drugs. The numbers show that cocaine remains the deadliest drug in the region and state, linked to a record 197 deaths in Palm Beach County and a record 58 deaths in the Treasure Coast region, which includes Martin, St. Lucie, Indian River and Okeechobee counties.

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48. IL: Record Decatur cocaine bust leads to 20-year prison term for Wood River man (Herald and Review, 31 May 2006)

DECATUR - A 40-year-old Wood River man was sentenced Tuesday to 20 years in prison for his conviction for bringing more than 3 kilos of cocaine into Macon County last year. Victor Tetter could have gotten up to 120 years in prison, double the normal maximum of 60 years. He has a prior drug possession felony conviction and the 2005 crime is an enhanced Class X felony of possession with intent to deliver more than 900 grams of the illegal drug. The minimum sentence under the state's enhanced drug enforcement laws is 15 years.

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49. OH: More details emerge on Conneaut cocaine arrest (Star Beacon, 31 May 2006)

CONNEAUT - A North Kingsville man arrested last week on felony drug charges told police the cocaine found in his vehicle was "peanuts" compared to the amount he and a friend had bought that day, officers said. Aaron Hathy, 23, of 4200 E. Center St., was arrested one week ago and will be arraigned Tuesday in Conneaut Municipal Court on a charge of possession of drugs, a fifth-degree felony. Hathy was in the news last week when he was arrested after tussling with his girlfriend after she discovered a bag of white powder - - later identified as cocaine - - in her Liberty Street home. Hathy took the bag and fled the house, officers said.

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CYBERTHREAT & THEFT

50. VA Data Theft Bigger Than First Reported (KWTX, 31 May 2006)

It's not just Social Security numbers and birthdates that are at risk. The phone numbers and addresses of millions of U.S. veterans could also be available to potential identity thieves. The Associated Press has learned information stolen from the Maryland home of a Veterans Affairs worker includes that material. Authorities say the analyst improperly took it from the office, putting more than 26 million veterans at risk of identity theft. VA memos obtained by The Associated Press also serve up other details about last month's incident. They include word that among the breached files is one with more than 6,000 records of veterans who took part in chemical testing programs during World War II.

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<http://www.kwtx.com/home/headlines/2906291.html>

51. Extortion virus code gets cracked (BBC, 1 Jun 2006)

Do not panic if your data is hidden by virus writers demanding a ransom. Poor programming has allowed anti-virus companies to discover the password to retrieve the hijacked data inside a virus that has claimed at least one UK victim. The Archiveus virus caught out British nurse Helen Barrow and swapped her data with a password-protected file. The virus is the latest example of so-called "ransomware" that tries to extort cash from victims.

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<http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/technology/5038330.stm>

52. Cybersecurity contests go national (SecurityFocus, 1 Jun 2006)

It has all the makings of a B-movie plot: A corporate network targeted by hackers and a half dozen high-school students as the company's only defense. Yet, teams of students from ten different Iowa high schools faced exactly that scenario during a single night in late May in the High School Cyber Defense Competition. The contest tasked the teenagers with building a network in the three weeks leading up to the competition with only their teachers, and mentoring volunteers from local technology firms, as their guides. On Friday night, May 19, and into Saturday morning, the students defended the network against a team of Iowa State University students acting as the attackers.

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TECHNOLOGY

53. No break for agencies on ID card deadline (GovExec.com, 30 May 2006)

Agencies will not get a break on an Oct. 27 deadline for issuing new wireless chip identity cards to employees and contractors, federal officials said Tuesday. But not every regional office will be required to issue cards to its employees, if agencies agree to procure cards through cooperative agreements with other agencies. In an interview last week with *Government Executive*, John Sindelar, acting head of the General Services Administration's Office of Governmentwide Policy and a member of the governmentwide identity card executive steering committee, said that agencies agreeing to procure cards through cooperative arrangements with other agencies "may not be, by Oct. 27, in a city or an agency" that issues cards by the deadline. But federal officials stressed Monday that entire agencies will not be exempt from the deadline. In fact, every agency will have to issue at least one new wireless chip identity badge by Oct. 27. But under a policy to be issued by the executive steering committee, not every office branch must supply employees with the credential by that date.

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54. Canada's Cangene grabs U.S. contract to deliver a botulism antitoxin (Red Herring, 1 Jun 2006)

The United States awarded a \$363-million contract to Cangene on Thursday to strengthen the nation's ability to fight bioterrorism. The deal calls for the Winnipeg, Canada-based pharmaceutical company to develop and deliver 200,000 doses to treat individuals who have been exposed to the bacteria or toxin that cause botulism. The contract to develop a botulism antitoxin will last for five years with product delivery expected to start next year. "Botulinum toxin is one of the most poisonous substances known to science," said Gerald Parker, acting assistant secretary for the government's Public Health Emergency Preparedness office.

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