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FEDERAL

1. DHS authorization bill: A mandate for info sharing (FCW, 21 Jul 2006)

The Homeland Security Department has had information sharing on its list of technology must-dos for some time, but it would become a mandate under the fiscal 2007 authorization bill a House panel recently passed. In the bill it cleared July 19, the House Homeland Security Committee called on DHS' secretary to establish a comprehensive information technology network architecture to be run by the renamed Office of Intelligence and Analysis, currently the Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection Directorate. The new office would oversee intelligence sharing among DHS' various intelligence agencies, and information-sharing and knowledge officers would run the office's activities.

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2. House bill boosts DHS CIO, security positions (FCW, 21 Jul 2006)

The Homeland Security Department's chief information and chief security officers could move up the management chain if Congress passes the DHS fiscal 2007 authorization bill as the House Homeland Security Committee passed it this week. Under the bill, the CIO and chief security officer will become members of a cadre of DHS chief operating officers with direct control over the budgets, workforce and operations of various DHS agencies. Department leaders have been under pressure for a number of years to create a

single infrastructure to improve communications and share information; an effective CIO is considered critical for that.

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<http://www.fcw.com/article95370-07-21-06-Web>

3. Critics Fuming Over Waste by Homeland Security Dept. (AP, 19 Jul 2006)

CAPITOL HILL - Democratic Senator Charles Schumer says the Department of Homeland Security sometimes seems to be run "more like a college fraternity house than an agency meant to protect us from terror." Schumer and other critics are fuming over hundreds of thousands of dollars in charges made on government credit cards - for items like \$68,000 worth of dog booties, \$7,000 worth of i-Pods and a \$1,000 beer-brewing kit.

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<http://www.wltx.com/news/story.aspx?storyid=40066>

4. Immigration Hearings Draw Complaints (AP, 18 Jul 2006)

WASHINGTON - After more than 50 congressional hearings on immigration, lawmakers complained Tuesday about the prospect of even more hearings in a House-Senate standoff over how to deter illegal immigrants. House Republicans have called for six more hearings this month _ and possibly more in August. The hearings began after the Senate passed a bipartisan immigration bill offering a chance at citizenship to millions of illegal immigrants.

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5. Minutemen not watching over funds (Washington Times, 20 Jul 2006)

A growing number of Minuteman Civil Defense Corps leaders and volunteers are questioning the whereabouts of hundreds of thousands, perhaps millions, of dollars in donations collected in the past 15 months, challenging the organization's leadership over financial accountability. Many of the group's most active members say they have no idea how much money has been collected as part of its effort to stop illegal entry - primarily along the U.S.-Mexico border, what it has been spent on or why it has been funneled through a Virginia-based charity headed by conservative Alan Keyes.

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<http://www.washtimes.com/national/20060719-091346-2988r.htm>

6. Coast Guard chief seeking new maritime security strategy (By Chris Strohm, CongressDaily, 21 Jul 2006)

The Coast Guard is developing a maritime security strategy that will guide its decision-making, rulemaking, technological requirements and requests for legislation into the future, the agency's chief said Friday. Coast Guard Commandant Thad Allen said he hopes to unveil the new strategy within four months, adding that it will serve as the basis for making decisions. "It's going to provide us a template of how you increase maritime security," Allen told reporters during a briefing sponsored by *Defense Daily*.

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http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=34608&dcn=todaysnews

7. Broad health preparedness bill advances in Senate (CIDRAP News, 19 Jul 2006)

A US Senate committee today approved a bill packed with a wide variety of provisions designed to improve the nation's ability to handle public health emergencies, including pandemic influenza. The bipartisan "Pandemic and All-Hazards Preparedness Act" was unanimously approved by the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee, according to Laura Caudell, a spokeswoman for Sen. Richard Burr, R-N.C., the bill's author. "We passed it unanimously this morning out of committee, and now it'll be put on the legislative calendar in the Senate," Caudell told CIDRAP News. Among other things, the bill names the secretary of health and human services as the government's leader for health emergencies, requires states to meet preparedness standards and to share some of the cost of preparedness, seeks to coordinate and strengthen the nation's system of medical volunteers, and calls for tracking of influenza vaccine supplies so that doses reach high-risk groups.

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<http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/panflu/news/jul1906bill.html>

8. Purdue scientists find smallpox clue (Journal & Courier, 22 Jul 2006)

Purdue University scientists this week announced a discovery about smallpox they say could help prevent the use of the virus as a bioterrorism weapon. After a decade of work, Purdue scientists have shown that smallpox-related illnesses progress by latching on to a protein in the nucleus of a target or host cell. That protein, called TATA-binding protein, hits a trigger within the smallpox virus, allowing the virus to move to the second and third stages of development. This allows the smallpox virus to gain control of the host cell, spreading the disease throughout the body.

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9. USDA and FAO Launch Animal Disease Crisis Management Center (infoZine, 17 Jul 2006)

Washington, D.C./Rome - The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) will send four veterinary specialists to Rome to assist the United Nations' (UN) Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in launching a new crisis management center that will enhance worldwide response to animal disease. The Center will begin operations by end-July at the FAO headquarters in Rome, Italy. The Crisis Management Center, a facility run by the FAO in close collaboration with the OIE (World Organization for Animal Health) will provide animal disease analysis and information and deploy international resources to prevent and contain dangerous animal diseases. The current focus will be on highly pathogenic H5N1 avian influenza that continues to spread throughout the world.

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<http://www.infozine.com/news/stories/op/storiesView/sid/16480/>

10. TSA Issues Guidelines on Airport Development (Port Security News, 24 Jul 2006)

The Transportation Security Administration last week (July 20) issued revised guidelines designed to strengthen security-related logistical thinking during airport planning, design, and construction. The previous guidelines were developed three months prior to the

September 11, 2001 attacks. The latest guidelines provide recommendations pertaining to an airport's layout, security screening, emergency response, access control, and communications. TSA worked with 135 members of the private sector and 10 government agencies over an 18-month period to put the guidelines together.

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<http://portsecuritynews.com/news/templates/registered.asp?articleid=1173&zoneid=1>

11. Skip security lines with fast pass - Airports proposing program that would grant fee-paying travelers use of special lanes via cards (San Jose Mercury News, 23 Jul 2006)

Frequent fliers through Mineta San Jose International Airport will likely have a chance to apply for fast passes to speed their way through security lines in a few months.

Transportation Security Administration must give final approval before airports can start enrolling travelers. At this time TSA is still awaiting proposals from U.S. airports and vendors interested in taking part. Even after the TSA gives its OK, it will be another 60 days before dedicated airport lanes are open to registered travelers. San Jose was among the first to strike a deal with Verified Identity Pass, one of the companies providing the technology that will allow travelers to bypass airport security lines.

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<http://www.contracostatimes.com/mld/cctimes/news/local/states/california/15104940.htm>

12. Regulators want new ID-theft measures (Orlando Sentinel, 21 Jul 2006)

The nation's top financial regulators want to make sure banks are doing everything possible to curb identity theft, the financial crime that takes millions of people for billions of dollars every year. But as the government considers imposing new requirements on financial institutions to help prevent ID theft, the banking industry worries the initiative will result in costly red tape that could ultimately hurt consumers more than help them.

The Federal Reserve and five other regulatory agencies unveiled a set of proposals this week that would require financial institutions to take detailed measures to prevent the compromise of customers' financial data. The proposals follow an unprecedented year of security breaches - at banks, data-processing firms, brokerages and government agencies - that exposed the personal financial information of tens of millions of people to possible fraud.

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13. U.S. court date grows more likely for Canada's so-called Teflon Don (Globe and Mail, 22 Jul 2006)

The man alleged to be the don of the Canadian Mafia came a leap closer to an American courtroom yesterday after two Supreme Court of Canada rulings on extradition cases that mirror his own legal bid to stay in Canada. Vito Rizzuto, the so-called Teflon Don from Montreal, allegedly participated in the 1981 slayings of three New York mob captains who were plotting an underworld coup. He has been fighting extradition since his arrest in January, 2004. The legal arguments in his case are similar to those in two others that were rejected yesterday by Canada's highest court. One involved Brantford, Ont., resident Shane Tyrone Ferras, who is wanted in the United States on fraud and money laundering

charges. The other involved Canadian citizen Leroy Latty, a man wanted in the United States on drug-trafficking charges.

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STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

14. AZ: Guardian Angels Begin Patrolling Phoenix (AP, 23 Jul 2006)

PHOENIX - A volunteer public safety group is patrolling parts of the city amid reports that two serial killers have been striking separately in recent months, killing as many as 11 people. The Guardian Angels began their patrols in an east Phoenix neighborhood last week and expanded them to southeast Phoenix on Saturday. Some of the 16 shootings authorities attribute to the serial killers occurred in those areas. Guardian Angels founder Curtis Sliwa said the new patrol area was crime-ridden even before the shootings.

"They're welcoming us and telling us horror stories related to drug-dealing, gang-banging and the prostituting that takes place here," Sliwa said. "They generally feel unsafe, so you add to it these serial killers, they're at their wit's end."

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<http://apnews.myway.com/article/20060723/D8J1M5580.html>

15. AZ: Human trafficking's profits spur horrors (The Arizona Republic, 23 Jul 2006)

In the world of human smuggling, metro Phoenix has emerged as an enormous staging area where illegal immigrants are held hostage in apartments, motel rooms or rental homes until relatives pay their fees. State investigators say it is a \$2 billion-a-year, black-market business that drives illegal immigration, spreading corruption and violence through the Valley. On any given day in the Valley, agents say, thousands of undocumented immigrants are stuffed into drophouses as "coyotes" collect the cash, arrange for transportation and fend off other smugglers who would steal migrant clients for ransom.

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<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/news/articles/0723drophouse-main2.html>

16. CA: UC enlists Bechtel for Livermore lab bid (Sacramento Bee, 22 Jul 2006)

SAN FRANCISCO - The University of California is preparing to fight for a third federal nuclear lab contract since a series of accounting and security mishaps pushed the U.S. Department of Energy to order competitive bidding. The UC's governing body, the Board of Regents, agreed last week to team with the Bechtel Corp., a giant engineering and construction firm, to bolster a bid to retain control of the Lawrence Livermore nuclear lab. Last year the company helped UC hold on to its management contract at Los Alamos labs in New Mexico. UC has operated the historic labs in Berkeley, Livermore and Los Alamos since they were opened, in the 1940s and '50s. University officials have said the labs are critical to its status as a pre-eminent research school.

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<http://www.sacbee.com/content/politics/story/14280853p-15089127c.html>

17. CA: State returns to funding the fight against agriculture disease, pests (Desert Sun Sacramento Bureau, 23 Jul 2006)

SACRAMENTO - In the never-ending fight to keep the state's farms and landscapes free of damaging pests, California is expanding its presence on the battlefield this year. After several years of cutbacks, the governor and lawmakers this year increased funding: For county agricultural commissioners to inspect potentially infested shipments entering their counties. To revive car inspections at one border station. Using federal money, the state also is going to establish two dog teams, one in the north and one in the south, that will rotate among major shipping sites in counties like Riverside and San Bernardino.

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18. CO: Las Vegas flight quarantined (AP, 23 Jul 2006)

DENVER - A section of the airport at Las Vegas, Nev., was closed for several hours after a flight arrived from Denver with 11 sick people on board, officials said Sunday.

Passengers and crewmembers on United Airlines Flight 1491 were quarantined for several hours Saturday night at McCarran International Airport while the plane, passengers and luggage were checked by hazardous materials experts, said Elaine Sanchez, a McCarran spokeswoman. Four of the victims were flight attendants, Sanchez said. Sanchez said the cause was still being investigated. A passenger, Don Yarbrough, told KUSA TV of Denver that investigators believed the victims reacted to a cleaning fluid containing ammonia that had been used on the plane after it arrived in Denver from Cancun, Mexico.

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http://www.usatoday.com/news/nation/2006-07-23-flight-quarantine_x.htm

19. CT: Briton indicted on U.S. terror charges - Web sites raised money for al Qaeda, indictment says (AP, 19 Jul 2006)

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut - A British man was indicted Wednesday on charges he helped run terrorism fundraising Web sites, set up terrorists with temporary housing in England and possessed a classified U.S. Navy document revealing troop movements. Syed Talha Ahsan was arrested at his home in London, England, on a federal indictment in Connecticut charging him with conspiracy to support terrorists and conspiracy to kill or injure people abroad. Ahsan is accused in the same case as Babar Ahmad, a British computer specialist who was indicted in Connecticut in October 2004.

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<http://www.cnn.com/2006/LAW/07/19/terror.indictment.ap/index.html>

20. FL: Orlando Set to Shatter Homicide Record (AP, 22 Jul 2006)

ORLANDO, Fla. - So far this year Orlando has recorded 33 homicides _ just three short of a 1982 record, and with almost half the year left. Continued killings at this pace could put the city made famous by Mickey Mouse uncomfortably among the top 15 for the highest per-capita murder rate in the country. The first happened just after the New Year turned. An 18-year-old man lay bullet-riddled and dead on his street, apparently mistaken for another youth in a feud with two gun-wielding 20-somethings. Later that day it was a transient who bled to death near a homeless camp from a stab wound in the leg. Then a

22-year-old inexplicably shot in the back of the head, a 26-year-old gunned down in a drive-by and a 6-year-old apparent child abuse victim who died of severe head injuries.
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<http://www.breitbart.com/news/2006/07/22/D8J13Q880.html>

21. FL: Smuggling Suspects Indicted; Migrants Expected To Testify (Local10.com, 21 Jul 2006)

MIAMI - Friday, a grand jury returned a 68-count indictment against three men accused in a smuggling operation that ended in the death of a young woman - and the migrants that they allegedly brought to South Florida are expected to testify against them. The 28 Cuban migrants had been held on a U.S. Coast Guard cutter until they were brought to land Wednesday. The migrants are being allowed to stay so they can testify as material witnesses in the smuggling case, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in Miami. Thursday, a federal magistrate allowed the release of all 28 on bond agreements. They were released into the custody of family members. The charges against the three men include manslaughter and smuggling aliens for profit.

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<http://www.local10.com/news/9557701/detail.html>

22. GA: Atlanta pair allegedly trained for jihad - Men allegedly scouted targets in Washington, Atlanta area (AP, 19 Jul 2006)

ATLANTA, Georgia - Two young men from the Atlanta area were accused in a federal indictment Wednesday of undergoing paramilitary training in northwest Georgia and plotting violent holy war. Their civilian and government targets included an air base in suburban Atlanta, the indictment says. Named in the grand jury's indictment were Syed Ahmed, a 21-year-old Georgia Tech student who was arrested in March, and Ehsanul Islam Sadequee, another U.S. citizen who grew up in Atlanta area.

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<http://www.cnn.com/2006/LAW/07/19/atlanta.terror.ap/index.html>

23. GA: Federal, local officials at odds over disaster preparedness (McClatchy Newspapers, 23 Jul 2006)

WASHINGTON - Contractors from the Department of Homeland Security fanned out across the country in April asking state and local officials alarming questions about how ready they were for new natural disasters or terrorist attacks. If another hurricane like Katrina hit, the contractors asked, how would thousands, even millions, of people evacuate? Would a warning system alert the entire state? What would happen to the bodies of the dead? The results of the \$5 million attempt by DHS to determine whether states and cities have adequate emergency plans are troubling, and they offer a glimpse of serious behind-the-scenes disagreements among government officials over how prepared the nation is for another catastrophe.

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<http://www.ledger-enquirer.com/mld/ledgerenquirer/news/nation/15102172.htm>

24. IN: One killed, one hurt, by sniper fire on interstate (AP, 23 Jul 2006)

SEYMOUR, Indiana - Sniper fire struck two pickup trucks along Interstate 65 in southern Indiana early Sunday, killing one person and injuring another, state police said. One or more snipers shot at a southbound truck about 12:20 a.m., killing one of its three occupants, police said. About the same time, occupants of a second southbound truck called police to report a passenger had been shot. The victim was hospitalized with injuries that were not life-threatening, police said.

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<http://www.cnn.com/2006/US/07/23/indiana.shootings.ap/index.html>

25. IA: Iowa's Veterinary Response Team Grows (AP, 19 Jul 2006)

DES MOINES, Iowa - The Iowa Veterinary Rapid Response Team, a nearly all-volunteer force, is growing quickly as this Midwestern state prepares for possible incidents of foreign animal disease, agroterrorism and large scale natural disasters, state homeland security officials said Wednesday. Mark Shearer, the veterinary response coordinator for the Center for Agriculture Security, said the newly formed team's 298 members are among the state's most vital first responders.

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<http://makeashorterlink.com/?J1BE5437D>

26. MI: Bioport Expanding (WLNS.com, 21 Jul 2006)

The only government approved maker of the anthrax vaccine is celebrating its expansion. Governor Jennifer Granholm, Lansing Mayor Virg Bernero and several other community and business leaders were on hand to help dedicate the expansion of Bioport, a move company officials say will help in the country's efforts to protect against terrorism here at home and overseas. The new building means the company will increase its production of the anthrax vaccine from 120 liters to 120,000. The US Military receives its vaccinations from the Lansing plant. Robert Kramer, President, Biodefense Operations: "Clearly people who are going into high-threat areas need to be protected, this is why the military immunizes their personnel."

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<http://www.wlns.com/Global/story.asp?S=5182088&nav=0RbQ>

27. MN: Minnesota senators weigh-in on border crossing issues (Cook County News-Herald, 21 Jul 2006)

Minnesota Sen. Norm Coleman (R), along with Sen. Byron Dorgan (D-ND) and others, last week introduced an amendment to the Homeland Security Appropriations bill (H.R. 5441) to expand the types, availability, and affordability of documents citizens can use as an alternative to passports to meet the requirements of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI). The Coleman amendment to the DHS appropriations bill adds additional elements to language in the bill secured by Senators Leahy (D-VT) and Stevens (R-AK) during the Appropriation Committee's consideration of the legislation. Coleman chairs the Senate Foreign Relations Subcommittee on Western Hemisphere, Peace Corps and Narcotics Affairs, and has held two hearings on the implementation of the WHTI.

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http://www.grandmarais-mn.com/placed/index.php?sect_rank=5&story_id=222740

28. MO: Kansas City Region Sends Hospital Trailers to St. Louis Area (InfoZine, 22 Jul 2006)

Kansas City, Mo. - *infoZine* - Kansas City metro area hospitals sent five hospital surge capacity trailers - with cots, pillows, blankets and personal hygiene supplies for up to 600 victims - to the St. Louis area yesterday to help with emergency operations as that city recovers from recent storms and power outages. The supplies will be used in emergency shelters for special-needs populations, including the elderly, disabled, medically infirm.

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<http://www.infozine.com/news/stories/op/storiesView/sid/16613/>

29. NY: No ideas, no light & no end in sight! (Daily News, 23 Jul 2006)

Con Ed's top boss apologized yesterday to the 100,000 Queens residents suffering without power for a sixth consecutive frustrating day. But in his first public comments on the blackout, Chief Executive Officer Kevin Burke said he was still in the dark about what caused the outage or when service would be fully restored. The information gap further enraged elected leaders and exhausted residents who have lambasted the power giant for initially underestimating the problem and then being too slow to fix it.

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<http://www.nydailynews.com/front/story/437428p-368557c.html>

30. NY: County to apply for flood relief funding from the state (Little Falls Times, 21 Jul 2006)

HERKIMER - The Herkimer County Legislature Wednesday passed a resolution to apply for flood relief funding from the Governor's Office for Small Cities. The Small Cities Community Development Block Grant funds are available under the 2006 State Disaster Relief Program to county residents with immediate needs caused by the June flooding. A maximum of \$250,000 is available to the county under the program. It is anticipated that the State Disaster Relief, Temporary Housing Assistance Grant Program money will provide funding assistance to supplement potential gaps in insurance coverage and federal assistance for residents with immediate housing needs caused by the flooding.

CABLE Gram Suggested URL:

<http://www.littlefallstimes.com/articles/2006/07/22/news/news1.txt>

31. PA: City of Philadelphia Unveils Emergency Preparedness Report Drafted by GlobalOptions Group's James Lee Witt Associates (Business Wire, 20 Jul 2006)

NEW YORK -James Lee Witt Associates (JLWA), a unit of GlobalOptions Group, was selected by Mayor John F. Street to serve as a consultant and one of the project managers on the development of a report that assessed the City of Philadelphia's level of emergency preparedness. It was issued last week in Philadelphia at a press conference attended by Mr. Witt, the FEMA Director during the Clinton Administration. The report is the outgrowth of the Emergency Preparedness Review Committee that was convened last January by Mayor Street to conduct a comprehensive review of the City of Philadelphia's state of planning and response and to offer specific recommendations for improvement. The Committee recognized the need for an outside consultant to help guide the process, and, after a competitive bid, chose JLWA - which served as a consulting project manager

alongside the Committee's project manager. The resulting report, 175 pages long and including over 200 recommendations, can be viewed online at <http://www.phila.gov>.
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32. PA: Dept. of Health taps ESU profs to prepare health organizations (Pocono Record, 22 Jul 2006)

The Pennsylvania State Department of Health has sought the help of the chairman of the East Stroudsburg University Health Department Alberto Cardelle, interim associate provost for academic affairs and associate health professor, to make sure public health agencies in Pennsylvania and elsewhere in the Northeast are prepared for bioterrorism and other biohazards. For each of the past two years, the Center for Disease Control has provided a grant for \$100,000, through the state health department, to Cardelle and his colleagues at ESU. As a result of the grant, Cardelle and health professors Adenike Bitto and Steve Godin, and geography professor Shixiong Hu, offer workshops to public health agencies to help them identify whether an outbreak has occurred, locate its source and communicate with the affected population.

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33. TX: Truck driver accused of smuggling 16 Mexican aliens (AP, 21 Jul 2006)

LAREDO, Texas - A female truck driver has been convicted of transporting 16 undocumented aliens from Mexico in a tractor-truck. Border Patrol agents stopped Alisa May Lapier Hernandez, 35, of Laredo on April 28 for a routine immigration inspection, U.S. Attorney Don DeGabrielle said in a statement Friday. Agents discovered 16 illegal immigrants hidden in compartments in the sleeper of the truck, which had no trailer attached.

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34. TX: Two sentenced for smuggling red snapper Chron.com, 21 Jul 2006)

WASHINGTON - The captain and a crew member of a commercial fishing vessel were sentenced to prison for smuggling red snapper to the United States, the Justice Department said today. Hoang Nguyen, captain of the Galveston vessel Thanh Tam, was sentenced to two years and six months in prison and three years of supervised release, and Tam Le, the crew member, was sentenced to 21 months in prison and three years supervised release for smuggling the fish in 2005. The two pleaded guilty in the case earlier this year after they were indicted in Houston in November.

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<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/metropolitan/4064440.html>

35. TX: West Nile virus discovered in Texas-side dead bird (Texarkana Gazette, 21 Jul 2006)

Get out the mosquito spray and the citronella candles. West Nile virus has found its way to Texarkana once again. A bird tested positive for the virus at the Texarkana Bowie

County Family Health Center. It only took 20 to 25 minutes for the results to come in, local health officials said.

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36. TX: Carruthers Remains in Custody on Charges (AP, 21 Jul 2006)

FORT WORTH, Texas - The chief executive of BetOnSports PLC, a major online sports-betting operation, remained in custody Friday on racketeering and conspiracy charges after his lawyer asked that a bail hearing be postponed. The hearing for David Carruthers will be held instead in federal district court in St. Louis. No date was set.

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<http://apnews.myway.com/article/20060721/D8J0IP3O3.html>

KEY PEOPLE

37. DHS names new privacy officer (FCW, 21 Jul 2006)

Hugo Teufel III, the Homeland Security Department's associate general counsel, was appointed the department's new chief privacy officer by DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff. Teufel was previously associate solicitor at the Interior Department and deputy solicitor general of Colorado before that. DHS' previous acting chief privacy officer, Maureen Cooney, recently left to work in private practice after 20 years in the federal government. Cooney was made DHS' acting chief privacy officer in September 2005. Congress created the position in 2002 to monitor government programs and the effects of new technologies on privacy.

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<http://www.fcw.com/article95371-07-21-06-Web>

GANG ACTIVITY

38. DC: Williams Seeks 50% Cut in Crime - Council Approves Stricter Curfew, Cameras (Washington Post, 23 Jul 2006)

Mayor Anthony A. Williams (D) responded to a recently declared crime emergency by vowing to cut violent crime levels in half within 30 days. He got help from the D.C. Council, which passed emergency legislation. Council members signed off on a stricter curfew for youths younger than 17, surveillance cameras to deter and spot crimes and other steps that the mayor said will make a difference.

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39. IL: Gang crackdown gets mixed review (Daily Herald, 23 Jul 2006)

When the temperature heats up, crime rates typically climb. The police in Carpentersville hope to reverse that trend this summer. In March, police officials launched the Gang Identification and Prevention Program to crack down on illegal gang activity in the village, like drive-by shootings.

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<http://www.dailyherald.com/story.asp?id=210156>

40. IL: 19-year-old killed in gang shooting (Chicago Sun-Times, 23 Jul 2006)

A 19-year-old man was killed early Sunday in an apparent gang-related drive-by shooting in the Englewood neighborhood. The victim was identified as Tavarious Thomas, of the 5600 block of S. Wolcott Ave., according to the Cook County Medical Examiner's office. According to police, Thomas was shot about 1:20 a.m. on the 5600 block of South Wolcott, but the medical examiner's office has the address of occurrence as 5600 S. California Ave.

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<http://www.suntimes.com/output/news/thomas23.html>

41. MD: Initiative combats gang violence (The Gazette, 20 Jul 2006)

Law enforcement agencies in Frederick County have no intention of putting out the welcome mat for gangs. They plan to mount an assault against the drugs, robbery, gun trafficking and murder committed by notorious street gangs, such as MS-13, Crips and Bloods, who have been slowly infiltrating Frederick County since the late 1980s. The Frederick County State's Attorney's Office announced at a joint press conference Tuesday the formation of the county's first gang reduction initiative.

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42. MD: Anne Arundel Co. Prepares For Future Gang Violence (WJZ, 21 Jul 2006)

They call themselves Mara Salvatrucha or MS-13. Authorities say they were street gang members and guerrillas in their native El Salvador. Federal, state and local authorities say MS-13 has been importing their criminal enterprise to Maryland and Northern Virginia. "We recognize the fact that gang activity may exist in the future," say Frank Weathersbee of Anne Arundel County Police. Anne Arundel County says they have identified warnings of a gang presence, and want to stop it before it becomes a problem. So, the county has developed a new task force called Gang Related Investigations and Prosecution, or GRIP.

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43. SC: Rise in gang crime concerns police (The Herald, 23 Jul 2006)

Hoping to combat what he calls a growing gang problem in Rock Hill, Police Chief John Gregory is asking for permission to hire a new detective solely for gang-related crimes. Police report seeing an increase in Hispanic gangs, including the deadly MS-13, in recent months and now believe Rock Hill is home to about 30 active gang members. Many "appear to be relocating to the area to avoid detection and continue their criminal activities," Gregory wrote in a memo to the City Council.

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<http://www.heraldonline.com/109/story/4938.html>

44. TN: Nashville gang life draws thousands (Fairview Observer, 23 Jul 2006)

Nashville has several thousand members in nine street gangs that go by names such as the Bloods, Crips, Asian Pride, Brown Pride and MS-13. Some deal drugs and get in fights

with each other. All throw gang signs. And some of them go home to single mothers in the suburbs. Nashville's gangs are less organized, less violent and less territorial than their counterparts in Los Angeles, Chicago and Houston, police said. They have been here at least 20 years, but they have not reached the level of the corporate-like enterprises that exist in major gang cities. Last weekend's shooting in the polished corridors of Opry Mills mall was believed to be gang-related and brought to the forefront a problem that had so far manifested itself in lower-income neighborhoods in southeast and north Nashville.

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45. TN: Gang unit attempts to keep lid on conflict (Tennessean, 23 Jul 2006)

On any given night, Metro's gang unit is listening in on undercover drug buys, staking out a house where gang members are meeting, or patrolling the parking lots of local shopping malls. Before the unit was created in 2004, individual precincts handled their own investigations of gang problems in their areas. The precinct officers still lead those investigations, according to police, but the special skills of the centralized gang unit's six officers are called upon to assist in crimes that might be gang-related. The unit of five detectives and a sergeant made 487 arrests last year and served 223 warrants on gang members, gang Sgt. Gary Kemper said. Their goal is to keep the gangs at a low level of organization and, through their presence, let members know that starting conflicts isn't tolerated.

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46. TX: Prisons Breeding Ground for Gang Membership (KGBT, 23 Jul 2006)

They started as street gangs, youth in search of power. But groups like the Tri-City Bombers and the Texas Chicano Brothers, groups that first began right here in the Valley, have now become powerful businesses. "It was cute when it started out. It was funny, it got scary, and then it got bad," says Edinburg Detective Robert Alvarez. Alvarez has followed the growth of the Valley's gangs over the last two decades, and says law enforcement has un-intentionally helped them prosper.

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<http://www.team4news.com/Global/story.asp?S=5185475&nav=0w0v>

47. VA: Task Force Tackling Gangs From All Angles (Washington Post, 19 Jul 2006)

It's been three years since a spate of gang violence sparked the creation of a regional gang task force in Northern Virginia. Since then, the task force has grown bigger and more versatile, while reports of serious gang crimes have plunged, dropping by 39 percent from 2004 to 2005 and heading lower again this year.

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48. VA: Gunfire Hits Seven Loudoun Homes (Washington Post, 20 Jul 2006)

A 47-year-old man was critically wounded while he slept early yesterday as gunmen fired as many as 30 rounds into seven homes in Loudoun County in what investigators suspect was escalating gang warfare. The shootings lasted about 30 minutes, ending about 1:45 a.m. in the Sterling Park neighborhood, Loudoun authorities said. Other residents were in the targeted homes, but there were no other injuries.

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49. WY: Town prepares for Hells Angels rally (AP, 21 Jul 2006)

CODY, Wyo. - Gail Nace can't help but smile, talking about Hells Angels and the business they'll bring her downtown bar when they ride into town this week for a major gathering. Barbara Hoy is excited, too. Experience tells the arts-and-crafts dealer that bikers, who often stop in this tourist town on trips to nearby Yellowstone National Park, are free with their money and don't mind the prices. "These people have nothing but money to spend," she said. But Hells Angels, with their outlaw image, aren't just any bikers, and not everyone is rolling out the welcome mat.

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http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/business/1310AP_Anticipating_Hells_Angels.html

NARCO TRAFFICKING

50. IN: Indiana State track and field athlete accused of connection with major cocaine ring (The Noblesville Times, 22 Jul 2006)

An Indiana State track and field athlete is among three men arrested in what police describe as a significant cocaine ring. James Dearman, 20, of Lawrence was arrested Wednesday by agents from the Hamilton/Boone County Drug Task Force along with two other men in what a task force official said was a "relatively large cocaine operation with big-time dealers at the helm." Maj. Randy Schalburg, director of the Hamilton/Boone County Drug Task Force, said that Dearman, a sophomore who majored in construction management, was being investigated for more than two months by the task force and Lawrence police.

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51. LA: Jefferson Parish Cocaine Bust (KLFY, 19 Jul 2006)

Posing as contractors, undercover narcotics agents busted an alleged ring of Hispanic drug dealers in Jefferson Parish. According to troopers, the four were found with two kilos of cocaine.

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<http://www.klfy.com/Global/story.asp?S=5173551>

52. LA: State police seize over 74 pounds of cocaine in traffic stop (KLFY, 20 Jul 2006)

MONROE, La. Three people were arrested and over 74 pounds of cocaine was seized early today during a traffic stop on Interstate 20 in Monroe. State police stopped a full-sized white van shortly after midnight near the U-S Highway 165. When troopers

questioned the driver and passengers, they appeared nervous and had conflicting travel stories. troopers got written permission to search the van and located the suspected cocaine in a manufactured compartment within the frame rails of the van.

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<http://www.klfy.com/Global/story.asp?S=5176302>

53. MD: Howard Police Bust Cocaine Ring (AP, 19 Jul 2006)

COLUMBIA, Md. - Police in Howard County have rounded up nine people and are looking for three more in connection with a cocaine ring in four Columbia neighborhoods. Police say the ring was moving between \$200- and 300,000 worth of cocaine per month during the past year. Authorities used undercover detectives, confidential informants and electronic surveillance during the ten-month investigation.

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<http://www.wjla.com/news/stories/0706/345714.html>

54. MA: 3 Boston cops arrested in FBI cocaine sting (AP, 22 Jul 2006)

BOSTON - Three Boston police officers accused of taking \$35,000 in exchange for protecting a cocaine shipment were arrested in Miami on federal drug charges in an FBI sting operation, authorities said Friday. Roberto Pulido, 41, described by authorities as the ringleader, and fellow officers Carlos Pizarro, 36, and Nelson Carrasquillo, 35, were arrested late Thursday in Miami. All three officers appeared Friday in federal court in Miami but did not enter pleas. The judge said he would appoint attorneys to assist with their Miami proceedings and ordered them held until a detention hearing Wednesday. "The alleged criminal activities of Pulido, Pizarro and Carrasquillo are truly appalling and are an affront to every decent law enforcement," said U.S. Attorney Michael J. Sullivan.

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55. MO: Man arrested after police find 10 pounds of cocaine in luggage (AP, 20 Jul 2006)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Police arrested an Amtrak train passenger traveling from Los Angeles to Chicago earlier this week when they found 10 pounds of cocaine in a bag they believe was his. Jack L. DeLong, 35, made his first appearance in U.S. District Court Wednesday on charges of possession with intent to distribute. Authorities said DeLong on Monday got off the train when it stopped briefly in Kansas City. A detective with the city's drug interdiction unit approached DeLong and asked him about a blue bag left behind in a passenger car. "Mr. DeLong immediately began to perspire and shake uncontrollably," said an affidavit filed in the case.

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<http://www.kansascity.com/mld/kansascity/news/local/15082179.htm>

56. NM: Thieves sentenced; Cocaine discovered (Albuquerque Tribune, 22 Jul 2006)

Two Farmington-area men accused in the theft of hundreds of pounds of explosives and detonators stockpiled near Albuquerque have been sentenced. David Kendrick Brown of Bloomfield was sentenced Wednesday to 209 days, or time served. He was ordered to

complete a substance abuse program, refrain from alcohol or drugs and participate in an education program. Robert Shaw, who pleaded guilty to possessing stolen explosives, was sentenced Thursday to nine years in prison. Although he did not participate in the theft, he received a longer sentence because of prior convictions for aggravated assault and criminal sexual penetration.

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http://www.abqtrib.com/albq/nw_state/article/0.2564.ALBO_19863_4863428.00.html

57. PA: Motorcycle gang members charged in alleged \$11 million drug ring (AP, 21 Jul 2006)

BENSALEM, Pa. - Fifteen members of an outlaw motorcycle gang face charges in connection with an \$11 million methamphetamine ring in Pennsylvania and New Jersey, authorities said Friday. Members of the Breed motorcycle gang distributed more than 120 pounds of crystal meth from May 2005 through June, the Pennsylvania attorney general and Bucks County prosecutors said. Attorney General Tom Corbett said the investigation began with an undercover purchase last year and eventually was placed before a statewide grand jury, which recommended criminal charges.

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<http://www.timesleader.com/mld/timesleader/15094291.htm>

58. TN: 44 pounds of cocaine seized (The Dickson Herald, 21 Jul 2006)

A routine traffic stop Tuesday yielded 44 pounds of cocaine with an estimated street value of \$10 million, according to agents with the 23rd Judicial Drug Task Force. Agent Jerry Ferrell said he was patrolling Interstate 40 near mile-marker 173 around 1:20 p.m. when he noticed Edna Louise Hall of Roanoke, Va., driving erratically. Hall told Ferrell she was driving from New Jersey to Memphis to pick up her sister. A search of the truck, which had New Jersey tags, turned up a satchel full of cocaine, wrapped in heavy-duty industrial tape.

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59. TX: Dallas police register record cocaine bust (Star-Telegram, 19 Jul 2006)

The Dallas Police Department seized 297 kilos of cocaine late Tuesday — the largest seizure in the department's history. The cocaine, equaling 653.4 pounds, was found during two traffic stops in two different vehicles, said Lt. Rick Watson, police spokesman. Watson said the cocaine is worth \$13.3 million. Police arrested four people, two in each car. The suspects were under surveillance as part of a joint effort between the Dallas Police Department, High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area and the Drug Enforcement Administration, officials said. Three kilos were found in one car and 294 kilos were found in the other car, Deputy Chief Julian Bernal said. During the traffic stop, about \$20,000 was found in the vehicles and \$6,000 was found on the suspects, Bernal said.

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<http://www.dfw.com/mld/dfw/news/local/15076257.htm>

60. TX: Narcotics officer pleads guilty to extortion charges (AP, 21 Jul 2006)

LAREDO - The deputy commander of a narcotics task force who accepted tens of thousands of dollars to protect drug dealers pleaded guilty to extortion charges Friday. Julio Alfonso Lopez, 45, pleaded guilty to conspiring to extort money from drug traffickers, U.S. Attorney Don DeGabrielle said. An accomplice, 32-year-old Meliton Valadez, was convicted Friday for his role as Lopez's middleman with the traffickers. Federal investigators accused Lopez of using his position to ensure safe passage of drugs through sparsely populated Zapata County along the Mexican border.

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<http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/metropolitan/4064375.html>

61. Scotland: Cocaine use by 'professionals' doubles in year (news.scotsman.com, 22 Jul 2006)

COCAINE-USE among Scots in their late 20s and early 30s has almost doubled in a year, according to a new report that suggests it now appears to be the drug of choice for young professionals. Across all age groups, use of the class A drug increased slightly, but in the 25-29 age group it almost doubled, from 1.4 per cent to 2.7 per cent of the population. In the 30-34 age group there was also a marked jump, from 1.9 per cent to 2.8 per cent. The number of teenage cocaine-users dropped over the same period, suggesting that the drug is becoming increasingly tied to lifestyle and income.

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<http://news.scotsman.com/scotland.cfm?id=1065102006>

62. 3,5 tonnes cocaine seized in Spain (makfaxc, 23 Jul 2006)

Spanish Coast Guard and Police seized 3,5 tonnes of cocaine in the waters of the Atlantic Ocean, which is one of its biggest drug seizures this year. The narcotics were hidden in a fishing boat, said Spanish police, which arrested four smugglers, three Spaniards and one Colombian. Following this operation, the police arrested a second Colombian of the same criminal group in Madrid. The ship was located 800km from the southern Spanish port city of Cadiz.

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63. DPRK linked to smuggling of stimulants (The Yomiuri Shimbun, 22 Jul 2006)

The National Police Agency has concluded that the North Korean government was involved in the smuggling of stimulant drugs, the NPA sources said Friday, citing an investigation into seven cases from 1997 to May this year. The conclusion was made on the grounds that North Korean spy ships were used to transport the drugs and that smugglers arrested in Japan indicated during police investigations that they had been instructed by the North Korean government. The NPA also suspects it is highly likely the smuggled drugs were produced at three to four secret plants in North Korea, and investigations will continue, the sources said.

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<http://www.yomiuri.co.jp/dy/national/20060722TDY01005.htm>

CYBERTHREAT & THEFT

64. PowerPoint Attack May Have Been Espionage (SecurityProNews, 21 Jul 2006)

Somebody's been causing Microsoft a headache with a zero-day attack against PowerPoint. That's not terribly remarkable - Microsoft products are often targeted by cybercriminals. But researchers at Symantec believe this attack could be an example of industrial espionage. Last week we reported on the zero-day attack. Dubbed Trojan.Riler.F by Symantec, it "is a back door Trojan horse that installs itself as a layered service provider (LSP), and allows a remote attacker to have unauthorized access to the compromised computer." The security company designated its "damage level" as "medium," but classified it as "Risk Level 1: Very Low." But Microsoft may be getting nervous due to the comments of Alfred Huger, the senior director of engineering at Symantec. According to an article on eWeek, Huger thought "the sophisticated nature of the attacks suggest it is the work of well-organized criminals associated with industrial espionage."

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65. ID: Identity theft concerns raised (Argonaut, 21 Jul 2006)

When Lillian Hatheway learned last month that her name had been one of almost a million saved in a computer stolen from a California-based health insurance company, her reaction was more annoyed than scared. Hatheway, an administrative assistant at the University of Idaho, was one of more than 2,000 UI employees whose personal information was jeopardized after a camera, two laptop computers and a file server were stolen from a regional office of the health insurance company Medical Excess, LLC in March. "My biggest surprise was that they didn't get on it quicker," Hatheway said. "And I was annoyed with the fact that the university would even give out our information." According to a letter Medical Excess sent affected employees at the end of June, "certain files contained individual names with accompanying Social Security numbers and birthdates. For a small percentage of the individuals, medical and disability information was also stored on the server."

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<http://www.argonaut.uidaho.edu/content/view/1920/48/>

66. NY: Computer Theft Could Mean Identity Theft Risk For Thousands Of New Yorkers (NY1.com, 22 Jul 2006)

According to Newsday, half a million New Yorkers may reportedly be in danger of identity theft after a computer containing information on thousands of special Workers' Compensation claims from New York went missing. The computer belonged to a Chicago-based company that handles the claims. The FBI is investigating the incident. Officials say the information includes personal information and Social Security numbers. The computer disappeared in May, but an employee waited more than a month before reporting it.

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<http://www.ny1.com/ny1/content/index.jsp?stid=1&aid=61220>

67. NY: Vampire Web site used to lure girls (AP, 21 Jul 2006)

CENTRAL ISLIP, New York - A man who prosecutors say lured underage girls he met on a vampire-related Internet site to cemeteries for sex pleaded not guilty to rape and sodomy charges. Eric Fischer, 23, was ordered held on \$350,000 bail after entering the plea Thursday on a 25-count indictment that included charges of rape, criminal sexual act and endangering the welfare of a child, according to the Suffolk County district attorney's office. Prosecutors said he contacted his victims using a Gothic culture Web site and arranged to meet them in cemeteries on Long Island, east of New York City, prosecutors said.

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<http://www.cnn.com/2006/LAW/07/21/internet.predator.ap/index.html>

68. US 'worst' for online child abuse (BBC, 20 Jul 2006)

Investigations by the Internet Watch Foundation (IWF) found nearly 2,500 US sites containing illegal images. The IWF study also said that some sites that contain the illegal content remain accessible for up to five years despite being reported to relevant authorities. In April the US Attorney General proposed changes in the law to tackle the problem. The proposals by Alberto Gonzales included new laws that would require Internet Service Providers (ISPs) to report images of child abuse.

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<http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/technology/5195460.stm>

69. Verizon Blocks Cell Phone Telemarketer (AP, 20 Jul 2006)

BASKING RIDGE, N.J. - Verizon Wireless has obtained a permanent injunction blocking a Miami telemarketer from making automated calls to its customers, the cellular phone company said Thursday. The injunction comes after Verizon Wireless reached an agreement with All Star Vacations and Marketing Group Inc., which Verizon sued in February, along with another Florida travel company, for illegally soliciting wireless phone customers. Verizon Wireless, jointly owned by Verizon Communications Inc. (VZ) and Vodafone Group PLC (VOD), said more than 500,000 of its customers received telephone calls in Spanish from All Star on behalf of the two travel companies. The customers were told they had won a trip to one of several resorts and then directed to call a toll-free number to claim the prize.

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<http://apnews.myway.com/article/20060720/D8IVTAL00.html>

RESOURCES & OPPORTUNITIES

70. Governors group issues pandemic planning guide for states (CIDRAP News, 19 Jul 2006)

The role of state officials in an influenza pandemic has been hazy, but the focus became clearer yesterday when the National Governors Association (NGA) released a guide that spells out key planning issues for top state officials.

The guide, *Preparing for a Pandemic Influenza: A Primer for Governors and Senior State Officials*, was released during a telephone news conference. It was produced for the NGA by Stephen Prior, PhD, who is founding research director at the National Center for

Critical Incident Analysis in Washington, DC. Prior is an expert on the medical response to biological weapons and bioterrorism.

The primer isn't a template for a pandemic plan; rather, it walks governors through the considerations they need to keep in mind when forming a plan. For example, in addition to coordinating healthcare during a disease outbreak, state officials may have to curb disease spread by restricting public gatherings, limiting travel, and closing schools.

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<http://www.cidrap.umn.edu/cidrap/content/influenza/panflu/news/jul1906governors.html>

71. Agencies to Teach Cybersecurity Protection (AP, 19 Jul 2006)

BOISE, Idaho - Federal scientists who study how hackers try to break into computer-based controls for nuclear reactors and other automated industrial systems are passing the secrets on to the private operators of such facilities. The U.S. Department of Energy and U.S. Department of Homeland Security will sponsor free classes in protecting remote controls of critical infrastructure during an international cybersecurity summit in Las Vegas Sept. 28-30. Researchers from the Idaho National Laboratory will demonstrate cybersecurity attacks on Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition, or SCADA, networks that regulate electrical-supply systems and other automated industrial controls of potential terrorist targets, such as railroads, chemical plants and hydroelectric dams. The courses were held once before, in March, at a similar conference in Orlando, Fla., sponsored by the SANS Institute, a Maryland-based computer-security organization. More than 400 information technology workers from 23 countries attended the classes, said Ethan Huffman, a spokesman for the Idaho National Laboratory's national security programs.

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<http://apnews.myway.com/article/20060719/D8IVAM087.html>

72. New Online Certificate Addresses Global Threats (Georgetown University)

Washington, D.C. – The Department of Microbiology and Immunology at Georgetown University recently launched the new Online Certificate in Biohazardous Threat Agents and Emerging Infectious Diseases. The 12-credit graduate program, which focuses on the science behind the agents and diseases they cause, is currently open for enrollment for the Fall 2006 semester. The department also offers a Master of Science in the field.

“At the opening of the 21st century, we are faced with the dual threats of bioterrorism and global warming,” said Dr. Michael Cole, a department faculty adviser who was integral to the launch of the new program. “Biological terrorism threatens malicious dispersal of hazardous viruses, bacteria and their toxins, while climate change has enormous effects on infectious diseases, particularly those transmitted by insects. This new certificate program is specifically designed to address these global threats by providing an understanding of the nature and biology of the threat agents as well as the processes of their detection and prevention.”

The certificate program consists of four core online courses, taught by experts in the field, which can be taken as part of a full-time or part-time course of study. If pursued on a full-time basis, the certificate program is a one-year commitment.

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<http://explore.georgetown.edu/news/?ID=16923>

EVENTS

73. MN: U of M Helps Northeast Minnesota Prepare for Public Health and Bio-Terroism Emergencies (Academic Health Center, 19 Jul 2006)

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL - The University of Minnesota School of Nursing and School of Public Health are holding a one-day workshop to teach regional hospital first-receivers how to care for patients during public health and bio-terrorism emergencies. Minnesota Emergency Readiness Education and Training (MERET) will be held Wednesday, July 26, 2006, at the Virginia Regional Medical Center, 901 9th St. N., Virginia, Minn., McMillan Auditorium B and C, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Using realistic injury simulation, known as moulage, participants will learn how to use personal protective equipment and best practices for the care and decontamination of patients in an event of mass casualties. They will conduct and evaluate emergency drills and mock disasters and discuss topics such as the psychosocial and emotional needs of emergency health care workers, team safety, and patient triage and decontamination with experts from the University of Minnesota and the BORDERS Alert and Ready program at the University of North Dakota.

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