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FEDERAL

1. Air Plot Said to Target Cities (Washington Post, 02 Nov 2006)

A group of alleged terrorists arrested in London in August planned to blow up airliners over U.S. cities to maximize casualties, rather than over the Atlantic Ocean as many intelligence officials originally thought, according to recent remarks by a senior FBI official. The comments by Mark Mershon, head of the FBI's New York field office, indicate that U.S. and British intelligence officials now think that the airliner plot was aimed at maximizing the potential loss of life and economic impact.

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2. U.S. Plans to Screen All Who Enter, Leave Country (Washington Post, 03 Nov 2006)

The federal government disclosed details yesterday of a border-security program to screen all people who enter and leave the United States, create a terrorism risk profile of each individual and retain that information for up to 40 years. The details, released in a notice published yesterday in the Federal Register, open a new window on the government's broad and often controversial data-collection effort directed at American and foreign travelers, which was implemented after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

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3. Unmanned Spy Planes To Patrol U.S. Border (NY Sun, 2 Nov 2006)

WASHINGTON - The Predator unmanned spy plane, usually seen in the skies above Afghanistan, will soon be deployed over the America-Mexico border, Governor Perry of Texas said yesterday. A squadron of 16 Predator I-Bs will be based in Texas's Ellington Air Force Base starting sometime next year, the governor said. As commander in chief of the Texas Air National Guard, of which the Predators will be a part, Mr. Perry will exercise some control over the deployment of the U.S. Air Force-owned planes. The Predators will fly over the 16 Texas counties that line Mexican border, as well as patrol the Houston ship channel and the petrochemical plants that line the Lone Star State's Gulf Coast. The governor emphasized that the primary cruising ground for the planes will be the stretches of desert along the border.

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4. TSA Seeks Limits on Sensitive Information (Port Security News, 6 Nov 2006)

The Transportation Security Administration last week (November 1) put a notice in the Federal Register stating that it has forwarded a new plan for personal information collection to the Office of Management and Budget for its approval. The intent is to require people involved in legal disputes to be fingerprinted and subject to a background check before they can gain access to information deemed sensitive by the Department of Homeland Security. The limits on the collection of information specifically pertain to those seeking access to "sensitive security information" (SSI) to support their cases in federal court. TSA is seeking to conduct criminal history record checks and security threat assessments of those seeking the sensitive but unclassified information in order to strengthen their court cases. TSA argues that SSI includes information that would be

detrimental to transportation security if publicly disclosed. Critics on the other hand state that information with little or no bearing on homeland security often gets classified as SSI.

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5. Half U.S. Runways Said Lack Safety Zone (AP, 3 Nov 2006)

WASHINGTON - More than half of U.S. commercial airports don't have a 1,000-foot margin at the end of a runway, an overrun area the federal government says is needed as a safety zone, according to a new report. Some of the busiest airports in the country _ including Los Angeles International Airport, Chicago's O'Hare International Airport and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport _ have more than one runway that doesn't meet safety standards, according to statistics supplied by the Federal Aviation Administration.

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<http://www.federalnewsradio.com/?nid=78&sid=826084>

6. TSA Issues Security Threat Assessment Application (MarineLink.com, 7 Nov 2006)

The Transportation Security Administration (TSA) issued a notice stating that it is seeking approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to require that individuals seeking access to Sensitive Security Information (SSI) for use in civil proceedings in federal court submit a security threat assessment application. As part of this application, as proposed, the attorney will be required to submit identifying information, information regarding the litigation, an explanation supporting the party's need for the information, information concerning the individual's bar membership, and information concerning sanctions (if any) issued by a court or other judicial body to the individual or any of the individual's clients. The individual must also submit fingerprints for purposes of conducting a criminal history records check. Comments on this proposal should be submitted to OMB by December 1. Source: HK Law

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<http://www.marinelink.com/Story/ShowStory.aspx?StoryID=205018>

7. DHS officials ponder effects of foot-and-mouth outbreak (GovExec.com, 7 Nov 2006)

The Homeland Security Department's senior adviser for weapons of mass destruction said late last week that the introduction of foot-and-mouth disease on American soil would have a tremendous effect on the U.S. economy, whether the outbreak is intentional or accidental. Maureen McCarthy, the weapons adviser, on Friday told attendees of the Association for Intelligence Officers' annual convention that such an outbreak would cost the American agriculture economy "hundreds of billions" of dollars and could shutter some trade borders for "years" if officials deem it necessary. "It will happen instantly," she said of the financial and trade impact, "even if there are no deaths."

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http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=35414&dcn=e_gvet

8. Justice Dept. Refusing FBI Cases (AP, 05 Nov 2006)

The Justice Department increasingly has refused to prosecute FBI cases targeting suspected terrorists over the past five years, according to private researchers who reviewed department records. The government says the findings are inaccurate and "intellectually dishonest." The report being released Monday by the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University raises questions about the quality of the FBI's investigations. Prosecutors declined to bring charges in 131 of 150, or 87 percent, of international terrorist case referrals from the FBI between October 2005 and June 2006, according to the report. The study was based on the most recent data available from the Justice Department's executive office for U.S. attorneys.

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9. U.S. Seeks Silence on CIA Prisons (Washington Post, 04 Nov 2006)

The Bush administration has told a federal judge that terrorism suspects held in secret CIA prisons should not be allowed to reveal details of the "alternative interrogation methods" that their captors used to get them to talk. The government says in new court filings that those interrogation methods are now among the nation's most sensitive national security secrets and that their release -- even to the detainees' own attorneys -- "could reasonably be expected to cause extremely grave damage." Terrorists could use the information to train in counter-interrogation techniques and foil government efforts to elicit information about their methods and plots, according to government documents submitted to U.S. District Judge Reggie B. Walton on Oct. 26.

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10. German airport security faulty? (UPI, 07 Nov 2006)

Mock terrorists in one out of three cases manage to smuggle weapons and explosives past security guards at Frankfurt International Airport, a German news magazine has said. The report has unleashed a quarrel between the German interior ministry and a police union over the price Germany should pay to safeguard its airports. Checking those who should be checking you for knives, pistols or explosives is a practice regularly done at airports across the world. At Frankfurt International, one of the biggest air hubs in Europe, security guards at checkpoints were tested 367 times in the first half of 2006, with worrisome results, German news magazine Der Spiegel reports in its latest issue. One testing period proved to be especially holey: Individuals managed to smuggle forbidden items past security checkpoints in 45 out of 123 attempts within three months in the beginning of 2006, Spiegel said. Forty-five people smuggling razor blades, knives, guns or even explosive devices past guards at airports is too much, observers say.

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STATE AND LOCAL NEWS

11. AZ: Feds Charge 55 Suspects in Major Human Smuggling Network (By Jim Kouri, CPP, 4 Nov 2006)

Federal and local law enforcement officers fanned out across southern Arizona and several other states searching for more than 50 people allegedly linked to a far-reaching human smuggling organization that brought large numbers of illegal aliens into the United States across remote eastern sections of Arizona's international border. Arrests are also being sought in New Mexico, California, Minnesota, and Ohio. The enforcement action caps a two-year probe by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), U.S. Customs and Border Protection Border Patrol, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), and the Cochise County Sheriff's Office, into a family-run human smuggling ring based in the tiny Arizona town of Bowie. Other agencies that aided with the investigation include the Willcox Police Department, the Arizona Department of Public Safety, the Graham County Sheriff's Office, and the Bureau of Land Management. The arrests come less than three weeks after a grand jury in Tucson handed down a sealed indictment naming 55 suspects for their involvement in the scheme. The alleged violations include alien smuggling and money laundering.

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http://magic-city-news.com/article_6988.shtml

12. CA: Sports agent accused of smuggling Cuban players to U.S. (Xinhuanet, 2 Nov 2006)

BEIJING - A U.S. sports agent was charged on Tuesday with smuggling potential major league baseball players from Cuba to the United States. Gustavo "Gus" Dominguez, a Beverly Hills, California-based agent, who has represented dozens of Cuban defectors and other major league players, is accused of hiring four men to use a speedboat to carry 19 Cubans to Florida in 2004, five of whom were talented baseball players. Experts say that the case, the first time a baseball agent has been charged with smuggling, reveals the dark side of businessmen who represent defectors from Cuba, where baseball is the national sport.

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http://news.xinhuanet.com/english/2006-11/02/content_5279767.htm

13. CO: Prison Guards Say Supermax Understaffed (AP, 07 Nov 2006)

Cory Hodge was a prison guard for less than three years at Supermax home of America's most feared and notorious criminals before he decided he had had enough. He left to take a job as a train conductor. "I felt like staffing levels were coming to a point where it was getting ridiculously dangerous to be there," said Hodge, who was stabbed in the head and arms at another prison before going to Supermax. "I have a wife and children. I want to be around for them." Guards at Supermax complain that because of cost-cutting, staffing levels are perilously low, and as a result, prisoners are growing angrier and threats and assaults against the staff are on the rise at the Alcatraz of the Rockies.

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<http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=2635381>

14. FL: Mica's Remarks On Airport Security Prompt Calls For Resignation (News4Jax.com, 5 Nov 2006)

ORLANDO, Fla. - Comments made by U.S. Rep. John Mica during a central Florida television station's investigation into apparent lax security at Orlando International

Airport has prompted a group to call for his resignation, a flurry of e-mails from angry viewers and a request for an apology from his political opponent. Mica, the Republican chair of the House Aviation Subcommittee, said he was not worried that security workers at the airport repeatedly walked by unattended bags for more than an hour, as reported by an undercover investigation by WKMG-TV. "It doesn't bother me. Did it explode?" Mica said.

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<http://www.news4jax.com/politics/10245529/detail.html>

15. FL: Two accused of kidnapping for taking off with smuggled Guatemalan (South Florida Sun-Sentinel, 2 Nov 2006)

West Palm Beach · Two men are being held on kidnapping charges for allegedly speeding off with a Guatemalan they smuggled here from the Texas border after his brother-in-law didn't have the extra \$3,000 they demanded. Bruno Ortiz, 39, of Austin, and Gonzalo Lucero, 42, of Houston, are being held in a Collier County jail after a six-hour police search across the state that ended near Naples. Ortiz is being held on \$1 million bond because of prior assault charges in Texas and Lucero on \$500,000 bond. The Collier County Sheriff's Office also charged Ortiz with driving with a suspended or revoked license. The alleged victim, Juan Savino, 18, said he was looking for a better life, one that would help propel his family from poverty in the Central America nation.

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16. ME: Maine Adds More Bomb Sniffing Dogs (WCSH, 6 Nov 2006)

The state is about to get some more bomb-sniffing dogs. Senator Susan Collins says the Transportation Security Administration, or TSA has agreed to place six teams with state and local departments. The teams, a handler and a dog, will be near vital modes of transportation and used to search airports, ferry terminals and bus stations.

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<http://www.wcsh6.com/news/article.aspx?storyid=44563>

17. MA: Cameras will spy on city (AP, 3 Nov 2006)

SPRINGFIELD - If you're downtown in the state's third-largest city, somebody will be watching. Springfield has set up four surveillance cameras and plans to add dozens more, embracing a sometimes-criticized crime-fighting tool in use by its smaller neighbor, Holyoke, and in New York, Los Angeles and London. Mayor Charles Ryan and Police Commissioner Ed Flynn unveiled the technology Thursday at police headquarters. The hidden cameras scan 24 hours a day and can be adjusted to cover several blocks or to zoom in on faces. Police can relocate them if needed. Four more cameras will be added at various locations in coming weeks.

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http://berkshireeagle.com/headlines/ci_4602759

18. OH: Loaded gun found in airport luggage (WKYC, 7 Nov 2006)

CLEVELAND - TSA officials called police after noticing what appeared to be a loaded gun in checked baggage. Police say the .41 caliber handgun was loaded, and belonged to

Aaron Cobb, 30, of Warrensville Heights. Cobb was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon and "having a weapon under disability," meaning he had prior restrictions on his legal ability to carry a weapon.

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http://www.wkyc.com/news/news_article.aspx?storyid=58961

19. PA: 3 Mile Island Reactor Shuts Down (AP, 2 Nov 2006)

HARRISBURG, Pa. - The reactor at Three Mile Island, site of the nation's worst nuclear accident, shut down Thursday, but radiation was not released and there was no danger to the public, company and federal officials said. A faulty instrument reading triggered the automatic shutdown, officials said. It was the first shutdown of Unit 1 since 1997, said Ralph DeSantis, a spokesman for the plant's operator, AmerGen Energy Co. LLC. The unit, which opened in 1974, shut off at 1:35 p.m. and remained down Thursday evening. "It appears this was an uncomplicated, smooth shutdown," said Neil Sheehan, a spokesman for the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

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<http://www.federalnewsradio.com/?nid=80&sid=962849>

20. PA: Canadian trucker jailed on smuggling charges (Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, 4 Nov 2006)

A Canadian trucker caught in Somerset County with more than \$250,000 in suspected drug money in the cab of his tractor-trailer was arraigned in federal court this week and is being held while awaiting the outcome of an appeal of his release by a federal magistrate. A state trooper stopped Ebrahim Mansouri, 52, of Ontario, on the Pennsylvania Turnpike on Sept. 26 near Somerset because his truck, registered in Canada, didn't have a U.S. Department of Transportation sticker.

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<http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/06308/735600-85.stm>

21. VA: FBI Investigating Va. Voter Calls (AP, 07 Nov 2006)

RICHMOND, Va. - The FBI said Tuesday that it is looking into complaints that callers tried to intimidate or confuse Virginia voters in the hard-fought race between GOP Sen. George Allen and Democratic challenger Jim Webb. State Board of Elections Secretary Jean Jensen said her office had forwarded several reports to the FBI of voters receiving phone calls intended to discourage them from voting or directing them to the wrong polling place. "If something is going on that worries and alarms voters enough that I'm contacted to look into it, I have a responsibility to do that," Jensen said. The FBI is checking the reports, agent Stephen Kodak Jr. said.

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KEY PEOPLE

22. Aerospace consultant chosen for top DHS post (Federal Times, 3 Nov 2006)

President Bush has selected a nominee for undersecretary for management at the Homeland Security Department, a post that has been vacant since May. Bush on Nov. 2

nominated Paul Schneider, a defense and aerospace consultant, to replace Janet Hale, who stepped down in May. A statement from Homeland Security said Schneider played a major role in developing the plan for the Next Generation Air Transportation System, a program that aims to develop a new, high-tech air traffic control system. Schneider also has been the senior acquisition executive for the National Security Agency and the principal deputy assistant secretary of the Navy for research, development and acquisition.

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<http://federaltimes.com/index.php?S=2332163>

23. AZ: City to create new security job (The Arizona Republic, 7 Nov 2006)

Phoenix is ratcheting up homeland security efforts by transforming the traditional police chief post into a higher-profile job that consolidates security oversight of aviation, transit, water and emergency operations. And officials want retiring Phoenix Police Chief Jack Harris to fill the newly created position. Harris, 57, a 35-year veteran, must retire from the Phoenix Police Department in January as part of the state's Deferred Retirement Option Program, which allowed officers to take retirement after 20 years then stay for up to five more years but not longer. State law prohibits public-safety officials from retiring and continuing to receive pension payments if they return to the same position.

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<http://www.azcentral.com/arizonarepublic/local/articles/1107chief1107.html>

GANG ACTIVITY

24. CA: Fresno Police Mission: Eliminate the Bulldog Street Gang (ABC30.com, 3 Nov 2006)

Fresno's notorious Bulldog Gang may soon be feeling some intense pressure from police. The Fresno Police Department has launched a new task force. The goal is eliminating the gang completely! Police have connected the Bulldogs to some of the city's most notorious crimes. Nine police officers will now be working full time to identify and arrest those gang members. But, actually eliminating the Bulldogs might be a daunting task. Action News spoke with a 17-year-old, who is a self professed Bulldog Gang member. She says being a Bulldog is a lifetime membership. She said, "They'll all beat me up cause, you can't say you're something and then one day say I don' want to be it anymore. You have to back up what you are."

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<http://abclocal.go.com/kfsn/story?section=local&id=4726046>

25. CA: Gang Violence on the Rise in Santa Barbara - Rival gangs cross territorial lines in a cycle of retaliation and revenge (KSBY, 2 Nov 2006)

A Santa Barbara man is stabbed in an apparent gang fight. It happened in a quiet residential neighborhood just after 9:00 a.m. this morning. 31-year-old Buck Unzueta was stabbed several times by two unidentified teenagers. His attackers fled on foot and are still at large. This cycle of gang violence is becoming far too common on the streets of Santa Barbara.

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<http://www.ksby.com/home/headlines/4555471.html>

26. CA: Anti-gang contractors sanctioned by city (Los Angeles Times, 4 Nov 2006)

Five of the 25 contractors providing gang-prevention services for middle school students under the L.A. Bridges program were briefly put on probation this year because of performance problems, and one has been terminated, according to a report. The city of Los Angeles funds the program. It terminated its contract with Martin Luther King Legacy Assn. because of fiscal problems that included nonpayment of state and federal taxes. Five other contractors were placed on probation earlier in the year but have since been restored to compliance status, according to the report to the City Council.

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27. DC: Secret jury to hear gang case summary (Washington Times, 6 Nov 2006)

Closing arguments are expected today in a gang-related racketeering and drug-trafficking case in the District in which the judge took the unusual step of appointing an anonymous jury. Prosecutors say they want the names of the jurors to remain secret because the gang has tried to tamper with the judicial system, including impersonating a law-enforcement officer to kill a cooperating witness. Gerald Eiland and Frederick Miller are among several men accused of running a drug organization and car-theft ring based in the District. They have pleaded not guilty. Before the trial, U.S. District Judge Royce C. Lamberth sided with prosecutors seeking the anonymous jury, citing "strong reason to believe that the jury needs protection." The trial began in October.

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<http://www.washtimes.com/metro/20061105-111638-8910r.htm>

28. FL: Judge Gives 13th Street Gang Killer 25 Years In Prison (All Headline News, 2 Nov 2006)

Fort Pierce, FL - 22-year-old Frank Lee Rivers plead guilty to second-degree murder on Thursday and cut a deal with prosecutors in the 2004 shooting of Utilien Ilerant. Rivers shot the 28-year as part of a gang initiation ritual for the 13th Street Gang in Fort Pierce. According to the Palm Beach Post, state prosecutors had been seeking a life sentence but struck a deal with Rivers' attorneys when he agreed to confess against 25-year old James Corey Wiley, another 13th Street gang member. According to reports, Wiley had instructed Rivers to kill Ilerant in order to become a member of the gang and provided him with a .357 to do so.

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<http://www.allheadlinenews.com/articles/7005387191>

29. IL: 3 charged with plotting to kill rival gang members - 2 members fatally wounded in police shootout (abc7chicago, 2 Nov 2006)

Police have charged three people in what they are calling a conspiracy to kill members of a rival gang. Investigators say police officers stopped a retaliation murder on Monday. Two reputed gang members were killed in the gunfire. Police say these rival gangs are responsible for a series of murders and other random crimes against West Side residents. A police officer was wounded in that shootout earlier this week. Chicago police say

violence between two rival gangs had become such a problem that a special task force was formed a few months ago to tackle the problem, and it was work by that task force that led them to stop a gang-ordered hit. However, that incident still led to a deadly shootout on Monday.

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<http://abclocal.go.com/wls/story?section=local&id=4722012>

30. MD: MS-13 member gets 10-year sentence for racketeering (Gazette, 7 Nov 2006)

MS-13 gang member Jose Pena Aguilar was sentenced to 10 years in prison Nov. 6 for firearm use and a racketeering conspiracy. The 10-year-sentence will be served after Aguilar, 24, finishes his current 20-year sentence for the attempted murder of a High Point High School senior and a rival gang member in June 2003, according to U.S. District Court documents.

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http://www.gazette.net/stories/110706/princou121123_31967.shtml

31. MD: Community Leaders Propose Anti-Gang Legislation (WJZ, 2 Nov 2006)

Baltimore, Md - Governor Ehrlich and Baltimore State's Attorney Pat Jessamy met behind closed doors with other prosecutors and police to propose some anti-gang legislation. Gang related crimes have been on the rise in Maryland. In some areas gang symbols are left to mark their turf. State law enforcement has identified 250 independent gangs acting alone in alliances. WJZ's Alex DeMetrick spoke with Lt. Col. Steven Meyer, Deputy Secretary of Juvenile Services. He says, "They're very organized. There's the initiation phase, where they're first drafted to become gang members, and they are asked to commit violent acts out there on the street."

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http://wjz.com/local/local_story_306201924.html

32. MA: Menino looks to replicate gang truce - Effort to halt violence hailed (Boston Globe, 6 Nov 2006)

Mayor Thomas M. Menino said yesterday that he is optimistic about the possibility of brokering more gang truces across Boston similar to the one that police, clergy, and youth outreach workers established between two of the city's most violent gangs. Menino, who credited police and the Rev. Jeffrey Brown with cementing the pact between the Heath Street gang in Jamaica Plain and the H-Block gang in Roxbury, also praised the young gang members who came to the bargaining table. "You have to give the . . . gang members a lot of credit for wanting to work together," Menino said in an interview.

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33. FBI-led probe nets phishing gang (The Register, 3 Nov 2006)

Seventeen members of an alleged international phishing and carding gang have been arrested in the US and Eastern Europe following an FBI investigation. Eastern European fraudsters are alleged to have run a series of identity theft scams targeting customers of major financial institutions between August and October 2004. These fraudsters sold on

the personal details of marks to their US accomplices, who plundered compromised bank accounts and traded in stolen credit card information.

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http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/11/03/operation_cardkeeper_phishing_arrests/

34. UK Fears Bulgarian, Romanian Immigrants to Join Organized Crime Groups (Sophia News Agency, 2 Nov 2006)

UK government document claims immigrants from East Europe are reported to commit every tenth crime in the United Kingdom, Darik News reported as cited by Evening Standard newspaper. The document states there is a growing concern in the UK that free movement of people in the EU will encourage Bulgarian and Romanian citizens to come to UK and some of them might join organized crime groups. Police data for the most prone to crime regions in the UK shows one tenth of the arrested criminals come from the eight former East Block countries that joined the EU in 2004. The data comes from an internal government document, which warns there might be an upburst of crimes committed by East Europeans in the UK after Bulgaria and Romania join the EU in 2007.

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http://www.novinite.com/view_news.php?id=72039

35. Australia: Police investigate claim Sydney gang bought rocket launchers (ABCNews.au, 5 Nov 2006)

New South Wales Police are investigating claims a number of rocket launchers are available on the black market in Australia. The Assistant Commissioner for Counter Terrorism Nick Kaldas says authorities are aware of claims made by a Sunday newspaper that a Sydney criminal gang purchased rocket launchers in 2002. The article alleges the weapons were brought into Australia at the height of a feud between two Lebanese families in Sydney's south-west.

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<http://www.abc.net.au/news/newsitems/200611/s1781431.htm>

NARCO TRAFFICKING

36. AL: British man pleads guilty to pot smuggling (AP, 4 Nov 2006)

MOBILE - A British man who fought extradition to the United States for about a decade pleaded guilty Friday to a large-scale marijuana-smuggling scheme. Giles Richard Carlyle-Clarke, who traces his family roots in England to 1066, pleaded guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess with intent to distribute marijuana. He admitted responsibility for 15,000 pounds of marijuana that came into the United States through the Alabama coast and St. Petersburg, Fla. If sentenced to the low end of advisory sentencing guidelines, Carlyle-Clarke would serve a prison term of 12 years and seven months. Prosecutors have agreed to support his request to serve that time in his home country.

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<http://www.decatordaily.com/decatordaily/news/061104/pot.shtml>

37. AL: Fisherman faces smuggling charges (Montgomery Advertiser, 6 Nov 2006)

MOBILE -- A south Florida commercial fisherman faces arraignment Nov. 17 in Mobile on federal charges of plotting to use a shrimp boat to smuggle 1,200 kilograms of cocaine through this Alabama port city. A federal grand jury last week indicted Orestes Felix Estrada, 69, of Miami on charges of conspiracy to import cocaine and attempting to import cocaine.

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38. MA: Arrest made at address of fatal police shooting (South Coast Today, 6 Nov 2006)

NEW BEDFORD — Police last night conducted a raid at the same Thomas Street address where last week they shot and killed a 38-year-old man during a confrontation. Narcotics detectives conducted a raid after 8:30 p.m. at 60 Thomas St., arresting Terry W. Lewis, 48, who lives in apartment 11 on the second floor of the building. Inside, police found 22 grams of crack cocaine, a couple of bags of marijuana and a .38 caliber handgun with ammunition. "We've been watching this house for a while," said Lt. David Lizotte of the New Bedford police and the Organized Crime Intelligence Bureau. "We've made some small possession arrests." Mr. Lewis will be arraigned today in New Bedford District Court. He faces cocaine trafficking, marijuana possession and unlawful possession of a firearm, among other possible charges.

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<http://www.southcoasttoday.com/daily/11-06/11-03-06/13local.htm>

39. NY: 38 people plead guilty in cocaine distribution ring investigation (The Journal News, 7 Nov 2006)

NEW CITY - Authorities said yesterday that 38 people charged in a drug distribution ring have pleaded guilty to felonies. Six more people have not yet entered pleas in the case, while several others so far are heading for trial and some are still wanted, prosecutor Gary Lee Heavner said. Fifty-three people were arrested as a result of an investigation by the Rockland Narcotics Task Force investigation into a drug-dealing gang operating on Karnell Street in Hillcrest.

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40. OR: Pair caught with \$80,000 of cocaine (The News-Review, 6 Nov 2006)

ROSEBURG: Two Washington residents were arrested Saturday when a police officer found some \$80,000 worth of cocaine in their vehicle during a traffic stop in Roseburg. The police officer pulled over Marciano Mendez Maya, 28, of Tacoma in a parking lot on the 1400 block of Diamond Lake Boulevard around 4:50 p.m., according to a Roseburg Police Department press release. Mendez Maya was arrested after the officer determined he was wanted on a federal warrant for dangerous drugs.

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<http://www.oregonnews.com/article/20061106/NEWS/111060044>

41. PA: Cocaine distributor: Jail, without parole (Philadelphia Inquirer, 7 Nov 2006)

A Mexican citizen who admitted to participating in a multimillion-dollar cocaine-trafficking operation was sentenced in Camden yesterday to 17 1/2 years in federal prison without parole. Alvaro Ramos-Gonzalez, 45, pleaded guilty in February to conspiring to distribute more than 600 pounds of cocaine in the Philadelphia region. In addition, Ramos-Gonzalez pleaded to a count of illegal re-entry into the United States. He had previously been deported after a conviction for an aggravated assault, said Greg Reinert, spokesman for the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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42. WA: Ecstasy smuggling surges (Times Colonist, 4 Nov 2006)

PORT ANGELES - It was like an episode of Keystone Krooks, would have been pretty funny were it not so serious. The four guys smuggling the drugs from Canada had trouble pulling their boat ashore, saw their truck and trailer slide into the water instead, so the U.S. undercover cops who were watching them had to mosey over and help get them unstuck. Then the cops busted the smugglers -- the man who had piloted the 24-foot Maxum, plus the three other Vancouver men who were waiting for him at the Freshwater Bay boat launch west of Port Angeles on Washington's Olympic Peninsula. What the American authorities found on board on Oct. 20 was a massive, multimillion-dollar cargo of ecstasy -- evidence of a major shift in the drug trade between B.C. and the U.S.

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43. Ganja for cocaine trade between Jamaica and Curacao (Jamaica Observer, 6 Nov 2006)

DRUG mules are trading marijuana for cocaine in Curacao then reintroducing the cocaine to the streets of Jamaica, says Senior Superintendent Carlton Wilson of the Jamaica Constabulary Force (JCF) Narcotics Division. But Wilson said most of the cocaine was destined for the United Kingdom for sale and distribution there. " We see a trend where cocaine is being imported from Curacao. They (drug mules) take the ganja down to Curacao and trade it for cocaine, then smuggle it back into Jamaica, using all the regular means, like swallowing it (or) putting it among commercial goods," Wilson told the Observer. Wilson noted, however, that the Narcotics branch had seen a significant reduction in the amount of drug mules going in and out of the island, as well as the amount of cocaine on the streets.

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44. Two people arrested in Mexico for smuggling heroin (Xinhuanet, 6 Nov 2006)

Customs officers have arrested two people at Mexico City's Benito Juarez International Airport, seizing 7.7 kg of heroin, police said on Sunday. The two suspected drug-smugglers, 18-year-old Alan Gustavo Gutierrez Castro and 20-year old Filiberto Gamboa Cesena, were also carrying 98 ecstasy tablets and 57 amphetamines when they arrived at the airport from the Colombian capital of Bogota. The arrests took place on Saturday at an airport waiting room after customs officers noticed that the two were having difficulty

walking as they stepped off the plane. The police later discovered dozens of packets of heroin sewn into their pants.

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http://english.people.com.cn/200611/06/eng20061106_318736.html

45. Italy: Carabinieri Arrest 60; 3 Tonnes Of Cocaine Seized (AGI, 7 Nov 2006)

The carabinieri have executed 60 arrest warrants issued by the Trento judge in connection with the international trafficking of drugs between South America and Italy. The 60 orders were executed in Trentino, Lombardy, Piedmont, Tuscany, Calabria and Sardinia, while around ten drug traffickers were arrested in Spain and Argentina. In these countries, the organisations' refineries and storehouses, providing the whole of Europe with cocaine, hidden in stores of charcoal, were identified. Thanks to international cooperation on the part of the police and magistrates in Argentina and Spain, the forensic police and the Drugs Squad managed to seize over 3000 kg of cocaine and 110,000 ecstasy pills, while around 40 drug traffickers were arrested during the investigation carried out abroad.

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CYBERTHREAT & THEFT

46. A new boarding pass generator (ComputerWorld Blog, By Martin McKeay, 2 Nov 2006)

You've probably heard about Christopher Soghoian and the fake boarding pass generator. He's a PhD candidate specializing in security and he created a nice little program to create fake boarding passes in an effort to show exactly how weak this particular security measure is. It's not really news, since Bruce Schneier pointed it out over 3 years ago., but we had members of Congress calling for his head on a platter ... I mean arrest (later rescinded). And he was visited by the FBI, twice. The second time they came by his house they did quite a job of trashing it. Oh, and they had his ISP shut down his web site and make the Northwest Airlines boarding pass generator shut down. But the Internet is a funny thing; once an idea is out there and has had a chance to catch popular attention, it's almost impossible for anyone, even the FBI to stop it's propagation. A new fake boarding pass generator has been created, and this time it's self-contained and anyone can download a copy of the code to run on their own system. It's a little bit of HTML and Java that doesn't require a web server and can be run locally or put on any web site. The creator even put it in a tar'd file for easy download. If the FBI shuts down this site, I predict we'll see multiple copies of the boarding pass generator up within hours.

Article at:

<http://www.computerworld.com/blogs/node/3877>

Boarding Pass Generator at:

<http://j0hn4d4m5.bravehost.com>

47. Cyberspies Invade Silicon Valley (Webpronews.com, 6 Nov 2006)

Fictional super spies like James Bond may have to retire from all the action, sizzle and international intrigue of days past if the recent trend in stealing company secrets through

computer hacking in Silicon Valley continues. Everything from computer chip information, cutting edge military equipment plans, and company trade secrets are being pilfered in a lowkey manner by a variety of hackers, usually initiated by countries competing with the United States in worldwide markets, including allies like France and Israel. China seems to be the most prominent player in this illegal game due the results of numerous ongoing FBI investigations. These cases have led authorities to shut down a slew of operations setting up in Silicon Valley which were allegedly financed by Beijing venture capital firms linked to the Chinese military and government.

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48. The Best Security May Still Be Free (Washington Post, 05 Nov 2006)

Security software doesn't exactly top most people's wish lists. You know you need it -- how else will you protect Windows against viruses, spyware, trojans and whatever other creepy stuff the Internet throws at you? But there's no joy attached to using these defensive programs. That's somewhat unavoidable with software that, by nature, has zero productivity or entertainment value. Anti-virus, anti-spyware and firewall applications can only help your computer if it's already infected; otherwise, the best they can do is keep your PC in the same condition. And in the meantime, you have three or more separate programs to maintain. Combining those applications into a unified whole should at least minimize the nuisance factor and, ideally, give your computer a software bodyguard who looks out for trouble at all times. But a tryout of new security suites from five major developers -- CA, McAfee, Panda, Symantec and Trend Micro -- revealed many of the same sins all around. (Two other developers, Microsoft and Zone Labs, are between updates.) Too often, the software meant to keep your computer safe does so at an unnecessary cost.

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49. U.S. Web Archive Is Said to Reveal a Nuclear Primer (New York Times, 03 Nov 2006)

Last March, the federal government set up a Web site to make public a vast archive of Iraqi documents captured during the war. The Bush administration did so under pressure from Congressional Republicans who had said they hoped to "leverage the Internet" to find new evidence of the prewar dangers posed by Saddam Hussein. But in recent weeks, the site has posted some documents that weapons experts say are a danger themselves: detailed accounts of Iraq's secret nuclear research before the 1991 Persian Gulf war. The documents, the experts say, constitute a basic guide to building an atom bomb.

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50. VA Computer Missing In Manhattan (AP, 3 Nov 2006)

A computer with more than 15-hundred military veterans' sensitive data, including Social Security numbers and medical diagnoses, was stolen from a Manhattan veteran's hospital. The computer was reported stolen on September sixth from the Veterans Affairs New York Harbor Healthcare System in Manhattan. The veterans were notified in an October

20th letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs that the computer was stolen. VA officials offered veterans a free credit monitoring service to those who may have been affected. They also said additional video cameras are being installed at key locations in the Manhattan medical center.

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<http://www.federalnewsradio.com/?nid=78&sid=963193>

TECHNOLOGY

51. Homeland Security eyes data fusion in states, localities (By Chris Strohm, National Journal's Technology Daily, 6 Nov 2006)

The Homeland Security Department hopes to improve information sharing with state and local government fusion centers by giving those centers intelligence officers and an advanced communications network for classified information, a senior official said Friday. Department Chief Intelligence Officer Charles Allen said he plans to have intelligence officers embedded at 18 fusion centers by the end of fiscal 2007 and at all other centers by the end of fiscal 2008. Fusion centers are central locations where local, state and federal officials work to receive, integrate and analyze intelligence. "As intended, these centers will maximize state and local abilities to protect, prevent and respond to criminal and terrorist attacks, and recover from natural disasters, by compiling, analyzing and disseminating criminal intelligence, threat assessments and public safety, law enforcement and health information," Allen said during a keynote speech at a conference organized by the Association for Intelligence Officers.

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http://www.govexec.com/story_page.cfm?articleid=35412&dcn=e_gvet

52. ASandE wins \$2.2M X-Ray security contract (UPI, 07 Nov 2006)

American Science and Engineering, Inc. announced Monday it had received a \$2.2 million contract to develop a mobile X-ray security system. AS and E specializes in developing X-ray detection technology. It said the U.S. government had awarded it a \$2.2 million research and development contract to develop a 'ruggedized' Z@ Backscatter Van, or ZBV. "The robust system will be configured to meet the U.S. government's specifications for operation in harsh environments," the company said in a statement. "Like the ZBV, these mobile systems will be easily re-locatable in mission-critical areas and produce photo-like X-ray images of vehicles and other objects for rapid threat analysis."

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<http://www.upi.com/SecurityTerrorism/view.php?StoryID=20061107-021009-2865r>

FULL REPORTS

53. Future Terrorism – Mutant Jihads, by Walid Phares, November 2006

The Fall 2006 edition of the Journal of International Security Affairs contains an insightful article by Walid Phares, "Future Terrorism: Mutant Jihads." Walid Phares, of course, is the author of an excellent book of analysis, *Future Jihad*. Both the article and

the book, at greater length, provide an assessment of the jihad threat worldwide as it stands today and the course it is likely to take in the future.

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http://www.defenddemocracy.org/usr_doc/JISS_article_Mutant_Jihad.pdf

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