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FEDERAL

1. FBI Proposes Building Network of US Informants (ABC News, 25 Jul 2007)

The FBI is taking cues from the CIA to recruit thousands of covert informants in the United States as part of a sprawling effort to boost its intelligence capabilities. According to a recent unclassified report to Congress, the FBI expects its informants to provide secrets about possible terrorists and foreign spies, although some may also be expected to aid with criminal investigations, in the tradition of law enforcement confidential informants. The FBI did not respond to requests for comment on this story. The FBI said the push was driven by a 2004 directive from President Bush ordering the bureau to improve its counterterrorism efforts by boosting its human intelligence capabilities.

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<http://blogs.abcnews.com/theblotter/2007/07/fbi-proposes-bu.html>

2. Senate Dems dare Bush to veto homeland security funds (By Chris Strohm, CongressDaily, 24 Jul 2007)

Defying a likely White House veto threat, Senate Democrats on Tuesday vowed to pass a fiscal 2008 Homeland Security spending bill that is about \$2.3 billion more than President Bush requested. The bill would provide the department about \$37.6 billion in total spending - including about \$36.4 billion in discretionary spending - setting up a potential showdown with the White House. Although Bush has not yet threatened to veto the measure, he has threatened to veto the House version because it would appropriate more than he requested. "If [Bush] wants to veto this bill, he's going to have to explain to the American people why the police department down the street will be getting less support, why the fire station around the corner will be getting less help and why their community cannot develop an emergency plan so they are prepared for a disaster," said Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash. "If the president really wants to veto this bill, he's going to have to make his case to the American people."

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3. Security bill negotiators settle two issues (By Chris Strohm, CongressDaily, 24 Jul 2007)

Negotiations over the weekend and early Monday yielded breakthroughs on two of the most contentious issues holding up a sweeping bill to implement unfulfilled recommendations of the 9/11 Commission, according to aides. House and Senate conferees have agreed in principle to let the Bush administration decide which federal agency should be in charge of managing and disbursing transportation security grants, aides said. The administration has already stated its preference to have the Homeland Security Department handle the job, rather than the Transportation Department, aides added. The agreement essentially mirrors language in the Senate's version of the 9/11 Commission legislation. One aide cautioned, however, that the final agreement on transportation grants has not been formally approved by the House and Senate leadership.

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4. Homeland Security urged to weigh all options for consolidating offices (GovExec.com, 26 Jul 2007)

The Homeland Security Department and General Services Administration should consider more alternatives before consolidating Homeland Security offices in Washington, D.C., at a new location, according to a report from a watchdog agency. More information is needed to help the agencies gain backing for their preferred site - St. Elizabeths Hospital West Campus in Southeast Washington, the Government Accountability Office report (GAO-07-658) stated. "In order to better support DHS' preferred course of action at St. Elizabeths, the [DHS] secretary and [GSA] administrator should jointly perform a comprehensive analysis of the costs, from the perspective of the federal government as a whole, that would result if DHS headquarters operations are consolidated at St. Elizabeths, and compare these costs to the costs of other alternatives at the St. Elizabeths campus," the report said.

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5. Appropriators put the brakes on FDA consolidation plan (By Anna Edney, CongressDaily, 24 Jul 2007)

Congress is putting the brakes on FDA's plan to close seven of 13 laboratories throughout the country that play crucial roles in testing food and pharmaceuticals when threats crop up. The House and Senate Agriculture spending bills approved by both chambers' Appropriations committees on Thursday would prohibit the agency from moving forward with its plan, despite FDA Commissioner Andrew von Eschenbach's assurances that lab consolidation would not weaken the agency's ability to protect the food and drug supplies. "It is baffling that as concerns about food safety mount, and there is increasing evidence that our food safety net already has gaping holes, the FDA would eliminate the few food safety protections that remain in place," House Energy and Commerce Oversight and Investigations Chairman Bart Stupak, D-Mich., said. "Despite repeated requests from my subcommittee, FDA has failed to provide any analysis justifying its radical reorganization plan."

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6. Bill aims to protect terrorism tipsters (NewsDay, 25 Jul 2007)

WASHINGTON - Terrorism tipsters will have immunity from lawsuits filed by individuals they report under legislation proposed by Rep. Peter King and included by a congressional conference committee in a homeland security bill. The Seaford Republican's amendment was attached to the bill after a week of negotiations between King and top Republicans, and Democrats who sought to limit the protection, which they said might encourage racial profiling. The amendment would protect anyone who reports suspicious activities to authorities from being sued as a result of providing information. The protection is retroactive to Oct. 1, 2006, to cover the incident behind its inception.

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7. Coordination Needed for Food Emergencies (National defense Magazine, August 2007 Issue)

There is no way to guarantee the safety of U.S. food and agricultural products, and confusion within governmental agencies may slow down response time should supply chains be attacked, said one expert. "I think there's a perception out there that we should be able to say 'this agency is responsible at all times for the safety and security for our food and agriculture system.' [But] that simply is not the case," Dave Filson, emergency preparedness and response coordinator for the Penn State Cooperative Extension, said at a Capitol Hill briefing. "Our ability to ensure with zero risk that our food and agricultural system is absolutely, positively protected is something we cannot do." He pointed to last year's outbreak of E. coli, which killed three people and sickened hundreds. The bacteria were traced back to spinach grown in California and sold with little processing. That risk was contained quickly, he said, but what would happen if the nation's food or agricultural system were deliberately tampered with?

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8. Chlorine attacks in Iraq spur warnings in US - Water-plant vigilance urged (Boston Globe, 24 Jul 2007)

WASHINGTON - A spate of deadly chlorine bomb attacks in Iraq is prompting the Bush administration to urge nearly 3,000 municipal water treatment plants in the United States to make sure their chlorine gas is well protected - spotlighting what Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff has singled out as a "gap in our system of regulation."

Although some plants have switched to less dangerous methods of disinfecting drinking and waste water, many still add chlorine gas to kill bacteria. The gas can also be used as a chemical weapon. In recent months, Iraqi insurgents have started attaching chlorine cylinders to car bombs and roadside explosives to burn people's lungs, eyes, and skin downwind from a blast.

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9. Government Reports Cybercrime Poses National Risk (Information Week, 24 Jul 2007)

A government study showed that while cybercrime is posing a risk to national **security** and the U.S. economy, law enforcement still lacks the technical capabilities to tackle it. The Government Accountability Office reported on Tuesday that public and private sectors face numerous challenges to secure cyberspace, both in operational security and in law enforcement. The GAO report also noted that the commercial and the government sectors are struggling to detect and report cybercrime. IT managers, according to the report, are wrestling to implement stronger security, while law enforcement is fighting a growing problem - one that is especially strong outside of U.S. borders and out of the government's usual legal reach.

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10. Outsourcing in the Dark (Washington Post, by Harold Meyerson, 26 July 2007)

Over the past six years, the Bush administration has contracted out government whenever possible. The government spent \$219 billion on private contracts in 2000; for the past two years, its annual spending on private contractors has topped \$400 billion. Much of that is going to the contractors providing services to our forces in Iraq, but the privatization extends well beyond the war. The Energy Department, Friedman testified, has 15,000 federal employees and pays for roughly 100,000 contract employees. DHS Inspector General Richard Skinner testified that the value of DHS contracts rose from \$3.4 billion to \$15.8 billion in a single year. DHS, he said, is unable to select or monitor its contractors with as much care as he'd like. At the Energy Department's National Nuclear Security Administration, Associate Administrator William Desmond testified, contracted projects are growing "faster than we can hire managers to oversee them." Part of the problem is that the federal government has no central database to assess the record of prospective contractors. When DHS checks out its contract bidders, Elaine Duke, the department's chief procurement officer, told the committee, there's no file containing reports on contractors from the various departments' inspectors general or Congress's Government Accountability Office. If the companies have been indicted or involved in civil action over their performance, contract officers such as Duke are, like the rest of us, reliant on Google to discover what's out there.

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11. Airports Warned About Terror Dry Runs (AP, 24 July 2007)

Airport security officers around the nation have been alerted by federal officials to look out for terrorists practicing to carry explosive components onto aircraft, based on four curious seizures at airports since last September. The unclassified alert was distributed on July 20 by the Transportation Security Administration to federal air marshals, its own transportation security officers and other law enforcement agencies.

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<http://www.wtop.com/?nid=116&sid=1199175>

12. Security Report Meant To Raise Awareness, Not Alarm, TSA Says (Washington Post, 26 Jul 2007)

Passengers mentioned in a security report describing suspicious items at airports are not terrorism suspects and were included in the document only to help airport screeners think more broadly about potential threats, the nation's top aviation security official said yesterday. The report, issued by the Transportation Security Administration and titled "Incidents at U.S. Airports May Suggest Possible Pre-Attack Probing," was obtained by the news media and cited widely on cable news programs yesterday. It describes several incidents, including one at Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport last year, in which screeners stopped items that looked like bombs.

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13. TSA: Unguarded Rail Cars 'Highest Risk' for Attack (NewsChannel5.com, 23 Jul 2007)

There's more evidence about the potential terrorist threat highlighted in a recent NewsChannel 5 investigation. *USA Today* reports, "The government for the first time will monitor rail shipments of potentially deadly cargo passing through cities to make sure cars vulnerable to attack don't sit unguarded for too long." The newspaper notes that the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) "will start a nationwide tracking system in about a month to determine how long rail cars filled with lethal materials are stopped on tracks or sit in unsecured storage yards in urban areas."

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<http://www.newschannel5.com/Global/story.asp?S=5977001>

14. Ocean shipping: Carriers stress security's role at AAPA event (Logistics Management, 23 Jul 2007)

BOSTON-Even though there are many initiatives and forms of political legislation designed to protect ports, carriers, and shippers in the event of an act of terrorism or natural disaster, the underlying theme is that much more work, planning, resources, and education is needed to make ports truly safe, according to panelists at the American Association of Port Authorities (AAPA) Port Security Seminar held in Boston last week. The panel, entitled "Ocean Carrier Perspective on Port Security Challenges," touched upon what is-and what is not-happening to make ports as safe as possible. Shortly after the terrorism acts of September 11, 2001, a lot of legislation designed to make ports more secure was drafted, but much did not go very far with the notable exception of the Maritime Transportation Security Act and the SAFE Ports Act, said John Hyde, vice president of corporate security and compliance for Maersk Sealand.

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<http://www.logisticsmgmt.com/article/CA6462110.html>

STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

15. AZ: Sheriff's crackdown targets human smuggling (KVOA, 21 Jul 2007)

PHOENIX - Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio says his office is launching a new crackdown against human smuggling of illegal immigrants. The crackdown centers on using 160 deputies cross-trained in immigration law to scour Phoenix-area highways and roads, Arpaio said in a late Friday announcement. The sheriff said deputies will be looking for vehicles commonly used to move large numbers of illegal immigrants and that those vehicles will be stopped if they're seen speeding or committing other violations.

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<http://kvoa.com/Global/story.asp?S=6821365>

16. CA: Feds Pledge Crackdown On Human Smuggling (NBC San Diego, 24 Jul 2007)

SAN DIEGO - A top federal official visiting San Diego Tuesday said human smuggling is a major priority for the Department of Homeland Security. The White House sent Julie Myers, head of Immigration and Customs Enforcement, to discuss the issues affecting the U.S.-Mexico border. Myers told NBC 7/39 federal agencies plan to ask Mexico and other countries to work with them in bringing a stop to sophisticated smuggling rings that work

both sides of the border. "We are seeing these organized groups that are looking for porous points in the border and that are taking nationals of various kinds through these points. Those are things that ICE is working very hard to attack through multi-year investigations. We have several in progress, and I think you're going to see some good results very soon," Myers said.

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<http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/13749061/detail.html>

17. CA: Recreational Boats Restricted From Controlled Navigation Areas in L.A. Harbor (The Log, 26 Jul 2007)

LOS ANGELES - Recreational boats can no longer enter large areas of Los Angeles and San Pedro harbors that are designated as Controlled Navigation Areas (CNAs).

Recreational boats cannot enter several commercial basins designated as CNAs and they can't approach within 100 ft. of certain CNA commercial docks or commercial vessels using those docks. The Port of Los Angeles approved these security restrictions in May. After a six-month period of public outreach, while recreational boaters learn the locations and rules governing the CNAs, the Port Police will begin enforcing the restrictions at the end of this year.

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<http://www.thelog.com/news/newsview.asp?c=221055>

18. CA: TSA - Items Made To Resemble Bombs Seized At Lindbergh Field (NBC San Diego, 24 Jul 2007)

SAN DIEGO - Lindbergh Field is among four airports named in an intelligence bulletin that warns terrorists may be planning future attacks in the United States. In the report issued by the Transportation Security Administration, and obtained by NBC News, law enforcement and airport officials are urged to be aware that terrorists "may be" conducting "pre-attack security probes" or "dry-runs" at airports across the country, including San Diego. According to the bulletin, dated July 20, TSA personnel have confiscated items "resembling improvised explosive device (IED) components." The items included wires, switches, pipes and "dense clay-like substances," and were found not only at Lindbergh Field, but also at Milwaukee, Houston and Baltimore's airports. The finds were described as a "surge in recent suspicious incidents." According to the TSA, on July 7, a person, either a citizen or foreigner, checked baggage containing two ice packs covered in duct tape at Lindbergh Field. The ice packs contained clay inside them, rather than normal blue gel. In two of the four incidents, the TSA said blocks of processed cheese were connected to wires and an electrical switch, or the cheese was taped to a bag holding a cell-phone charger.

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<http://www.nbcsandiego.com/news/13747170/detail.html>

19. CA: Rocket explosion kills two in California (Agence France-Presse, 27 Jul 2007)

A rocket exploded Thursday at an airport in the California desert, killing two people and seriously injuring four others, firefighters said. "There was an explosion on the Mojave Airport at 2:30 this afternoon (2130 GMT)," fire engineer Roberto Figueroa of the Kern County Fire Department told AFP. "There are two confirmed fatalities and four seriously

injured." "What exploded was a rocket," he said. The cause of the explosion was not immediately known. The airport is located 130 kilometers (80 miles) north of Los Angeles. The Mojave desert is the site of the aerospace company Scaled Composites, run by US engineer Burt Rutan, who in 2004 won a 10-million-dollar prize by launching a rocket to space twice within a two-week period.

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<http://www.spacedaily.com/2006/070726235645.zbv113v.html>

20. FL: Two arrested for alleged roles in smuggling Cubans to Marco in 2005 (Naples News, 20 Jul 2007)

Two men have been arrested in connection with the smuggling of 14 Cubans on Marco Island in November 2005. Rolando Gonzalez, 32, Miami Gardens, and Jose Robaul-Banos, 35, 5336 17th Place S.W., Golden Gate, were arrested on charges of racketeering for their alleged involvement in the human smuggling, the Collier County Sheriff's Office said in a news release Friday announcing the arrests. The charge of racketeering comes from the two men working as part of an organization in order to commit the crime of human smuggling, the news release said.

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21. GA: Kings Bay subs have a new unit watching their backs (The Times-Union, 25 Jul 2007)

ST. MARYS - A year ago, the U.S. Coast Guard's Maritime Force Protection Unit was a concept. Tuesday, it became reality. The new unit - the first of its kind - was officially activated at a commissioning ceremony at Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base. A second Maritime Force Protection Unit will be commissioned Thursday at a ceremony in Bangor, Wash. Both units have one mission - to protect submarines entering and leaving their respective bases.

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http://www.jacksonville.com/tu-online/stories/072507/geo_186825812.shtml

22. ME: Coast Guard to Establish Security Force at Bangor (Kitsap Sun, 25 Jul 2007)

BANGOR - The U.S. Coast Guard announced Wednesday it will create a security unit to provide fleet security at Naval Base Kitsap-Bangor. The security team, called the Maritime Force Protection Unit, will be activated today. "It's just part of the growing Homeland Security program," said Petty Officer Russ Tippetts, a U.S. Coast Guard spokesman. The new Maritime Force Protection Unit will be used in addition to existing security, Tippetts said. Tippetts declined to comment on the unit's size or composition, but said it will escort vessels in and out of port, do coastal patrols for suspicious activity, board vessels and monitor infrastructure such as bridges. A Coast Guard statement added that the unit will "provide terrorism protection through strategic partnerships."

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<http://www.kitsapsun.com/news/2007/jul/25/coast-guard-to-establish-security-force-at/>

23. ME: Senator Collins Won't Support New Port Security Measure (WSCH, 23 Jul 2007)

PORTLAND - Proposed legislation that would require mandatory screening of all maritime cargo is being called overkill by some leaders. Senator Collins, a ranking member of the Homeland Security Committee, says the proposed legislation goes too far and would bog down waterfront commerce. Since the 9-11 attacks, ports have been viewed as one of the biggest holes in our nation's security and senator collins has been leading the way in trying close that gap. Legislation now being proposed in congress would require all cargo moving through our ports to be scanned for dangerous materials. That's all cargo, 100-percent.

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<http://www.wsch6.com/news/article.aspx?storyid=66882>

24. MD: Baltimorean given 15-year term as 'would-be terrorist' (Baltimore Sun, 25 Jul 2007)

NEW YORK - Mahmud F. Brent never blew up a bridge, shot an innocent civilian or plotted to attack a military base. Instead, he attended a training camp in Pakistan five years ago that was run by the armed wing of a religious organization that is labeled a terrorist group by the U.S. government. And that was enough Wednesday for a federal judge to sentence the former cabdriver from Baltimore to a 15-year prison sentence. Judge Loretta A. Preska of the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York called Brent's actions "of the most serious variety," adding that the prison term "if anything, is on the low side" of the federal sentencing guidelines. Brent, 32, was charged in August 2005 under a federal law that prohibits the providing of material support to a terrorist organization.

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<http://www.baltimoresun.com/news/nation/bal-brent0725.0,5019718.story>

25. NY: Gun-smuggling crew guilty in Qaeda sting (NY Daily News, 25 Jul 2007)

Six men were convicted yesterday of plotting to sell rocket-propelled grenades, assault rifles and shoulder-fired missiles to an FBI informant posing as an Al Qaeda-linked international arms dealer. Accused ringleader Artur Solomonyan of Sheepshead Bay, Brooklyn, and five others were convicted by a jury in Manhattan Federal Court of trying to smuggle military-style arms out of the former Soviet Union to spots in New York, Los Angeles and Miami between 2003 and 2005. The feds say Solomonyan, 28, boasted he could get his hands on enough uranium to blow up a train station. Eight assault weapons, a machine gun and three high-powered rifles were delivered before the men were arrested.

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26. NY: Six convicted of arms deals in NY federal court (Reuters, 24 July 2007)

An Armenian and South African were convicted by a federal jury on Tuesday of agreeing to smuggle Russian military arms into the United States including rocket-propelled grenade launchers and other weapons. Artur Solomonyan, 28, from Armenia, and Christiaan Dewet Spies, 35, from South Africa, and four other men were found guilty in

Manhattan federal court of charges including arms trafficking conspiracy, arms trafficking and firearms trafficking. Prosecutors said Solomonyan and Spies were the ringleaders of the group who sold a machine gun and assault rifles to an informant, and showed photos of shoulder-fired surface-to-air missiles and other weapon acquired in Armenia and Chechnya.

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<http://www.reuters.com/article/domesticNews/idUSN2421010420070724>

27. NY: Intrepid could become anti-terror platform (Newsday, 27 Jul 2007)

The 2008 Veterans Day Parade will be re-routed west across 42nd Street and north on 12th Avenue to pay homage to the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Intrepid, which will return to its refurbished berth at Pier 86 on Sept. 26, 2008 - the birthdate of the late Zachary Fisher, who founded the Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum, officials announced Thursday. They also said the ship could be used in the future as a potential command post in the event of another terrorist attack. "Upon its return, it will stand at the ready should we need her," said Mark Mershon, head of the FBI's New York office. The legendary World War II ship was retrofitted with an onboard facility that could double as an emergency operations center if needed, Mershon said Thursday.

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28. NC: Information may be best bomb defense (The News and Observer, 24 Jul 2007)

RALEIGH - State and local law enforcement officers need hands-on training and access to the freshest intelligence from around the globe to detect the latest types of bombs used by terrorists, federal and state officials said Monday. The weapon of choice for terrorists, as seen in Iraq and Afghanistan and the streets of urban targets such as London, Madrid and Mumbai, is the homemade bomb. To blow up trains, airports or airliners, terrorists often replace military or industrial explosives with easily purchased commercial products that are hard to detect, officials said Monday at the State Bureau of Investigation's crime lab in Raleigh.

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29. TX: Man involved in smuggling chase pleads guilty (AP, 25 Jul 2007)

SAN ANTONIO - A man involved in a South Texas chase that ended in a rollover that killed three illegal immigrants has pleaded guilty to smuggling charges. Javier Ramirez-Garcia is a Mexican national who was among 20 people in an SUV that rolled in San Antonio this month after a 100-mile chase. In the plea in federal court yesterday, Ramirez-Garcia acknowledged that he and another guide led 17 illegal immigrants over the Mexican border for \$2,500 each. Ramirez-Garcia faces up to ten years in prison.

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30. WA: Plane returns to Sea-Tac after bomb threat (Seattle Times, 26 Jul 2007)

A man who missed his flight out of Sea-Tac on Wednesday afternoon warned a gate agent that there was a bomb on the plane, apparently hoping the delay would get him on board. But when the plane took off a second time hours later, he was instead in the custody of Port of Seattle police. The man, whose identity was not released Wednesday, was detained shortly after he told a gate agent at Seattle-Tacoma International Airport that there was a bomb on board Memphis-bound Northwest Airlines Flight 980, airport spokeswoman Terri-Ann Betancourt said. He is being investigated for a slew of state and federal charges ranging from making a bomb threat to interfering with air travel, Betancourt said. The man had been traveling with a group; it wasn't clear why he had missed the plane while the rest of the group hadn't.

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KEY PEOPLE

31. Tom McGinn, DVM, Director, Food, Agriculture and Veterinary Defense before the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Emerging Threats, Cybersecurity, and Science & Technology: "Food Defense: Post-Harvest Preparedness" (Remarks as Prepared, 25 Jul 2007)

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Subcommittee, thank you for this opportunity to talk with you about the safety, and in particular the post-harvest defense, of our food supply. The United States has not only the most bountiful food production capacity in the world, but it is among the safest as well. Safety is not an inherent quality of U.S. food production - it takes continual dedication to ensure the safety and security of the food supply. I appreciate the chance to highlight the contributions of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to Food, Agriculture and Veterinary (FAV) Defense. I will also discuss the role that DHS played in the recent pet food contamination incident as demonstration of the diversity of DHS programs. Finally, I will discuss the Office of Health Affairs' (OHA) strategic plan to further implement Homeland Security Presidential Directive 9 (HSPD-9) along with state and local governments and the private sector. Importantly, managing any event will not be a federal issue alone. Success in the realm of food safety and defense will depend upon coordination among states, local and private entities, and national programs that utilize our Nation's resources effectively.

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32. Change of command comes for Coast Guard (Stars and Stripes, 22 Jul 2007)

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan - U.S. Coast Guard Capt. Gerald M. Swanson took command Friday of a region that includes 41 countries spanning 12 time zones and two oceans. Yet the base of operations of his USCG Activities Far East is not a bustling port; it is at land-locked Yokota Air Base, where the closest body of water is the nearby Tama River and the closest U.S. coast is 1,500 miles away on Guam. FEACTION exists to inspect ships and ensure safe shipping bound for U.S. ports. At the ceremony, Rear Adm. Sally Brice-O'Hara, commander of the 14th Coast Guard District, spoke of the importance of their mission, which Swanson assumed from Capt. Michael L. Blair.

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33. CO: TSA in Denver gets new director (9News.com, 19 Jul 2007)

DENVER - When you go through security at Denver International Airport, you can think of David Bassett. He has just been named the federal security director, or FSD, of the Transportation Security Administration in Denver. Bassett replaces Bill Allen, who has been the acting FSD ever since Patrick Ahlstrom became a senior field executive for the TSA. Bassett used to manage security operations at Buffalo Niagara International Airport for the TSA. Before that, he was the FSD at the Greater Rochester International Airport.

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34. HI: Glen Kajiyama Named New TSA Director (KGMB, 18 Jul 2007)

A new man may soon be in charge of protecting passengers and employees at the Honolulu International airport. The Transportation Security Administration named Honolulu Police Department veteran Glen Kajiyama as the new federal security director. Kajiyama was with HPD for 30 years, and has an extensive law enforcement background. His position is pending approval from the Department of Homeland Security. Kajiyama takes over for Sydney Hayakawa, who retired in June.

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35. MI: TSA Names Penny J. Anderson as Federal Security Director for Gerald R. Ford International Airport (PRNewswire, 18 Jul 2007)

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. - The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has named Penny J. Anderson federal security director (FSD) for Gerald R. Ford International Airport (GRR). Anderson has been with TSA since 2005 and most recently served as TSA Representative in Sydney, Australia. In this position, she acted as TSA's primary liaison to foreign governments and stakeholders. Additionally, she worked closely with the U.S. Ambassador's Office and embassy personnel on transportation security issues.

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36. NY: Joseph Morris Named to Top Security Position at John F. Kennedy International Airport (PRNewswire, 19 Jul 2007)

NEW YORK - The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) has named Joseph Morris Jr. federal security director (FSD) for John F. Kennedy International Airport (JFK). Morris arrives at TSA with experience in both the public and private sectors. Prior to joining TSA, he was a security and logistics consultant with the URS Corporation for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey at the World Trade Center Transportation Hub. On September 11, 2001, he took part in rescue operations and was designated the World Trade Center site commander in charge of directing police rescue and recovery operations.

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37. OK: Bradley named state epidemiologist (AP, 19 Jul 2007)

OKLAHOMA CITY - Doctor Kristy Bradley was named the state's epidemiologist today, putting her in charge of Oklahoma's efforts to prevent outbreaks of infectious diseases. Bradley will continue in her role as the state's public health veterinarian while assuming the additional duties.

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38. VA: New port director gets maximum bonus pay (The Virginian-Pilot, 24 Jul 2007)

NORFOLK - Jerry A. Bridges, the Virginia Port Authority's executive director, was awarded a \$36,250 bonus Tuesday by the authority's Board of Commissioners. It was the maximum bonus possible for the five-month period beginning in February, when Bridges joined the authority, replacing J. Robert "Bobby" Bray, who had led the port since 1978. Bridges' employment contract allows him to receive an annual bonus of up to 30 percent of his \$290,000 salary, in addition to a \$7,500 yearly allowance. "We are very pleased with the job that Jerry Bridges has done since joining the port," said John G. Milliken, the authority's chairman. "Our direction to him was to step into what everybody acknowledges are big shoes, and he has done that."

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GANG ACTIVITY

39. MS-13 gang seeks to unite nationwide (Washington Times, 25 Jul 2007)

Lt. Bobby Shirley of the Jefferson County, W.Va., Sheriff's Department examined gang graffiti in 2005 on a building near where members of a Mara Salvatrucha gang were known to congregate. Federal law-enforcement officials warn that MS-13 groups are uniting across the U.S. The international street gang MS-13 is unifying its violent members across the U.S., including the D.C. area, attempting to strengthen its criminal operation by creating a single organization. "Traditionally, the gang consisted of loosely affiliated groups known as cliques; however, law enforcement officials have reported increased coordination of criminal activity among Mara Salvatrucha cliques in the Atlanta, Dallas, Los Angeles, Washington, D.C., and New York metropolitan areas," states a confidential letter sent out earlier this month from the U.S. Attorney's Office in the Southern District of Illinois. "MS-13 is attempting to become a unified criminal enterprise operating under one leadership." The Washington Times has obtained a copy of the letter and an Army intelligence presentation on the growth of MS-13, or Mara Salvatrucha.

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40. MD: New Unit Targets Gang Prosecutions (Washington Post, 20 Jul 2007)

Montgomery County officials announced yesterday the creation of Maryland's first gang prosecution unit, designed to curtail what officials say is a growing problem. Under the new system, five assistant state's attorneys will be alerted as soon as a gang member is

arrested, giving prosecutors more time and flexibility in preparing cases for trial, Montgomery State's Attorney John J. McCarthy said. Previously, the office had one prosecutor assigned to gang cases.

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41. MD: MS-13 Gang Member Sentenced to 37 Years in Prison (PRNewswire, 23 Jul 2007)

GREENBELT, Md. - U.S. District Judge Deborah K. Chasanow sentenced Oscar Ramos Velasquez, age 22, of Baltimore, today to 37 years in prison, followed by five years of supervised release for conspiracy to commit murder in aid of racketeering, conspiracy to participate in a racketeering enterprise and conspiracy to commit assaults with a deadly weapon in order to maintain and increase his position in MS-13, assault with a deadly weapon in aid of racketeering and use of a firearm in relation to a crime of violence, announced United States Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein. United States Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein said, "The RICO statute allows us to prosecute gang members in federal court for the activities of the criminal organization they chose to join. This sentence should serve as a warning to young people who are tempted to join gangs like MS-13, that you may pay for that decision for the rest of your life. Federal, state and local authorities will continue to work together to combat violent gangs in Maryland."

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42. NM: Border Patrol nabs suspected MS-13 gang member(Las Cruces Sun-News, 20 Jul 2007)

LAS CRUCES Customs and Border Patrol agents in New Mexico netted more than 700 pounds of marijuana and nabbed a member of the international MS-13 gang this week. On Wednesday evening, Border Patrol agents followed footprints three miles south of NM Highway 9 when they encountered six individuals in the desert with five large bundles of marijuana. During the course of the arrest, agents discovered that one of the members of the group, a 30-year-old male from Chihuahua, Mexico, is a member of the street gang, Mara Salvatrucha (MS-13). Agents also found .22 caliber ammunition hidden in a backpack belonging to one of the suspected smugglers.

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43. PA: Court throws out city's illegal immigration law (Reuters, 26 Jul 2007)

HAZLETON, Pa - A U.S. judge on Thursday struck down as unconstitutional a local law designed to crack down on illegal immigration, dealing a blow to similar laws passed by dozens of towns and cities across the country. U.S. District Judge James Munley said the city of Hazleton, 100 miles north of Philadelphia, was not allowed to implement a law that would fine businesses that hire illegal immigrants and penalize landlords who rent rooms to them. "Federal law prohibits Hazleton from enforcing any of the provisions of its ordinances," Munley wrote in a 206-page opinion following a federal trial in which Hazleton's law was challenged by civil rights groups.

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44. TX: More than 120 gang members arrested in North Texas (AP, 23 Jul 2007)

DALLAS - More than 120 street gang members have been arrested in raids in North Texas cities. Immigration officials today announced several of those arrested during the weeklong operation are US citizens with pending warrants. Some already been returned to their home countries or are being processed for deportation. Others are being prosecuted for re-entering the US following deportation. They represented members of 27 gangs.

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45. U.S.-Central American Cooperation Focuses on Fighting Gangs - Stopping gang violence part of U.S. security plan for region (By Eric Green, USINFO Staff Writer, 24 Jul 2007)

Washington - Regional cooperation among Central America, Mexico and the United States is focusing on a new strategy to counter gang-related violence and develop programs that encourage young people not to join gangs. Christy McCampbell, the State Department's deputy assistant secretary of state for international narcotics and law enforcement affairs, told *USINFO* July 23 that the anti-gang strategy is part of an overall security plan for Central America and Mexico being developed jointly by the United States and the countries involved in the region.

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46. COHA Report: Another in a Series of Reports on Drugs, Terror and Criminality in Latin America and the Caribbean (Council on Hemispheric Affairs, 24 Jul 2007)

Growing Criminality Along With the Advent of The "Terror" Factor in the Caribbean. In the past, matters of U.S. concern with the Caribbean have been related to stepped up flows of illegal northbound immigration as well as the region's ominous role as an emerging major portal for incoming narcotics from South America and Mexico. However, most recently, the Caribbean Basin now has achieved a much darker silhouette because of its connection to Russell Desfreitas, the Guyanese-American who was indicted last month for his role in leading a group of Trinidadians in a plot to attack the fuel supply system at John F Kennedy Airport in New York City. The charges brought against Desfreitas and his co-conspirators have made Trinidad and the Caribbean, at least temporarily, a new venue requiring increased U.S. vigilance in its ongoing struggle against international terror.

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NARCO TRAFFICKING

47. Feds Revamp Drug Strategy (The Conservative Voice, 26 Jul 2007)

Despite longstanding efforts to overcome organized crime narcotics trafficking, the enormous profits derived from these illicit activities make their control one of the greatest

challenges facing American law enforcement personnel today. Developing successful cases against narcotics trafficking conspirators requires the effective use of investigative expertise and innovative techniques. Successful cases often result when skilled Federal, State, and local investigators and prosecutors combine their resources in planned and coordinated enforcement actions. Major conspiracies typically span jurisdictional boundaries, requiring multiple agencies to successfully investigate and prosecute offenders. Individual agencies often lack the capability to assemble and exchange intelligence about these conspiracies, allocate resources effectively, and coordinate enforcement efforts.

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<http://www.theconservativevoice.com/article/26891.html>

48. Federal Agents Use Horses Tamed By Prisoners To Try To Prevent Drug Smuggling From Canada (CBS, 21 Jul 2007)

This unspoiled corner of Montana - and the 30,000 wild horses that still roam the American West - are among the last remnants of an untamed time. Now, the horses are stepping into a new role. Federal agents are now using these formerly wild horses to patrol a 300-mile rugged stretch of the U.S. border with Canada. It's called "project noble mustang" and it's filling gaps in homeland defense. "These horses, basically, they're our wheels ... getting (us) into areas that were inaccessible before." says James Perkins of the U.S. Border Patrol.

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49. ME: County man found guilty of smuggling (Bangor Daily News, 21 Jul 2007)

BANGOR - A federal jury late Thursday found an Aroostook County man guilty on more than a dozen counts related to a multimillion-dollar marijuana distribution operation. He was convicted of drug smuggling, money laundering and Social Security fraud after a weeklong trial in U.S. District Court. Michael J. Pelletier, 56, of St. David could spend the rest of his life in a federal prison. A sentencing date has not been set, but on the drug charges alone Pelletier faces a mandatory minimum sentence of 10 years and a maximum sentence of life in federal prison and fines of up to \$4 million.

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50. MD: Alleged Drug Trafficker Arrested in Maryland (AP, 24 July 2007)

U.S. federal agents have arrested a Mexico City businessman wanted in connection with one of the Western Hemisphere's largest trafficking rings for the main chemical ingredient in methamphetamine. Zhenli Ye Gon was arrested in a Maryland restaurant Monday evening, four months after police discovered \$207 million at his Mexico City mansion in what U.S. officials have called the world's biggest seizure of drug cash. Mexican Attorney General Eduardo Medina Mora called the arrest "magnificent news" and said Mexican officials had 60 days to file their legal arguments for Ye Gon's extradition. The Chinese-Mexican fugitive is wanted on organized crime, drug trafficking and weapons charges. DEA spokesman Garrison Courtney said Ye Gon was arrested on

drug smuggling and money laundering charges, adding that he was tracked down by agents and did not turn himself in.

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COUNTERFEIT

51. F.B.I. and Chinese Seize \$500 Million of Counterfeit Software (New York Times, 25 July 2007)

The F.B.I. said Tuesday that a joint effort with the Chinese authorities had led to the arrest of 25 people and the seizing of more than \$500 million worth of counterfeit Microsoft and Symantec software that was being made in China and distributed worldwide. The arrests, according to industry executives, represented the most significant crackdown on software piracy. "This is the biggest software counterfeiting organization we have ever seen by far," Microsoft's associate general counsel for worldwide piracy and counterfeiting issues, David Finn, said. "This is a real milestone." The arrests and seizures came at a time American politicians and executives are pressing China to take strong measures to curb software piracy.

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TECHNOLOGY

52. Chertoff Visits Port, Highlights Security Technology (The Log Newspaper, 26 Jul 2007)

LONG BEACH - Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff met with Port of Long Beach officials on July 20 to examine the first field tests of a new radiation-detection system designed to better protect seaports from potential nuclear threats. Chertoff and Rep. Jane Harman (D-Venice) discussed port security issues and federal security funding with Long Beach Mayor Bob Foster, Long Beach Vice Mayor Bonnie Lowenthal, Long Beach Councilwoman Suja Lowenthal and Port Executive Director Richard D. Steinke. A demonstration of the new radiation detectors was also conducted. Chertoff's visit to the Pier A facility, operated by SSAT - Long Beach Terminal, LLC, highlighted a new security technology designed to improve radiation detection at cargo container terminals.

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53. APL executive: technology does not necessarily make cargo, ports safer (Logistics Management, 25 Jul 2007)

BOSTON-The role of ocean container-based technology solutions, such as e-seals, container security devices, and smart containers, among others, to protect our ports from acts of terrorism and foreign adversaries does not necessarily not make things more secure, according to Earl Agron, vice president of security for APL Limited. Speaking at the American Association of Port Authorities Port Security Seminar in Boston last week, Agron said things like e-seals "definitely do not" provide a safer environment. "There are

many ways to defeat a seal and break into a container while still making it look like the seal is intact,” said Agron. He added that APL has done some work in researching this, as have the Los Soloboy National Labs, which tested nearly 250 different types of seals and were able to defeat them in an average time of less than two minutes. This time, he said, includes sealing the container in a way that makes it look like it was not breached.

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54. Homeland defense: Network system is broken (Colorado Springs Gazette, 21 Jul 2007)

The Pentagon’s ability to help civil authorities respond to a disaster or terrorist attack is hobbled by a “fractured national communication system” that remains an impediment six years after the Sept. 11 attacks, the nation’s homeland defense leader said this week. Testifying before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs on Thursday, Air Force Gen. Gene Renuart said communications problems make it more likely federal forces will be needed in a regional disaster. “Whether responding to a disaster of natural or manmade origins, collaboration among interagency partners at all levels of government is built upon the cornerstone of communications,” Renuart said. But six years after communications breakdowns kept rescuers in the dark on Sept. 11, “our nation continues to struggle with two distinct communications issues: interoperability and survivability,” he said.

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55. DHS, DOD solving first responder ID card interoperability problem (FCW, 23 Jul 2007)

The departments of Defense and Homeland Security are making sure first responders are never again stopped a mile from the Pentagon and forced to walk to a disaster. That is what happened to one key federal anti-terrorism official after the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001. A Virginia State trooper stopped the official as he was trying to fulfill on-site responsibilities at the Pentagon. “He had to walk the rest of the way,” Craig Wilson, a smartcard expert with the Department of Homeland Security, said on July 20. Officials are hoping to minimize such difficulties through the use of a First Responder Authentication Credentials (FRAC) identification card, which was a key component in the July 19 Summer Breeze Exercise. The FRAC card is encoded with critical data that lets commanders at the scene authenticate the responder’s credentials using a wireless handheld device.

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<http://www.fcw.com/article103299-07-23-07-Web>

56. SEC's suspension of anti-terrorism Web tool praised (By Winter Casey, National Journal's Technology Daily, 24 Jul 2007)

The top Republican on the House Financial Services Committee is pleased by the Friday announcement that the Securities and Exchange Commission will temporarily suspend the availability of a controversial Web tool that tracks corporations with investments in countries considered by the United States to sponsor terrorism. "Retooling this Web site -

which previously provided access to incomplete and extraneous information - will enhance its usefulness to citizens seeking to determine whether their investments are being used to finance terrorism or genocide," Rep. Spencer Bachus of Alabama said, in a statement. SEC Chairman Christopher Cox said the agency plans to work to improve the Web tool, which permits investors to view company disclosure documents on business interests in countries that the secretary of State has designated to be "state sponsors of terrorism." These countries include Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria. This tool, which Cox said has experienced "exceptional traffic" since it was unveiled on June 25, has generated criticism from some lawmakers and businesses.

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57. DHS Favors RFID (By Bob Brewin, 23 Jul 2007)

Even though the Homeland Security Department has not yet decided what type of technology to use in passes issued to frequent travelers crossing the border, it appears the department has decided that Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) beats any other alternative in terms of speeding folks across the border with Mexico and Canada.

Customs and Border Protection, whose parent department is DHS, came to that conclusion in its [Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment](#) for the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative released last month. That draft report says it will take just 20 seconds to read an RFID-enabled document, query the CPB database before a traveler reaches the guard booth and send the travelers (except for bad guys) on their merry way. That's five seconds faster than it would take to process machine readable documents through an optical card scanner and 25 seconds faster than it would take for an officer to inspect paper travel documents and manually enter a database query, the environmental assessment concluded. Those saved seconds can add up, according to the environmental assessment, as there were 246.9 million border crossings from Mexico and 76.7 million crossings from Canada in 2004. At those volumes, even a five second difference can amount to a lot of stalled traffic burning up \$3-plus a gallon gas.

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58. Warfighter Physiological Status Monitor Testing (Technology News Daily, 25 Jul 2007)

Recently researchers from the U.S. Army Research Institute of Environmental Medicine (USARIEM) got a chance to test out one of the products they have been working on in an exercise scenario. The Warfighter Physiological Status Monitor (WPSM) lets an observer view heart rate, respiration and core temperature from a remote location. Although intended for medical personnel to monitor the critical vital signs of Warfighters on the battlefield or in training, it also has other uses. In June, USARIEM worked with the National Guard 1st Civil Support Team Weapons of Mass Destruction (CST-WMD) out of Wellesley, Mass., during two training exercises. The mission of the CST-WMD is to support civilian authorities in the event of a WMD incident. Their tasks include advising local authorities and assisting with response.

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<http://www.technologynewsdaily.com/node/7532>

59. Laser Sets Records In Power And Energy Efficiency (SPX, 27 Jul 2007)

Evanston IL - The rise in global terrorism in recent years has brought significant attention to the needs for more advanced sensors and defense technologies to protect civilians and soldiers. Next-generation laser-based defense systems are now being designed for this need, including the use of infrared countermeasures to protect aircraft from heat-seeking missiles and highly sensitive chemical detectors for reliable early detection of trace explosives and other toxins at a safe distance for personnel.

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60. Peregrine Enters Contract Negotiations With U.S. DTRA for Hemorrhagic Fevers (PRNewswire, 23 Jul 2007)

TUSTIN, Calif. - Peregrine Pharmaceuticals, Inc. , a clinical stage biopharmaceutical company developing monoclonal antibodies for the treatment of cancer and hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection, today announced that the company's proposal to investigate its antiviral agent bavituximab and other anti-phosphotidylserine (anti-PS) antibodies as potential therapies for hemorrhagic fever virus (HFV) infections has been selected for a contract award by the Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) of the U.S. Department of Defense (DOD), pending negotiation of a final contract. In its notification announcing the selection of Peregrine's proposal, DTRA stated that its goal is to finalize the contract award within the next few months.

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RESOURCES

61. WMD training at Alabama CDP (Excerpted from the Salem times-Commoner, 20 Jul 2007)

The CDP is operated by the United States Department of Homeland Security's Office of Grants and Training and is the only federally-chartered Weapons of Mass Destruction training facility in the country. The CDP is also a member of the National Domestic Preparedness Consortium, in partnership with Louisiana State University, the Nevada Test Site, New Mexico Tech, and Texas A&M. The CDP provides federally-funded, interdisciplinary training for emergency responders from across the United States and U.S. Territories, for the following disciplines: Emergency Management, Emergency Medical Service, Fire Service, Governmental Administrative, Hazardous Materials, Health Care, Law Enforcement, Public Health, Public Safety Communications, and Public Works. Emergency responders attending training participate in advanced, hands-on all hazards training on Chemical, Ordnance, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Weapons of Mass Destruction. Training conducted at the CDP assists the nation's emergency response community with the overwhelming task of prevention of, protection against, response to, and recovery from acts of terrorism.

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<http://www.salem-tc.com/news/2007/0720/Community/082.html>

62. Canada has '24'-like team ready for chemical, biological attack (David Pugliese, CanWest News Service, 20 Jul 2007)

CFB SUFFIELD, Alta. - The explosion in the terrorist lab was unexpected and had spread contamination throughout the room. An RCMP officer, clad in a bulky suit designed to protect him from the blast as well as chemical, biological and radioactive agents, collapsed to the ground after the booby-trap detonated. Nearby, a group of Canadian military specialists, also wearing protective gear and gas masks, rushed to help the man, putting him on a stretcher and moving him away from the area now believed to be contaminated by some kind of chemical, biological or radioactive substance. His suit was hosed down with various chemicals and the layers of protective gear carefully removed before medical staff checked on his condition. Although the scenario recently played out at this sprawling base in southern Alberta was just a practice exercise - there was no actual explosion, although at times small amounts of chemical or radioactive substances were used - the speed and efficiency of the soldiers' reactions would be the difference between life and death in a real situation. The military members gathered around the RCMP officer are from the Joint Nuclear Biological and Chemical Defence Company, the Canadian Forces' unit whose job is to deal with weapons of mass destruction. The JNBCD company, part of the military's special operations command, handles the "Jack Bauer-24" type scenarios; it provides a national response for chemical, biological and radioactive threats, whether it be tracking down and dealing with a weapon of mass destruction or collecting and cataloging evidence that might be used in court to prosecute terrorists for creating or setting off such a device.

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63. "Critical Infrastructure: The National Asset Database," Congressional Research Service Report updated July 16, 2007

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<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homsec/RL33648.pdf>

64. "Chemical Facility Security: Regulation and Issues for Congress," Congressional Research Service Report updated June 21, 2007

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<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homsec/RL33847.pdf>

65. "Pipeline Safety and Security: Federal Programs," Congressional Research Service Report updated July 11, 2007

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<http://www.fas.org/sgp/crs/homsec/RL33347.pdf>

OPPORTUNITIES

66. Chicago Crime Commission President Wagner Trains U.S. Troops on International Organized Crime (PRNewswire, 23 Jul 2007)

CHICAGO - Chicago Crime Commission President James W. Wagner trained the New Intelligence Unit formed within the 101st Airborne Division based at Fort Campbell on

organized crime investigations on July 10, 2007. These troops will be deployed very shortly to Iraq and Afghanistan to assist in the investigation of criminal groups in those regions. The specialty airborne unit at Ft. Campbell received detailed information about organized crime groups in the U.S. as well as their counterparts throughout the world. Mr. Wagner's presentation detailed the threats organized crime groups pose to U.S. citizens and U.S. interests nationally and globally in addition to discussing investigative techniques and tactical strategies. Mr. Wagner will return to provide more in-depth training on organized crime and investigative techniques to the troops. He will also return later this summer to provide an overview of organized crime to top armed services commanders at an exclusive high-level training session as well as to continue to train the troops before deployment. The Chicago Crime Commission is one of a few civilian organizations invited to train U.S. armed services personnel heading overseas. Due to the sensitive nature of the training, detailed information is not publicly available and any information has to be cleared prior to release. Persons and businesses seeking to join the Commission or interested in additional information about the Chicago Crime Commission should log on to

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<http://www.chicagocrimecommission.org>

67. The federal government is hoping to hire almost 200,000 people between now and 2009. The perks can be generous and you don't have to live in D.C. (Fortune, 26 Jul 2007)

The federal government is about to embark on a hiring spree, according to a new study by a nonprofit group called the Partnership for Public Service (www.ourpublicservice.org). Indeed, 193,000 jobs will open up between now and 2009, according to the report, which is based on a detailed survey of 34 agencies representing about 99% of the federal workforce. Most of the hiring is due to two big factors - the aging of the workforce and the war on terror. Nearly one-third of the government's 1.6 million full-time employees are expected to retire over the next few years, and they all need to be replaced. At the same time, more than 83,000 jobs are being added at agencies charged with protecting the United States, including 47,897 jobs at the Department of Homeland Security and 35,505 at the Department of Defense. There will be 62,863 security and law-enforcement openings.

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68. Controllers at busiest airports retiring in large numbers (GovExec.com, 23 Jul 2007)

A group of air traffic controllers, hired en bloc in the early 1980s after 11,000 controllers were fired for striking, now is retiring rather than continuing under a new pay scale and work rules imposed by Federal Aviation Administrator Marion Blakey. Their departure is leaving FAA short on capability and expertise just as air traffic is increasing exponentially and a new generation of controllers desperately needs seasoned hands to guide them, a new *Government Executive* analysis shows. At first glance, last year's contract talks between FAA and the National Air Traffic Controllers Association foundered on a disagreement over how much a financially strapped agency ought to pay a

highly trained and already highly paid segment of its workforce. But when negotiations broke down and Blakey imposed her final contract proposal, a far more significant challenge emerged. The controllers might not have won a ratified contract, but their numbers gave them unexpected power. Ironically, that power has its roots in the destruction of a controllers union more than two decades ago. In 1981, President Ronald Reagan banned from federal employment all members of the Professional Air Traffic Controllers Organization who had gone on strike illegally. Over the next three years, FAA hired 9,000 controllers to replace them.

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69. Big Country Beef Conference Is Aug. 9 in Abilene (The Farmer Stockman, 24 Jul 2007)

The Big Country Beef Conference is 8 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, 2007 in Abilene, Texas. The program will be inside the Big Country Hall on the grounds of the Taylor County Expo Center. For those pre-registering by Friday, Aug. 3, the cost is just \$5 per person, with includes lunch, and 2 continuing education units for private and commercial applicators. After that date or registration at the door will be \$15. FBI Special Agent Gary Macnoll, Abilene, will wrap up the day with his presentation, "Confronting the Possibility of Agroterrorism."

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70. New Navy Policy On Biological Select Agents (Contributed by Steven Aftergood, Federation of American Scientists, www.fas.org)

The U.S. Navy has issued its first security policy for protection of "biological select agents and toxins" (BSAT) at Navy facilities, a move that may signify heightened Navy interest in research involving these lethal materials.

Select agents, which are designated by the Department of Health and Human Services and the Department of Agriculture, are substances that "present a high bioterrorism risk to national security and have the greatest potential for adverse public health impact with mass casualties of humans and/or animals or that pose a severe threat to plant health or to plant products." A few dozen particular biological agents and toxins have been so designated, including ebola and smallpox viruses, botulinum, etc.

There are currently two Navy facilities in the United States that have possession of select agents and toxins, according to the new policy: Naval Surface War Center (NSWC) Dahlgren and the Navy Medical Research Center.

"The Navy may increase the number of facilities in the future, and other Navy facilities may gain access or possession of BSAT due to non-routine events," the document states.

The Navy policy implements a 2004 Department of Defense Directive on protecting biological select agents, and a 2006 instruction from the Under Secretary of Defense for Intelligence.

See "Minimum Security Standards for Safeguarding Biological Select Agents and Toxins (BSAT)," Chief of Naval Operations OPNAV Instruction

5530.16, July 20, 2007:

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http://www.fas.org/irp/doddir/navy/opnavinst/5530_16.pdf

71. National Security and Biotechnology: Small Science with a Big Potential (The Heritage Foundation, by James Jay Carafano, Ph.D. and Andrew Gudgel, Backgrounder #2055)

Biotechnology is one of the world's fastest growing commercial sectors. Since 1992, the number of bio technology companies in the United States alone has tripled. These firms are research-intensive, every day bringing into the marketplace new methods and products that may reshape medical practices and human performance, allowing for unprecedented improvements in health care.

Many of biotechnology's benefits are dual-use, increasing the possibility that knowledge, skills, and equipment could be adapted for use as biological weapons. As the global biotechnology industry expands, the U.S. government should therefore increase its capacity to exploit biotech advances for national security.

The challenge of exploiting cutting-edge biotechnology will be different from the way the Pentagon harnessed science and technology for national security during the Cold War. Rather than driving the biotechnology revolution, the federal government will need to figure out how best to utilize and adapt the products developed by a multibillion-dollar transnational industry that already has the money and capacity for research and development.

To keep up, the federal government must adopt legislative, policy, and organizational innovations. These should include promoting international liability protection for developing and deploying new national security goods and services, promoting scientific travel and exchanges, and assigning a lead agency to coordinate biotechnology exploitation for national security.

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