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FEDERAL

1. Feds Estimate 10.5 Million Illegal Immigrants (AP, 18 Aug 2006)

WASHINGTON - About 11 million illegal immigrants were living in the U.S. at the start of this year, the federal government said in a report Friday. That's up from an estimated 8.5 million living in the country in January 2000, according to calculations by the Office of Immigration Statistics in the Department of Homeland Security. The office estimated that 10.5 million illegal immigrants were living in the United States in January 2005 and that the number grew at a national average of 408,000 a year. Estimates of the size of the illegal immigrant population vary widely according to the political leanings of groups using them.

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2. Illegal Border Crossings Dip, and Official Cites Security (New York Times, 24 Aug 2006)

Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff announced on Wednesday that tough border security measures championed by the Bush administration had significantly reduced the number of illegal immigrants entering from Mexico for the first time in several years. Mr. Chertoff pointed to recent apprehension figures to bolster his assertion, saying that the number of Mexicans captured in June and July had dipped to the lowest level for that two-month period since the fiscal year 2002. The number of non-Mexican immigrants apprehended during June and July, he said, dropped to the lowest level for that period since the fiscal year 2004.

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<http://www.nytimes.com/2006/08/24/washington/24immig.html>

3. Chertoff calls for end to ban on deporting Salvadorans (GovExec.com, 24 Aug 2006)

Homeland Security Department Secretary Michael Chertoff on Wednesday said Congress must immediately act to end a decades-old provision that prohibits Salvadorans from being deported. After four months of inaction in court following the department's filing of a motion to quash the provision, Chertoff said, DHS now is counting on lawmakers. He would like to see legislation passed to eliminate a 1980s injunction preventing deportation of Salvadorans in the United States illegally. The civil war leading to the injunction ended in the early 1990s. "I believe there ought to be widespread support" on Capitol Hill for the legislation, which is yet to be proposed, Chertoff told reporters. "I would like to see it passed before the midterm electionsΣ the civil war in El Salvador is over."

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http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=34839&dcn=e_gvet

4. Bush ordered plans for air travel safety Protection from terror attacks needed for skies (Paul Caffera, Chronicle Correspondent, 20 Aug 2006)

A little-known directive issued by President Bush two months ago requires federal agencies to produce a comprehensive plan to protect the nation's airspace from terrorist attacks. The order, confirmed to The Chronicle by officials with knowledge of its contents, focuses on threats to aircraft from passenger baggage and air cargo -- including detection of conventional, nuclear, radiological, and chemical devices -- securing the airspace over the continental United States, and developing technologies to detect and prevent missile attacks on aircraft. The directive, known as both National Security Presidential Directive 47 and Homeland Security Presidential Directive 16, also orders the agencies to implement a plan to check airline passenger lists against the government's watch lists and to assume the costs of conducting the database searches. The cost of checking passenger lists currently falls to the airlines.

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5. U.S. air marshals to go native (Reuters, 24 Aug 2006)

The armed undercover officers who protect U.S. airlines against attack no longer have to fear being overdressed. They've been told they can ditch their suits for outfits that blend in with their fellow travelers'. The director of the Federal Air Marshal Service relaxed a strict dress code and some of other rules on Thursday, addressing gnawing problems at an organization that has expanded quickly since 2001 but been plagued by poor morale. On September 11, 2001, there were only 33 air marshals, but now armed law enforcement officials disguised as passengers are deployed on thousands of U.S. airline flights each week. Their actual number is classified, but officials say it is in the thousands.

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6. TSA officials didn't know women wear padded bras (Capitol Hill Blue, 19 Aug 2006)

Don't try to bring a tiny tube of lip-moisturizing gel on board an airliner these days, or wear thin gel inserts to make your shoes more comfortable. And leave your cold and cough gel-caps at home. But, ladies and cross-dressing gents, no one will check if you wear your gel-filled bras right onto the plane. Despite the fact that these hugely popular undergarments are owned by millions worldwide, and have the capacity to carry enough liquid or gel explosives to make a terrorist smile, the Transportation Security Administration has not included them on the new list of items forbidden from carry-on baggage. ...Conceivably, a would-be evildoer could substitute explosive substances to make a "bra bomb" capable of blowing a hole in a plane's fuselage. It would likely take a big box full of lip-gel tubes to do the same.

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http://www.capitolhillblue.com/artman/publish/article_9376.shtml

7. Liquid ban prompts upswing in chartered flights (Washington Times, 18 Aug 2006)

A ban on liquids, gels and creams aboard commercial airline flights has led to a boom in business for air charter and air taxi services, company officials say. The restrictions don't apply to general aviation flights, which include charters and air taxis -- typically small aircraft rented by the hour to corporate clients. SATSair, which provides air taxi service in the Eastern and Southern United States, reported a significant increase in service since last Friday -- a day after the Transportation Security Administration (TSA) began prohibiting passengers on commercial flights from carrying liquids, gels and creams on board out of concern the containers could conceal explosives.

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<http://washingtontimes.com/business/20060817-102112-5089r.htm>

8. Officials Seek Broader Access to Airline Data (New York Times, 22 Aug 2006)

United States and European authorities, looking for more tools to detect terrorist plots, want to expand the screening of international airline passengers by digging deep into a vast repository of airline itineraries, personal information and payment data. A proposal by Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff would allow the United States government not only to look for known terrorists on watch lists, but also to search broadly through the passenger itinerary data to identify people who may be linked to terrorists, he said in a recent interview. Similarly, European leaders are considering seeking access to this same database, which contains not only names and addresses of travelers, but often their credit card information, e-mail addresses, telephone numbers and related hotel or car reservations.

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9. Lawmaker asks GAO to probe rail security (GovExec.com, 25 Aug 2006)

The Government Accountability Office will investigate the Transportation Security Administration's rail security efforts at the request of the House Homeland Security Committee's ranking member. In an Aug. 20 letter to Comptroller General David Walker, Rep. Bennie Thompson, D-Miss., asked GAO to look into how TSA is coordinating with the passenger rail industry, and a range of other issues. "I continue to be concerned about TSA's progress in assessing compliance with rail security directives, federal progress in pursuing needed research and development technologies for passenger rail security, federal efforts to ensure passenger rail employees receive needed security training, and the distribution of funding to rail operators," Thompson wrote.

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10. FEMA: Ready for 2006 Hurricane Season (FEMA, Aug 2006)

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's response to the unprecedented Gulf Coast hurricanes - Hurricanes Katrina, Rita, and Wilma -- was the largest mobilization of emergency response and disaster recovery resources in the history of FEMA -- exceeding operational responses to the 2004 Florida hurricanes, the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks and the Great Midwest Floods of 1993.

FEMA approaches the 2006 hurricane season with a renewed sense of commitment, improvement and urgency, building on a solid foundation of experienced professionals and the lessons learned from last year's unprecedented disaster response activities. The 2005 hurricane season tested our nation as never before, and we are committed to increasing our preparedness for catastrophic events and smaller-scale disasters.

While states and localities have the lead in emergency response, FEMA is prepared to coordinate the federal government's supporting role. FEMA also understands the special needs of Gulf Coast states, which will include a need for assistance with evacuation planning, difficulties with manufactured housing, and diminished law enforcement capabilities.

FEMA has implemented multiple new measures designed to strengthen essential functions so the agency can more effectively respond to all disasters. These improvements include building a 21st century supply tracking system, enhancing our ability to receive requests for individual assistance, expediting the pace of debris removal, and developing a smarter plan for long-term housing.

The following are examples of some of the improvements that are in place for the 2006 hurricane season. Chief among them is the integration of FEMA operations with the Department of Homeland Security. FEMA will continue to make other significant enhancements beyond this hurricane season.

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http://communitydispatch.com/artman/publish/article_6094.shtml

11. Homeland security goes to college (Media General News Service, 24 Aug 2006)

WASHINGTON - With a sense of urgency and opportunity, college campuses are embracing homeland security as a new field of study and research. The University of South Carolina is studying terrorist psychology. The University of South Florida and the University of Alabama at Birmingham are developing new methods to detect biological threats, while North Carolina State University is researching ways to protect the nation's food supply. The federal Homeland Security Department, using a \$70 million program the Bush administration wants to scale back, is hoping to build a cadre of homeland defense experts and a research network that can respond quickly to the changing threat. "They want to know what motivates individuals and groups to undertake terrorism," said Susan Cutter, director of the University of South Carolina's Hazards and Vulnerability Research Institute. "They want to know why some groups grow and others desist...They want to know how to respond to it. And they want it by last week."

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12. Philippines: Double-hulled vessels for hazardous materials' transport eyed by 2008 (PNA, 25 Aug 2006)

MANILA - The government is targeting to impose beginning 2008 use of double-hulled sea vessels in transporting hazardous materials within the country. The move aims to promote safety at sea since marine authorities said these provide added security in low-

impact collision and grounding. Department of National Defense Secretary and National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) chief Avelino Cruz Jr. said a shift to such vessel type will help minimize likelihood of sea disasters like the oil spill which continues wrecking havoc in Guimaras and Negros provinces. This oil slick, which began August 11 when MT Solar I sank off Guimaras Island with a bunker fuel cargo load of two million liters, is also already threatening to spew destruction in nearby areas. Cruz said the Maritime Industry Authority (MARINA) informed him stakeholders in the Philippine maritime industry appear amenable to the shift but they prefer to commence this after 2015.

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<http://bond.lanesystems.com/sitegen/article.asp?wid=125&cid=452&aid=37510>

STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

13. AK: Floods Close Alaska Highway, Rail Line (AP, 19 Aug 2006)

WASILLA, Alaska - Flooding and mud slides brought on by heavy rain closed the main highway and rail line Saturday between Anchorage and Fairbanks, the state's two largest cities. At least 150 people were evacuated from their homes, not counting campers and fishermen who use numerous roadside campgrounds, said Dennis Brodigan, Matanuska-Susitna Borough Emergency Services director.

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<http://apnews.myway.com/article/20060820/D8JJTP1G0.html>

14. AZ: Officials find 4 bottles of mystery liquid during smuggling bust (Arizona Daily Star, 18 Aug 2006)

Authorities are trying to determine what mysterious liquid was inside four one-liter bottles that were found during a drug smuggling bust near Rio Rico Thursday morning. The bottles, which were marked "ether," had been previously opened and were emanating an odor, prompting a hazardous materials situation, said Jesus Rodriguez, a spokesman for the Tucson sector Border Patrol. Agents came across the bottles after spotting a group of about 20 people around a vehicle in the Caralampi Canyon area, which is southwest of Rio Rico, Rodriguez said.

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<http://www.azstarnet.com/sn/hourlyupdate/142724.php>

15. AZ: Phoenix woman sentenced for theft in immigrant smuggling incident (KVOA, 18 Aug 2006)

SIERRA VISTA, Ariz. - A 19-year-old Phoenix woman arrested while driving a stolen SUV crammed with illegal immigrants has been sentenced to 2 1/2 years in state prison. Liliana Lopez pleaded with a judge in Bisbee to be placed on probation for the arrest, as allowed under a plea deal she signed with prosecutors last month in which she admitted to auto theft. But Judge Tom Collins rejected that route Friday, citing the value of the stolen auto, her transportation of illegal immigrants and admission to belonging to a gang.

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<http://kvoa.com/Global/story.asp?S=5301896>

16. CA: Pandemic - Extra coordination is needed to care for vulnerable groups, they say (The Press-Enterprise, 22 Aug 2006)

Riverside County's homeless, poor, aging and non-English speaking residents would be among the most severely stricken in a global flu pandemic, health officials warned Tuesday. Public health agencies need to recognize their most vulnerable communities and put a plan in place before a pandemic or disaster strikes, said Ana-Marie Jones, executive director of Collaborating Agencies Responding to Disasters. The Oakland-based nonprofit organization prepares agencies to respond to people with special needs, often the "first victims" in any disaster.

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http://www.pe.com/localnews/inland/stories/PE_News_Local_S_flu23.389d610.html

17. CO: Anti-illegal immigration group to form chapter in Springs (AP, 19 Aug 2006)

COLORADO SPRINGS — A civilian border patrol group formed last year plans to open a chapter in Colorado Springs, spokesman Jeff Henry said. The Minuteman Civil Defense Corps group, known for spending all night watching the Mexican border, doesn't plan stakeouts or vigilante action in the city. group, known for spending all night watching the Mexican border, reports illegal immigrants to authorities. Federal authorities and civil rights groups have opposed their activities.

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<http://www.greeleytrib.com/article/20060819/NEWS/60819005>

18. FL: Orlando International Fails TSA Test (Central Florida News, 25 Aug 2006)

Low morale and poor test results among local TSA officers is raising concerns about safety at Orlando International Airport. According to the Orlando Sentinel, almost 60 percent of the federal security officers at the airport failed a key test that measures how well they detect explosives, guns and other threats at passenger checkpoints.

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<http://cfn13.com/StoryHeadline.aspx?id=18166>

19. FL: Civil Rights-Era Murders Tough to Solve (AP, 19 Aug 2006)

ORLANDO, Fla. - The Florida Department of Law Enforcement sent its most aggressive agent to work on the case full time, armed with big stacks of files from the FBI and sheriff's investigators. Even with those resources, it took nearly two years to finally solve the 1951 murders of black civil rights activists Harry T. and Harriette Moore, whose house was bombed by Ku Klux Klan members. Although the case is finally solved, as officials announced Wednesday, it demonstrates how tough it can be to glean information from that bloody period across the South. "I think that most of the major cases of the civil rights era have been thoroughly investigated at this point. I don't expect many more cases to come up," said Mark Potok, director of the Intelligence Project, a hate-monitoring operation at the Southern Poverty Law Center. "These cases are really bedeviled by, in many cases, by a lack of evidence and witnesses who are either dead or no longer remember details."

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<http://apnews.myway.com/article/20060820/D8JJSQ180.html>

20. FL: Body possibly linked to smuggling ring (AP, 18 Aug 2006)

JUPITER ISLAND, Fla. - Authorities were trying to determine if a man's body that washed ashore in southern Martin County was connected to a smuggling operation that resulted in a woman's death. The unidentified man's body was found Thursday afternoon, several miles north of where the Haitian immigrants say they were forced off a boat 25 to 50 yards offshore early Wednesday. The man was found with a shirt but no pants, causing authorities to speculate that he kicked them off during a struggle in the water. An autopsy will be performed to determine the cause of death.

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21. GA: Chairman Linder Holds Homeland Security Field Hearing - Hearing at University of Georgia Focuses on Impact of an Agro-Terrorism Attack (The Weekly, 24 Aug 2006)

Lawrenceville, Georgia - On Thursday, August 24, Congressman John Linder (R-GA), Chairman of the Homeland Security Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack, held a field hearing entitled, "Agro-terrorism's Perfect Storm: Where Human and Animal Disease Collide," at the University of Georgia in Athens. The Subcommittee hearing focused on the threat of zoonotic agents because these diseases that can be transmitted from animal to human are particularly relevant given the emergence of highly pathogenic avian influenza in Southeast Asia, Africa, and Europe. The purpose of the hearing was to increase awareness of the relationships between these diseases, bioterrorism and agro-terrorism, examining Federal prevention and preparedness strategies in this area, analyzing various agencies' approaches and priorities in combating agro-terrorism and the threats caused by these diseases.

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<http://www.theweekly.com/news/2006/August/24/Linder.html>

22. IN: Local Emergency Management Officials Briefed on State's WMD Response Team (News-Banner, 18 Aug 2006)

Should local Emergency Management workers find themselves facing a possible threat from weapons of mass destruction they will now have a much better understanding of the military support available in a crisis. During Thursday's Group Three Emergency Management Planning meeting, held at Ouabache State Park, officials from 11 Northeast Indiana counties got a good look at the equipment and capabilities of the Indiana National Guard's response team. Maj. Ron Crane of the Guard's 53rd Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team outlined the team's policies and procedures during a Power Point media presentation.

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<http://www.news-banner.com/index/news-app/story.4777>

23. MD: New TSA Screening Program Aimed For BWI-Marshall (WJZ-TV, 18 Aug 2006)

Linthicum, MD Even without terror alerts airports can be stressful places -- almost any face can show it. But a new TSA surveillance program called "Screening Passengers By Observation Techniques," or "SPOT," is looking for something more."We are looking for basically involuntary reactions and non-verbal things that people demonstrate when they're nervous about something or when they're concerned about something," TSA operations official Earl Morris tells WJZ's Alex DeMetric. At BWI-Marshall, SPOT personnel may or may not be working at any time -- the TSA will not say. But the airport has been a frequent testing ground for other security measures, and SPOT has been active at a dozen airports for two years now.

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http://wjz.com/topstories/local_story_230183707.html

24. MI: Beaumont Hospital reveals identity theft danger (The Detroit News, 22 Aug 2006)

TROY - A laptop computer with the personal data of more than 28,000 Beaumont Hospital home care patients was stolen earlier this month, putting the patients at risk of identity theft, hospital officials said today. The laptop was stolen from a home care nurse's car on Aug. 5 outside a Detroit senior center near Belle Isle. It contained names, addresses, birth dates, social security numbers, and other information on 28,473 patients who had been in the hospital's home care system in the last three years. Only home care patient information is at risk, said Chris Hengstebeck, director of security for the hospital.

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<http://www.detnews.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060822/UPDATE/608220421>

25. MO: Feds Bust Alleged Identity Theft Ring (The Kansas city Channel, 22 Aug 2006)

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Local and federal authorities made a sweep of arrests Tuesday in a large identity theft and fraud ring, officials said. Investigators said the case started with identity theft, but it spread into mortgage fraud, money laundering and possibly drug trafficking all over the country.

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<http://www.thekansascitychannel.com/news/9720072/detail.html>

26. NY: New Yorker arrested for broadcasting Hizbollah TV (Reuters, 24 Aug 2006)

U.S. authorities have arrested a New York man for locally broadcasting Hizbollah television al-Manar, which the U.S. Treasury Department has branded a terrorist entity. Javed Iqbal, 42, was arrested on Wednesday on allegations that his Brooklyn-based company HDTV Ltd. was providing New York-area satellite customers with the Hizbollah-operated channel, federal prosecutors said in a statement on Thursday. Defense lawyers said Iqbal had done no wrong, branded the arrest as a violation of his free-speech rights, and linked it to the recent fighting between Israel and Hizbollah in which al-Manar broadcast news and propaganda for Hizbollah and was attacked by Israeli air strikes.

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KEY PEOPLE

27. King Says U.S. Is at Least a Year From Detecting Liquid Bombs (Bloomberg, 20 Aug 2006)

The U.S. is at least a year from being able to detect explosives in liquids carried by airline passengers, the weapon in a failed plot to blow up U.S.-bound planes from London, the head of a congressional committee said. "The technology is being pursued," House Homeland Security Committee Chairman Peter King, a New York Republican, said in an interview on the "Fox News Sunday" program. "We have technology that can do bottle by bottle. It cannot do it quickly enough. It's really not ready for prime time. Hopefully that can be perfected within the next year." After the British plot was publicly revealed Aug. 10, the U.S. Homeland Security Department banned liquids such as soft drinks from all carry-on luggage and Britain banned carry-on bags altogether.

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<http://www.bloomberg.com/apps/news?pid=20601103&sid=azE5U6ted5oo&refer=us>

GANG ACTIVITY

28. CA: Mafia law used to pursue street gangs (AP, 18 Aug 2006)

LOS ANGELES - Sneaky, Shy Boy, Big Barney and dozens of other gangsters were not merely hoodlums who ran a bustling drug trade. Prosecutors insist the Vineland Boys were an organized criminal enterprise just like the Mafia. To prove it, they are relying on the same law that put John Gotti behind bars. Similar cases are being pursued across the nation as prosecutors go after gangs in novel ways, often using methods created to fight mob activity. One such trial is expected to start next week in Los Angeles, where prosecutors have charged members of the Vineland Boys not with murder or drug trafficking, but with violating the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. The RICO Act targets those who profit from criminal organizations but manage to avoid illegal activities.

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http://seattlepi.nwsourc.com/national/1110AP_Gang_Prosecutions.html

29. FL: 5 Charged in Migrant Smuggling Ring (Fordes.com, 18 Aug 2006)

Five men described as organizers of Cuban migrant smuggling trips have been charged in a 44-count indictment that federal prosecutors said demonstrated a new, more aggressive effort to root out higher-ups in smuggling networks. "This indictment focuses on those who organized, coordinated, arranged and financed these trips," U.S. Attorney R. Alexander Acosta said Friday. The five men, who are all Cuban nationals, were arrested Thursday in the Miami area and made their initial court appearances Friday in Key West. It wasn't immediately clear whether any of the five had lawyers to represent them. The men were scheduled to return to court for a bond hearing Aug. 25.

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<http://www.forbes.com/business/commerce/feeds/ap/2006/08/18/ap2959694.html>

30. Organized crime hits rural Canada (CP, 18 Aug 2006)

ST. JOHN'S, N.L. - Organized crime has grown and evolved to the point where it is increasingly wielding its influence over the country's smaller towns, Criminal Intelligence Service Canada warns in its annual report. Nearly 800 organized crime groups now operate in the country, up from 600 several years ago, with a makeup as diverse as the country's cultural mosaic, RCMP Commissioner Giuliano Zaccardelli said Friday. "Organized crime has come to represent the darker side of globalization by exploiting the same things we've come to take for granted - the free flow of goods and people around the world and the rapid advancement of technology," Zaccardelli said. Such vast networks of illegal activity are no longer simply the scourge of Canada's largest urban centres, Zaccardelli added.

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<http://cnews.canoe.ca/CNEWS/Law/2006/08/18/1763557-cp.html>

31. 80 gangs active in Toronto: police (The Star, 18 Aug 2006)

There are some 300 often-violent street gangs in Canada – with an estimated 11,000 members – and many of the most dangerous members live in the Greater Toronto Area, organized crime experts say. “There are approximately 80 street gangs currently active in Toronto with an additional 95 identified in the following regions of Ontario: York (Vaughan, Markham and Richmond), Peel, Waterloo/Kitchener, Thunder Bay, Niagara Falls and Ottawa,” states the annual report of the Criminal Intelligence Service of Canada, an information gathering organization run by Canadian police investigators.

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NARCO TRAFFICKING

32. CA: Coast Guard Nabs Drug Kingpin off Mexican Coast (ABC News, 16 Aug 2006)

Authorities captured a notorious drug smuggler in a boat off the Pacific coast of Mexico Monday. Javier Arellano Felix is believed to be one of four brothers in charge of the brutal Arellano Felix drug syndicate that has vied to control the drug trade from Tijuana to San Diego for the past decade. "We have cut the head off the snake," Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty told reporters at the Justice Department in Washington, D.C., Tuesday. A tip led the Coast Guard to board Javier Arellano Felix's 43-foot recreational boat — the U.S.-registered Doc Holliday — Monday morning after authorities conducted undercover operations aimed at his arrest for the past 14 months, according to Michael Braun, chief of operations for the Drug Enforcement Agency.

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33. CA: Tijuana man convicted of smuggling drugs and people (AP, 18 Aug 2006)

SAN DIEGO A U-S District Court judge in San Diego has convicted a Tijuana man of ten felony counts of alien smuggling, and marijuana smuggling and distribution. C-H-P officers say they found five illegal aliens and almost 700 pounds of marijuana in an S-U-V driven by 25-year-old Jovanni Mendoza in August 2005 . Authorities say they

attempted to pull the S-U-V over for an alleged expired-registration violation, but Mendoza fled, driving against traffic on a freeway.

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34. FL: Raid Nets Suspected Gang Members (The Tampa Tribune, 21 Aug 2006)

About 50 people suspected of being affiliated with the Latin Kings gang were arrested Sunday after a joint investigation between local and federal agencies. The Latin Kings had planned a statewide meeting at The Caribbean American Club, 6211 S. Martindale Ave., to discuss the organization's leadership, Hillsborough sheriff's spokeswoman Debbie Carter said. About 3 p.m., authorities served a search warrant and arrested dozens of people, Carter said. The sheriff's office declined to release the charges until a news conference, she said. However, by late Sunday, 35 people had been charged with racketeering, according to the county's online jail log. They told authorities they reside in Tampa, Wesley Chapel, Zephyrhills, St. Petersburg, New Port Richey, Clearwater and Miami.

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35. GA: 200-plus lbs. of meth, coke taken off streets (Gwinnett Daily Post, 22 Aug 2006)

Federal officials Monday announced what they believe to be the third-largest drug bust in the country this year and one of the top in metro-Atlanta history. The find happened last week when the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration seized a record amount of drugs buried in a Buford backyard. The bust rounded up four suspects and 187 pounds of crystal methamphetamine, also known as "ice," and 41 kilograms (about 90 pounds) of cocaine during a raid last Wednesday when agents acted on a search warrant related to a drug trafficking ring operating in the Atlanta area.

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36. GA: Drug agents kill suspect in shootout (Gwinnett daily post, 19 Aug 2006)

A suspected drug trafficker was shot and killed Friday after he fired upon federal agents who were raiding his home. U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration agents were serving a search warrant at 5:30 a.m. at a duplex on Harbins Road in Norcross when a brief gun battle erupted, said DEA Special Agent in Charge Sherri F. Strange. Luise Uribe reportedly ducked into a bedroom closet to retrieve a handgun, then turned and fired at five federal agents as they were entering the room. The agents shot back, killing Uribe. Leiva-Portillo and Burgos-Urieta both face federal charges related to conspiracy to possess and distribute drugs. Strange said the raid Friday was the result of a five-month-long investigation into a Mexican drug trafficking ring believed to be storing drugs at the duplex. Uribe was thought to be a key player in the organization, Strange said.

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37. UT: Huge Marijuana Operation Linked to Mexican Mafia (KSLTV, 17 Aug 2006)

The Mexican Mafia in Utah's Garfield County? Authorities say illegal immigrants, working as drug runners grew a huge marijuana garden on federal land in Utah. And two men, both Mexican nationals and in the United States illegally, are in jail without bail tonight. Sheriff's deputies caught them yesterday in Panguitch. Augustine Tesco and Juan Carlos Garcia face federal drug charges. Investigators say both men may have ties to the Mexican Mafia. They say their job was simple, grow the marijuana plants then guard the pot with guns. Authorities seized more than five thousand plants this week near Bryce Canyon.

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38. U.S. Continues Assistance to Colombia Aerial Drug Interdiction - Counternarcotics effort aims to halt aerial transport of illicit drugs (Dept of State, 18 Aug 2006)

Washington - President Bush has authorized the U.S. Department of State to continue assistance to Colombia in carrying out an Airbridge Denial (ABD) Program that targets civil aircraft "reasonably suspected of trafficking in illicit drugs," says the White House.

In a statement issued August 17, the White House explained that the president's authorization was granted after determining that Colombia "has put in place appropriate procedures to protect against the loss of innocent life in connection with interdiction operations."

The ABD program began in the early 1990s, and it operates in Peru as well as in Colombia. However, it temporarily was suspended following the April 2001 accidental shootdown by the Peruvian air force of an aircraft carrying U.S. missionaries. The incident, triggered by a mistaken belief that the airplane was being used to transport illicit drugs, caused the deaths of Baptist missionary Veronica Bowers and her infant daughter. The program was resumed only after the governments of Peru, Colombia and the United States jointly established a new series of safety procedures to prevent similar tragedies.

Reintroduced in Colombia in August 2003, the ABD program is part of a broader counternarcotics effort that entails close cooperation between Colombia and the United States. Among U.S. federal agencies, the State Department takes the lead in coordinating ABD assistance with the government of Colombia. According to the White House, the State Department -- with other U.S. agencies lending appropriate support -- "has the ability to continue to work with the government of Colombia to ensure effective counternarcotics operations while observing strict adherence to agreed-upon and well-established safety procedures."

Bush's most recent authorization to continue U.S. assistance for the ABD program in Colombia will be the fourth Presidential Determination on the matter, the White House said.

The White House [statement](#) is available on the White House Web site.

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39. Mexican Officers Charged in Felix Probe (AP, 20 Aug 2006)

MEXICO CITY - Mexican prosecutors announced Saturday that they have charged two policemen with protecting the Arellano Felix drug trafficking gang, whose alleged kingpin was recently arrested by the U.S. Coast Guard. Large numbers of Mexican police officers are believed to have helped the Tijuana-based Arellano Felix gang move tons of Colombian cocaine and Mexican marijuana to the United States, but few officials have been charged. Officers Jorge Alberto Perez and Salvador Cebreros face organized crime charges and also are being investigated for involvement in the killing of four of their colleagues, who were shot dead in July, the attorney general's office said in a statement. They are being held by federal authorities in Baja California.

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CYBERTHREAT & THEFT

40. DOD's efforts to stave off nation-state cyberattacks begin with China (GCN, 20 Aug 2006)

A growing band of civilian units inside China is writing malicious code and training to launch cyberstrikes into enemy systems. And for many of these units, the first enemy is the U.S. Defense Department. Pentagon officials say there are more than three million daily scans of the Global Information Grid, the Defense Department's main network artery, and that the United States and China are the top two originating countries. "China has downloaded 10 to 20 terabytes of data from the NIPRNet (DOD's Non-Classified IP Router Network)," said Maj. Gen. William Lord, director of information, services and integration in the Air Force's Office of Warfighting Integration and Chief Information Officer, during the recent Air Force IT Conference in Montgomery, Ala. "They're looking for your identity so they can get into the network as you," said Lord, adding that Chinese hackers had yet to penetrate DOD's secret, classified network. "There is a nation-state threat by the Chinese."

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41. Sharing data is crucial to cyberdefense (GCN, 21 Aug 2006)

Each agency within the Defense Department has frontline responsibility for securing its own IT systems, but the job doesn't end there. The same malware or social engineering techniques used to dig into an Army network, for instance, could show up later in an attempt against an Air Force system or a network-centric communications link between combat troops on the ground and at sea. Without the ability to share information and coordinate responses, the services' capacity to respond to incidents is severely hampered. Some DOD resources, such as the Global Information Grid, stretch across all Defense agencies, requiring a departmentwide response mechanism. The Joint Task Force for

Global Network Operations is the specific directorate within the Strategic Command that protects the GIG. But the directorate and the individual services also receive assistance from the Homeland Security Department, the FBI and other federal agencies.

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42. Hackers deface Federal Executive Board Web sites (GovExec.com, 21 Aug 2006)

Several Web sites for Federal Executive Boards that are hosted by the Office of Personnel Management remain disabled after a hacker defaced them more than two weeks ago. As reported by Network Information Security and Technology News, the FEB's main Web site as well as several affiliate Web sites, including ones in New York City, Boston, Chicago, San Francisco and Seattle, have been down since Aug. 2. Kim Ainsworth, executive director of the Greater Boston Federal Executive Board, said when she logged onto the board's site on Aug. 2 at around 8:20 a.m., she thought she had gone to the wrong place.

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TECHNOLOGY

43. DHS Terror Research Agency Struggling (Washington Post, 20 Aug 2006)

Science and Technology Unit Crippled by Turnover, Budget Cuts, Priority Shifts

The federal research agency in charge of countering emerging terrorist threats such as liquid explosives is so hobbled by poor leadership, weak financial management and inadequate technology that Congress is on the verge of cutting its budget in half. The Homeland Security Department's Science and Technology Directorate has struggled with turnover, reorganizations and raids on its budget since it was established in 2003, according to independent scientists, department officials and senior members of Congress. At the same time, the Bush administration's overriding focus on nuclear and biological threats has delayed research on weapons aimed at aviation, a controversial choice that was questioned anew after a plot to blow up U.S.-bound airliners from London was made public Aug. 10.

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RESOURCES

44. Psyche of a terrorist (The Australian, 24 Aug 2006)

They think in the same way as serial killers and they form mafia-like family structures to commit atrocities. Natalie O'Brien investigates the five-stage terror recruiting process.

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<http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,20876,20229998-28737,00.html>

45. Nonprofit group tests new contracting tools (GovExec.com, 24 Aug 2006)

The Private Sector Council, part of the Washington-based nonprofit Partnership for Public Service, has launched a pilot program to improve contract management at the

Homeland Security Department and U.S. Agency for International Development. . With the help of 26 officials from big-name companies such as Lockheed Martin Corp. and Pfizer Inc. as well as large federal agencies, the Private Sector Council zeroed in on post-award contract management. "Everyone felt a lot of attention was paid to awards upfront, but little [was paid] to post-award contract management. That was an area they felt we could have a big impact on," said Beth Landes, associate manager of the council. The group has taken three contracts under its wings: Foreign disaster relief and economic development USAID contracts of yet-to-be-disclosed amounts, and a \$2 billion contract to help secure borders at DHS. The contracting offices managing the work also will get mentoring advice from the participating companies, which volunteer their time. To prevent conflicts of interest, companies eligible to bid on the contracts were prohibited from taking part in the pilot program.

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46. Chinese Security Expert Warns of Threats Throughout the Globe (By Jim Kouri, CPP, 22 Aug 2006)

The FBI recently released their threat assessment for the future of the United States and the global community.

Most of these threats to our security stem from foreign groups whose activities are not limited by governmental or national boundaries. Some operate with the support or tolerance of a government; others do not. Some are organized groups with far-flung operations; others are independent actors. Other threats are posed by renegade nations such as North Korea and Iran, who are actively involved in the proliferation of nuclear weapons.

And the United States is still attempting to rebuild in locations hit by natural disasters, which must be part of any meaningful threat assessment.

The Chinese are also concerned about these same threats and a Chinese expert in international security warned of increased security threats saying China continues to pursue cooperation with other nations that pursue peaceful development.

In reviewing the international security situation in 2005, Xiong Guangkai, chairman of the China Institute for International Strategic Studies (CISS), outlined security threats emerging around the world.

Xiong discussed security threats at the annual conference of his institute. He outlined three types of security threats: terrorism which is considered a non-traditional threat; nuclear proliferation which is a traditional threat to security; and natural security threats which are considered natural disasters such as the Indian Ocean tsunami, and a possible bird flu pandemic.

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47. Beyond Identity Theft: Darwin Launches Web Site Dedicated to Educating Agents, Brokers, and Commercial Insurance Purchasers about Technology and Information Liabilities (PRNewswire, 22 Aug 2006)

FARMINGTON, Conn. - Darwin Professional Underwriters, Inc. today announces the launch of its new web site, <http://www.tech-404.com>, dedicated to educating agents, brokers, and commercial insurance purchasers about the inherent technology and information liabilities facing traditional businesses, including cyber liability, Internet liability, and technology errors and omissions (E&O).

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EVENTS

48. Identity theft seminar deals with ‘vishing’ on Sept. 10 (Langley Times, 23 Aug 2006)

Just as people are being informed of and are getting familiar enough to watch out for the identity theft scam ‘phishing,’ there comes the newest cousin to the scene -- ‘vishing.’ Phishing is where you receive an e-mail, appearing to be from your bank, informing you that there is a problem with your account. It asks you to follow some steps where you subsequently will supply your private information, such as your account number, pin numbers and so on. Banks will never send such an e-mail. Vishing, on the other hand, is the worst of all, because more people could fall victim to it. People have been taught to be careful of such requests when it comes over the Internet, but they think it is legitimate when it comes over the telephone. Vishing takes place when the thief, claiming to be a bank representative, actually calls you, on the phone and may have even set up his caller ID to read the name of the bank.

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FULL REPORTS

49. The System Worked: TSA Security Officers Respond to Threat in Huntington (TSA, Aug 2006)

Huntington, WV – August 2006 – Two [Transportation Security Administration](#) (TSA) security officers acted swiftly and responded appropriately when two containers of liquid in a carry-on bag brought by a passenger at the Huntington Tri-State Airport (HTS) tested positive for explosive residues. At 9:15 a.m., Thursday, August 17 Transportation Security Officers (TSO) Joshua Messinger and Clifford Barker discovered the residues while screening bottles filled with liquid substances. TSA [recently banned liquids and gels](#) on commercial aircraft.

“From the smallest regional airport to the largest hub, our security officers, using their training and technology, are the key to ensuring we protect the flying public,” said TSA’s Assistant Secretary Kip Hawley. “I applaud officers Messinger and Barker not only for their technical expertise but for the professionalism they displayed in managing this situation. While it appears that these items were ultimately not a threat, these officers did

everything right and exemplify the skill and talent of our excellent workforce nationwide.”

In the hands of a terrorist, many common household items can be a threat. TSA’s security officers are trained to use the latest technologies to detect these items and make sure that no materials that can do harm to the aircraft or passengers are able to get onboard. All [travelers are asked to do their part and check TSA’s Web site](#) prior to departure and ensure that they are not carrying any prohibited items. Many everyday items are fine for use at home or outdoors but are not appropriate for the cabin of an aircraft.

The officers noticed the prohibited liquids inside a traveler’s carry-on bag during screening at the checkpoint. The bag was opened and the contents tested with an Explosives Trace Detector. The items tested positive for explosive residues and a retest confirmed the results. At that point, local law enforcement was notified and an explosives detection canine team arrived to provide further confirmation of the presence of explosive material.

The explosives detection canine team positively identified the substance as having explosive odors and at 11:25 a.m., to ensure the safety of the traveling public, West Virginia State Police, the Tri-State Airport Authority and TSA agreed to evacuate the terminal. Later that afternoon, the terminal was reopened and Officers Messinger and Barker were back on the job ensuring all passengers departing from HTS reach their destination safely.

More than 31,000 Security Officers at the TSA have received specialized training to detect the presence of improvised explosive devices, commonly known as IEDs, or explosives in baggage. In today’s threat environment, TSOs are a viable layer of security to defend against the threat of terrorism.

Law enforcement is concluding its investigation. For more on TSA’s training, technology and security programs read about our [Explosive Detection Training](#). For more information on TSA please visit our Web site at www.tsa.gov.

50. United States Increasing Food Security, Agriculture Chief Says (By Kathryn McConnell, Washington File Staff Writer, 24 Aug 2006)

Washington - The United States is continuing to develop protections against threats to its agriculture sector, says Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns.

Speaking August 24 in Washington to a meeting of national and state government officials and business leaders -- all interested in protecting critical U.S. infrastructure -- Johanns said the United States "cannot afford to take our safety [or] the safety of our food for granted."

Johanns outlined systems for protecting the U.S. food supply that are being carried out in partnership with the Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Health and Human Services, and with state, local and American Indian tribal governments.

The systems include assessing vulnerabilities in the U.S. food sector, raising public awareness of signs of a threat to the food supply, and early detection and containment of chemical, biological and physical food contamination.

Other measures include planning response and recovery, furthering the training of threat-response experts, and researching current threat possibilities, Johanns said.

U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) food safety personnel also are strengthening relationships with intelligence and law enforcement agencies throughout the United States to ensure we have "open channels for information sharing" about possible threats, Johanns said.

As an example, Johanns described the Strategic Partnership Program for Agroterrorism, a joint effort involving USDA, the FBI, the Food and Drug Administration and Homeland Security.

"By bringing together government entities with the knowledge and the ability to protect our food and ag [agricultural] sector, along with the private sector, [and] state and local governments we are able to more clearly see a comprehensive picture of possible threats" and determine how to minimize the impact of any problems found to exist in the food sector, he said.

AUTOMATED SCREENING SYSTEM

Working with Homeland Security, Agriculture is developing an automated detection system to screen agriculture imports. The system will include remote digital imaging to identify pests quickly and a nationwide database of "regulation violators," Johanns said.

The USDA also is helping farmers and veterinarians throughout the United States learn how to recognize "clinical signs of biosecurity threats and infectious diseases," he said.

Collaborating with state governments, USDA is planning how to dispose safely large volumes of food products if a contamination occurs, Johanns added.

In the area of research, USDA's Agricultural Research Service is working to develop animal vaccines and other "risk intervention strategies," he said.

The food protection strategy includes developing a sophisticated containment facility for animal disease at the main U.S. government center devoted to studying animal diseases, which is located in Iowa.

USDA also is evaluating vulnerabilities in the production, processing, packaging and transportation of food products and the effects of a disruption in the food supply on the nation's economy, Johann said.

These measures are all precautionary, Johanns said, adding that currently, there is no "specific threat" to the U.S. food sector.

The meeting was sponsored by the nonprofit group, InfraGuard.

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51. Tougher Border Security Showing Results, U.S. Official Says - Homeland security chief says fewer illegal aliens entering United States (By Jane Morse, Washington File Staff Writer, 24 Aug 2006)

Washington - The Bush administration's drive to secure U.S. borders is succeeding, says Michael Chertoff, secretary of homeland security.

Based on the number of apprehensions, fewer individuals -- from Mexico or other points of origin -- are crossing the southern U.S. border illegally, Chertoff said during an August 23 press briefing.

President Bush has made border security his top priority, according to Chertoff.

The administration implemented the Secure Border Initiative (SBI) less than a year ago, in November 2005. Since then, the effort has produced "real results that mark real progress," Chertoff said. (See [related article](#).)

As part of SBI, he said, the Homeland Security Department set a goal of eliminating its earlier "catch and release" policy, under which apprehended illegal migrants from countries other than Mexico were released and allowed to live in the United States pending deportation hearings.

Virtually all undocumented non-Mexican migrants now are detained until they can be returned to their home countries, Chertoff said, noting that there has been "a real market decrease" in the number of non-Mexicans coming across the border, as measured by apprehensions.

As people from countries other than Mexico increasingly have become aware that they will not be released, "there is really now a change in the incentive process that was previously drawing them in," the secretary said.

In July, large groups of Chinese trying to enter the United States illegally were sent back to China. Chertoff said he found it "encouraging" that a significant number of individuals were returned over the summer.

"It was a positive step in terms of having the Chinese government be able to process the return of illegal migrants from China," he said.

Nonetheless, Chertoff said, such cooperative efforts with the Chinese government are still "a challenge."

"It's still not where we want to be in terms of the speed with which documentation is processed," he said. "But we're working with the Chinese government on that and we're optimistic. ... [I]t's something that we need to monitor very carefully to make sure we're continuing to move at a pace that results in a net outflow of illegal migrants rather than a net inflow of illegal migrants."

Chertoff said the successful reduction in illegal entries to the United States could be attributed to political will, the commitment of more personnel and resources, a comprehensive approach to issues such as border and interior security and "the underlying economic forces that drive a lot of illegal migration."

The secretary acknowledged that the criminals who smuggle people into the United States "are not going to walk away from the business."

"I expect that we will see efforts to try to end-run us or push back on us," he said. "And this is not meant to say the job is done or even substantially done. It's meant to say we're seeing progress. We're beginning to be able to test that what we're doing is working. But this is a time to redouble our effort, not to slacken up."

U.S. border security has taken on more urgency after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center in New York and the Pentagon in Washington. The proposed federal budget for the 2007 fiscal year, which begins October 1, continues to emphasize anti-terrorist and border security requirements. (See [related article](#).)

The Bush administration steadfastly has maintained that legal immigrants "should be greeted with open arms."

But in policy documents, the administration has cautioned that, "While we seek to improve the system that welcomes legal immigrants, the United States is a nation of laws and must act to combat illegal immigration."

For more information on U.S. policies, see [Chinese Human Smuggling](#), [Immigration Reform](#) and [Response to Terrorism](#).

The [transcript](#) of Chertoff's remarks and a [fact sheet](#) on the Secure Border Initiative are available on the Department of Homeland Security's Web site.

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52. Biometric Checks Expanded to New U.S. Ports of Entry - Fresno airport and New Orleans cruise port now use digital scans (Dept of State, 19 Aug 2006)

Washington - Visitors to the United States are subject to biometric screening at two new points of entry in California and Louisiana, according to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

As of August 15, biometric measures are being used at Fresno Yosemite International Airport in Fresno, California, and at the recently constructed Erato Street Cruise Terminal in New Orleans, Louisiana. DHS also plans to introduce biometric screening at the new pre-flight inspection center at Halifax International Airport in Halifax, Canada.

Biometric entry procedures to the United States were introduced in 2004 under the US-VISIT (United States Visitor and Immigrant Status Indicator Technology) program to increase border security yet "keep America's doors open," according to the program's motto. (See [related article](#).)

The procedures consist of digital, inkless finger scans and digital photographs as a routine, primary inspection process at airports and seaports with international arrivals, in the secondary inspection areas of U.S. land border ports of entry and at U.S. consulates around the world.

The US-VISIT program is designed to allow border officials to quickly establish if a particular visitor should be prohibited from entering the United States; whether the visitor can receive, extend, change or adjust immigration status; whether the visitor has overstayed the visa; and whether he or she needs special protection.

For those entering the United States for legitimate purposes and with proper documents, the system is designed to facilitate their travel while respecting privacy laws and policies, DHS says.

US-VISIT currently applies to most visitors entering the United States regardless of country of origin or whether they are traveling with or without a visa. However, US-VISIT does not apply to most Canadian travelers.

In most cases, biometric screening has in fact decreased processing time at U.S. borders, according to DHS officials. Since the program's inception, more than 62 million people have been processed through US-VISIT. The program helped to stop over 1,200 criminals and immigration violators from entering the United States, DHS says.

For more information, see [Immigration Reform](#).

[Additional information](#) on the US-VISIT program is available on the DHS Web site.

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