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Sent: Wednesday, April 07, 2010 9:34 PM
To: Morton, John
Subject: Fw: NYT (03/31) Rushed From Haiti, Then Jailed for Lacking Visas

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All,

Attached is the 1-2 pager requested by the b5
b5 I received and incorporated edits from ICE and State on this. Esther asked that I re-circulate to this group to make sure no one has any further edits or any reservations before we b5 Please let me know in the next 24 hours or so if you do. b5

Thanks,

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Subject to your guiding correction, I was planning to do the following:

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Sent: Thu Apr 01 22:02:41 2010
Subject: Re: NYT (03/31) Rushed From Haiti, Then Jailed for Lacking Visas

b6, b7C - heard you're lead on this.

Are there talkers or qa on what we need to be saying to the hill? I know that beth s briefing the chs committee tomorrow - what is she going to say?

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From: b6, b7C
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Need to add nelson and elliot.

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Thanks b6, b7C

We will do.

Best,

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[REDACTED] b6, b7C Thanks for talking with me. Based on Beth Gibson's earlier e-mail the Hill has been calling and I understand DHS is working this issue. Can you please have DHS Leg and Public Affairs work with NSS Leg ([REDACTED] b6, b7C copied) and Press ([REDACTED] b6, b7C copied).

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March 31, 2010

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By NINA BERNSTEIN

More than two months after the earthquake that devastated Haiti, at least 30 survivors who were waved onto planes by Marines in the chaotic aftermath are prisoners of the United States immigration system, locked up since their arrival in detention centers in Florida.

In Haiti, some were pulled from the rubble, their legal advocates say. Some lost parents, siblings or children. Many were seeking food, safety or medical care at the Port-au-Prince airport when terrifying aftershocks prompted hasty evacuations by military transports, with no time for immigration processing. None have criminal histories.

But when they landed in the United States without visas, they were taken into custody by immigration authorities and held for deportation, even though deportations to Haiti have been suspended indefinitely since the earthquake. Legal advocates who stumbled on the survivors in February at the Broward County Transitional Center, a privately operated immigration jail in Pompano Beach, Fla., have tried for weeks to persuade government officials to release them to citizen relatives who are eager to take them in, letters and affidavits show.

Meanwhile, the detainees have received little or no mental health care for the trauma they suffered, lawyers at the Florida Inmigrant Advocacy Center said, despite an offer of free treatment at the jail by a local Creole-speaking psychotherapist.

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Senator, The following will be on the website soon. I propose "Policy Reforms" and "Detention Reforms" or something along those lines. Thanks

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ICE Website Updates

Policy Reforms Link (to be posted this week):

1. National Fugitive Operations Program: Priorities, Goals and Expectations – **A/S signed 12/08/09**
2. Parole of Arriving Aliens Found to Have Credible Fear of Persecution or Torture – **A/S signed, issued 12/08/09, effective 01/04/10**
3. Notification and Reporting of Detainee Deaths – **A/S signed, issued and effective 10/01/09**
4. Adjudicating Stay Requests Filed by U-Visa Nonimmigrant Status Applicants – **DRO Director (Venturella) signed 09/24/09**
5. Reporting and Investigating Claims to United States Citizenship – **A/S signed 11/19/09**

*Pending final review: I-130 Guidance, Administrative Closure Guidance

Detention Reform Link (to be posted this week):

1. Detention Reform Accomplishments (3 pages – to be edited as appropriate for website) – **Updated April 8, 2010**

Other Links:

1. Detainee Deaths 2003 to present – **current and online** (<http://www.ice.gov/doclib/foia/media-requests/detaineddeaths2003-present.pdf>)
2. Detention Facilities List – **anticipate the list next week**

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Here are USC guidance, revised fug ops policy, U visa guidance, parole guidance, detainee death policy.

I do not believe I-130 guidance and admin closure guidance are final yet.

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knows the policies I listed below. If you can't pull them quickly from the policy site, please work with policy, OPLA, or DRO. The goal is a web link called "Policy Reforms" that list all of our policies in the last ten months. Then, we need a link to "Detention Reform" with our two pages of accomplishments, noting those that are complete and those that are "Coming Soon" without firm dates. If you need support, let me know. Thanks

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Adding ODPP. This should be detention reform accomplishments past -- and coming. I also want to add USC guidance, revised fug ops policy, U visa guidance, parole guidance, detainee death policy, I-130 guidance, and admin closure guidance.

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As an update, we met with DRO yesterday and are moving forward with getting this information compiled.

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I spoke with the A/S this morning about the need to add updated DRO facts and messaging to our current website. We cannot wait until we launch the new site later this summer. So I need as soon as possible any and all DRO facts, graphics and description information you can provide so that we can load it on the site please.

When the new site launches, we can tweak the material to fit within our style guide and look/feel requirements.

Thanks.

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Sent: Friday, April 09, 2010 12:58 AM
To: Morton, John; [b6, b7c]
Subject: Re: Draft MOU with DOL

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This looks quite good to me. A few key areas to think about:

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Subject: FW: Website Update for A/S

Senator, The following will be on the website soon. I propose "Policy Reforms" and "Detention Reforms" or something along those lines. Thanks

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ICE Website Updates

Policy Reforms Link (to be posted this week):

1. National Fugitive Operations Program: Priorities, Goals and Expectations – **A/S signed 12/08/09**
2. Parole of Arriving Aliens Found to Have Credible Fear of Persecution or Torture – **A/S signed, issued 12/08/09, effective 01/04/10**
3. Notification and Reporting of Detainee Deaths – **A/S signed, issued and effective 10/01/09**
4. Adjudicating Stay Requests Filed by U-Visa Nonimmigrant Status Applicants – **DRO Director (Venturella) signed 09/24/09**
5. Reporting and Investigating Claims to United States Citizenship – **A/S signed 11/19/09**

*Pending final review: I-130 Guidance, Administrative Closure Guidance

Detention Reform Link (to be posted this week):

1. Detention Reform Accomplishments (3 pages – to be edited as appropriate for website) – **Updated April 8, 2010**

Other Links:

1. Detainee Deaths 2003 to present – **current and online** (<http://www.ice.gov/doclib/foia/media-requests/detaineedeaths2003-present.pdf>)
2. Detention Facilities List – **anticipate the list next week**

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Here are USC guidance, revised fug ops policy, U visa guidance, parole guidance, detainee death policy.

I do not believe I-130 guidance and admin closure guidance are final yet.

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Subject: FW: DRO Facts for Website

Lisa, Susan Cullen knows the policies I listed below. If you can't pull them quickly from the policy site, please work with policy, OPLA, or DRO. The goal is a web link called "Policy Reforms" that list all of our policies in the last ten months. Then, we need a link to "Detention Reform" with our two pages of accomplishments, noting those that are complete and those that are "Coming Soon" without firm dates. If you need support, let me know. Thanks, b6, b7c

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Subject: Re: DRO Facts for Website

Adding ODPP. This should be detention reform accomplishments past -- and coming. I also want to add USC guidance, revised fug ops policy, U visa guidance, parole guidance, detainee death policy, I-130 guidance, and admin closure guidance.

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Subject: RE: DRO Facts for Website

As an update, we met with DRO yesterday and are moving forward with getting this information compiled.

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Subject: DRO Facts for Website

I spoke with the A/S this morning about the need to add updated DRO facts and messaging to our current website. We cannot wait until we launch the new site later this summer. So I need as soon as possible any and all DRO facts, graphics and description information you can provide so that we can load it on the site please.

When the new site launches, we can tweak the material to fit within our style guide and look/feel requirements.

Thanks.

b6, b7c

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Subject: RE: Draft MOU with DOL
Attachments: DHS-DOL Worksite MOU 4.12.10.docx

Done on all counts.

--John

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2010 9:56 PM
To: Morton, John; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Draft MOU with DOL

Glad to hear you were able to speak to the Solicitor briefly on Fri. Meantime the revisions to the draft agmt look good. I have these minor suggestions:

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Subject: Draft MOU with DOL

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I took an initial stab at a draft MOU. Could you please review and give me your thoughts. I meet with the Solicitor tomorrow. Thanks.

--John

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Subject: RE: NYT (03/31) Rushed From Haiti, Then Jailed for Lacking Visas

All,

Attached is the 1-2 pager requested by the WH (NSS Transborder Security) on considerations for resumption of removals to Haiti. I received and incorporated edits from ICE and State on this. Esther asked that I re-circulate to this group to make sure no one has any further edits or any reservations before we ship this off to the WH. Please let me know in the next 24 hours or so if you do. I'll send it to the WH tomorrow evening or Fri. morn.

Thanks,

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Subject to your guiding correction. I was planning to do the following:

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Subject: Re: NYT (03/31) Rushed From Haiti, Then Jailed for Lacking Visas

b6, b7c - heard you're lead on this.

Are there talkers or qa on what we need to be saying to the hill? I know that beth s briefing the chs committee tomorrow - what is she going to say?

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Subject: Re: NYT (03/31) Rushed From Haiti, Then Jailed for Lacking Visas

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Subject: Re: NYT (03/31) Rushed From Haiti, Then Jailed for Lacking Visas

Thanks [b6, b7c] -

We will do.

Best,

[b6, b7c]

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[b6, b7c] and [b6, b7c]

I've spoken to [b6, b7c] about this set of issues today after he heard about the releases. NSS Transborder office was initially concerned that release was inconsistent with broader policy of deterring post-earthquake arrivals, but I think now sees this has greater complexity.

I think your offices are already on this, based on [b6, b7c] 6:39 email about Hill calls expressing upset that we detained these people to begin with, and asking for briefings. Anyway please coordinate with these WH offices as this goes forward.

Thanks,

[b6, b7c]

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[b6, b7c] Thanks for talking with me. Based on [b6, b7c] earlier e-mail the Hill has been calling and I understand DHS is working this issue. Can you please have DHS Leg and Public Affairs work with NSS Leg (Steve Penn copied) and Press ([b6, b7c] copied).

Thanks,

[b6, b7c]

March 31, 2010

Rushed From Haiti, Then Jailed for Lacking Visas

By **NINA BERNSTEIN**

More than two months after the earthquake that devastated Haiti, at least 30 survivors who were waved onto planes by Marines in the chaotic aftermath are prisoners of the United States immigration system, locked up since their arrival in detention centers in Florida.

In Haiti, some were pulled from the rubble, their legal advocates say. Some lost parents, siblings or children. Many were seeking food, safety or medical care at the Port-au-Prince airport when terrifying aftershocks prompted hasty evacuations by military transports, with no time for immigration processing. None have criminal histories.

But when they landed in the United States without visas, they were taken into custody by immigration authorities and held for deportation, even though deportations to Haiti have been suspended indefinitely since the earthquake. Legal advocates who stumbled on the survivors in February at the Broward County Transitional Center, a privately operated immigration jail in Pompano Beach, Fla., have tried for weeks to persuade government officials to release them to citizen relatives who are eager to take them in, letters and affidavits show.

Meanwhile, the detainees have received little or no mental health care for the trauma they suffered, lawyers at the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center said, despite an offer of free treatment at the jail by a local Creole-speaking psychotherapist.

Their plight is a result of the scramble to cope quickly with the immigration consequences of the quake's destruction and death toll. Some Haitians who arrived without papers were handed tourist visas, only to find that status barred them from working; the more fortunate received humanitarian parole, an open-ended status that permits employment. Those already in the country illegally were allowed to apply for temporary protected status, which shields recipients from deportation for at least 18 months and lets them work.

Almost at random, it seems, immigration jail was the ad hoc solution for these 30 survivors and for others still hidden in pockets of the nation's sprawling detention network. Some of the 30 have already been transferred to more remote immigration jails without explanation.

On Wednesday, after inquiries by The New York Times, a spokesman for Immigration and Customs Enforcement said the 30 Florida detainees were "being processed for release," and that 35 others who had arrived since the Jan. 12 earthquake, some by boat, were also being held in detention centers around the country.

"In order to mitigate the probability that Haitians may attempt to make a potentially deadly journey to the U.S., we clearly articulated that those who traveled to the U.S. illegally after Jan. 12 may be arrested, detained and placed in removal proceedings," the spokesman, Brian P. Hale, said in a statement. He added that Nina Dozoretz, acting director of the agency's Division of Immigration Health Services, had just approved counseling by the volunteer psychotherapist.

Advocates for the detainees said they had been told for weeks that deportation officers in Florida were waiting for senior officials in Washington to set a policy for the group. Most were ordered deported in February, but are eligible for release under an order of supervision until deportations resume.

"Their prolonged and unnecessary detention is only exacerbating their trauma," the advocates wrote to the agency on March 19, after receiving no response to detailed, individual requests for release by two dozen of the detainees. "There is no reason to spend taxpayer dollars detaining traumatized earthquake survivors who cannot be deported and who have demonstrated that they are neither a flight risk nor a danger to the community."

The government's actions have been especially bewildering for the survivors' relatives, like Virgile Ulysse, 69, an American citizen who keeps an Obama poster on his kitchen wall in Norwalk, Conn. Mr. Ulysse said he could not explain to his nephews, Jackson, 20, and Reagan, 25, why they were brought to the United States on a military plane only to be jailed at the Broward center when they arrived in Orlando on Jan. 19.

"Every time I called immigration, they told me they will release them in two or three weeks, and now it's almost three months," said Mr. Ulysse, a retired carpenter and architectural designer who said he had always warned his relatives in Haiti not to come illegally on boats, but to wait for a green light from the United States.

On March 11, Reagan was abruptly transferred, and for days his younger brother did not know where he was. It turned out he had been taken to the Baker County jail, in Macclenny, Fla., six hours away. On Tuesday evening, a paralegal found him there in shackles, about to be transferred again; guards, following government protocol, would not say where.

"His brother is far away — he's waiting, waiting," Mr. Ulysse said of Jackson. "He started to cry on the phone. It's very terrible."

Jackson, who was trapped in the collapse of his family's apartment building in the quake, and pulled from under cinderblock by a cousin, lost many relatives in the destruction. His formal request for release, dated March 12, describes how even the sound of someone on the jail stairs makes him fear another earthquake and worry that because he is locked up, he will be unable to escape.

The jailed survivors' requests for release, prepared with help from law students volunteering on spring break, detail a variety of circumstances that led them to board the airplanes.

One man who was in a taxi when the earthquake hit was later placed on a military plane to Miami by a doctor from Texas who had treated him for severe back and leg injuries. He left the plane in a wheelchair.

Mike Kenson Delva, 21, asked a Marine for a job and was assigned to help board a young boy whose leg had been amputated, along with the boy's wheelchair-bound mother. Suddenly, the plane took off.

"That's my little nephew, my brother's son," said his uncle, Reymond Joseph, 46, an American citizen and a supervisor with the New Jersey Department of Motor Vehicles, who is ready to take care of him.

Another jailed survivor is Lunva Charles, 25, who hopes to be reunited with her 3-year-old son and his father, Paul Herver Sanon, legal permanent residents living with his parents in Irvington, N.J.

"I want to marry her, she wants to marry me," Mr. Sanon, who works in a nursing home, said in French on Tuesday. "She's sad, she's so sad, she wants to see her child."

The youngest detainee, Eventz Jean-Baptiste, 18, has no parents. "He is now responsible for his two younger brothers, who are homeless and living in a tent city in Port-au-Prince," Charu Newhouse al-Sahli, the statewide director of the advocacy center, wrote in urging his release to his aunt and uncle in Coral Springs, Fla.

Mr. Jean-Baptiste describes putting his little brother and a cousin's baby on top of a collapsed concrete wall during the quake, as they all prayed and cried. Afterward, "we had nothing to eat or drink," he said. "I thought if I stayed in Haiti any longer I would not survive, and my family would not survive, so I decided to try to board a plane." No one asked him for papers until he reached Orlando, he said.

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Another slam...

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ICE's Misplaced Priorities: The Numbers Speak for Themselves and the Stories Cry out for Justice

By Azadeh Shahshahani - Director of the National Security/Immigrants' Rights Project at the ACLU

This past Wednesday, Jessica Colotl was released from the Etowah Detention Center in Alabama and allowed to reunite with her family back in Cobb County, Georgia. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) has granted Jessica deferred action on her deportation case.

Jessica is a 21-year-old smart hard working student at Kennesaw State who has worked nights in order to pay her tuition. She hopes to become a lawyer after graduating in the fall.

So why was Jessica at a detention center all the way in Alabama in the first place? A few weeks ago, as Jessica pulled into her university parking lot, a campus police officer pulled her over, telling her that she was "impeding the flow of traffic." She could not produce a driver's license due to her undocumented status and eventually ended up at the Cobb County jail. This is when 287(g) kicked in. Per an agreement between Cobb County and ICE, some Cobb sheriff deputies have been granted certain enforcement powers of an immigration officer. Jessica was placed in deportation proceedings. Before long, she found herself behind bars at the Alabama detention center, awaiting deportation to Mexico, a country she has not lived in for over ten years and which she hardly remembers. Jessica was only released after strongly voiced and sustained demands by the community, including her sorority sisters, and after the ACLU contacted the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Headquarters on her behalf.

Is it unusual for ICE and the localities to waste limited resources meant for targeting perpetrators of the most dangerous crimes by going after individuals with great potential like Jessica?

Unfortunately not. Jessica is just one of the untold numbers of hard-working people who get caught up in the local immigration enforcement programs, including 287(g). In a sense, Jessica's case is very unusual, as she actually won respite (albeit temporary) from deportation. Most people in her situation, faced with prolonged detention at a jail, oftentimes isolated and hours away from their families, opt to give up their immigration case and are subsequently deported.

An ACLU of Georgia report released in October 2009 recounted stories of 10 community members in Cobb and their families impacted by 287(g). As documented by the report entitled, "Terror

and Isolation in Cobb: How Unchecked Police Power under 287(g) had Torn Families Apart and Threatened Public Safety," mothers, fathers, brothers, and sisters are torn apart from their families every day in Cobb County, many with little recourse. In one case, a husband and father was pulled over for "an incomplete stop" on the way to the bank. Angel subsequently ended up at the Stewart Detention Center. He left behind his wife Sharon, an American citizen who is physically disabled and who "depended on [her] husband for everything." Sharon and Angel had to "celebrate" their 7-year wedding anniversary apart; their only means of contact was a phone call by Angel from the Stewart Detention Center.

In Cobb, immigrants disappear into detention for violations such as a broken tail light or tinted windows on their car. In 2008, Cobb County turned over 3,180 detainees to ICE for deportation. Of those, 2,180, about 69 percent, were arrested for traffic violations.

But you don't only have to rely on the ACLU of Georgia report to believe there is something wrong with this picture. A Government Accountability Office investigation of 287(g) released in January 2009 found that ICE was not exercising proper oversight over local or state agencies. And a report released in March 2010 by the DHS Office of the Inspector General (OIG) documents significant lapses in 287(g) priorities and oversight. ICE claims that 287(g)'s mandate is to focus on non-citizens who pose a threat to national security or are dangers to the community. But less than 10 percent of those sampled by OIG were ICE "Level 1" offenders. Almost half had no involvement in crimes of violence, drug offenses, or property crimes.

This trend of misplaced priorities is shared by other ICE local enforcement programs.

Last week, a piece appeared by John Morton, the head of ICE, in the Atlanta Journal Constitution as well as other papers around the country defending the "Secure Communities" initiative through which arrestees' fingerprints are checked against DHS databases with information about civil immigration history, rather than just against FBI criminal databases.

Morton claims that his agency is prioritizing perpetrators of dangerous crimes for deportation. Morton's strongest rebuttal is his own numbers. According to the data ICE released in November 2009, out of 113,000 non-citizen individuals identified in the program during its first year of operation, more than 101,000, or close to 90%, were never charged with or convicted of dangerous crimes. "Secure Communities" is in fact designed to sweep up any foreign-born individual who is arrested by local law enforcement for any reason whatsoever, including traffic infractions, even if that person is never charged with, or convicted of, any crime at all. An alarming 5% of the total number of individuals identified were actually U.S. citizens, testifying to the inaccuracy and incompleteness of the federal agency databases against which fingerprints are matched.

Meanwhile, precious resources are diverted from identifying and removing perpetrators of the most dangerous crimes.

Contrary to Morton's assertion, the program is also profoundly susceptible to abuse and racial profiling, similar to the misguided 287(g) program. Any police officer or sheriff's deputy can arrest individuals simply to bring them to the attention of immigration officials. Without federal standards or oversight, this creates an unacceptably high risk of unlawful racial profiling.

The risk of racial profiling through local enforcement programs is compounded in Georgia, as there is no state legislation banning racial profiling and mandating accountability and transparency for law enforcement.

287(g) and the "Secure Communities" initiative in fact waste local resources and hinder police ability to effectively protect public safety in Cobb and other communities around Georgia. It is past time for ICE to match their rhetoric regarding priorities with action and

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Subject: RE: hearing briefing materials

We've heard back from both ICE and CBP that the FY11 Southwest Border Initiative numbers are accurate. Regarding the other materials I sent around yesterday, the only change that's been noted relates to the ICE intel analysts. If any further changes need to be made or you have additional information that would be helpful for her to have, please let us know by 5 pm tonight as the Secretary is expecting final materials first thing in the morning.

ICE pulled together a summary of actions expected through the end of the FY (copied below). CBP- can you please draft something similar today?

Thanks.

For the remainder of FY 2010, ICE is preparing to engage in the following to combat border violence, counter drug cartels, and protect public safety in the border area of Mexico and the United States.

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Sent: Saturday, April 24, 2010 8:52 AM

To: Morton, John; [REDACTED] b6, b7c (HON) [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
[REDACTED] b6, b7c

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b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, May 01, 2010 3:18 PM
To: Morton, John; [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: hearing briefing materials

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First, I agree with Beth that we may have a game changer with the recent developments in the Rio Grande Valley. A surge of agents to the SWB to support our BEST needs to be factored. We have to outline and explain that their role will be to work in direct support of the efforts of SSP, PGR, CISEN, SEDENA, MX Customs. This demonstrates that our efforts will help and support the GOM agencies who are directly engaged in the fight to dismantle the cartels. A plan that is in direct support of the Embassy's pillar one.

In addition to the list Beth gave, we should add:- Interior repats of criminals- Increase the number of vetted units and personal working w/our Attache in Mex- Public announcement regarding our campaign to recruit sources of info, including reward offers- Greater engagement w/border businesses, community and civic leader

b6, b7c

Senior Counselor
 202-732- [REDACTED] (w)
 202-590- [REDACTED] (c)

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]@dhs.gov' <[REDACTED]@dhs.gov> [REDACTED]
Sent: Sat May 01 14:16:28 2010
Subject: Fw: hearing briefing materials

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In addition to the list [b6, b7c] gave, we should add:

[REDACTED]
(b)(5)

From: [b6, b7c]
To: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Sat Apr 24 21:12:21 2010
Subject: Re: hearing briefing materials

May also want to add [REDACTED] (b)(5) Its really where we can have some impact if effective.

From: [b6, b7c]
To: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Sat Apr 24 21:05:55 2010
Subject: Re: hearing briefing materials

[REDACTED] (b)(5)

[b6, b7c]

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Senior Counselor
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202-590- [REDACTED] (c)

From: [b6, b7c]
To: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Sat Apr 24 20:59:14 2010
Subject: Re: hearing briefing materials

[b6, b7c]

[REDACTED] (b)(5)

From: [b6, b7c]
To: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Sat Apr 24 20:54:45 2010
Subject: Re: hearing briefing materials

I would not say that [REDACTED] (b)(5)

[REDACTED] (b)(5)

From:

b6, b7c

To:

b6, b7c

Sent: Sat Apr 24 20:50:56 2010

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From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@dhs.gov]

Sent: Saturday, April 24, 2010 9:14 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Subject: Fw: hearing briefing materials

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@dhs.gov>

To: Morton, John <[REDACTED]@dhs.gov>; [REDACTED] (HQ); [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]@dhs.gov>

Cc: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Sent: Sat Apr 24 08:51:38 2010

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Thank you.

b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c [REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, May 03, 2010 10:26 PM
To: Morton, John
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: Fw: Heads Up San [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Importance: High

Sir,

Per your call, update below.

b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c (OI)
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Mon May 03 16:40:44 2010
Subject: FW: Heads Up San Ysidro

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Heads Up – SAC San Diego/San Ysidro

b5DP/AC b7e

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b6, b7c

From: [b6, b7c] | [b6,]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Saturday, May 01, 2010 2:16 PM
To: Morton, John; [b6, b7c]
Subject: Fw: hearing briefing materials

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From: [b6, b7c]
To: [b6,]@yahoo.com' <[b6,]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sat May 01 13:57:05 2010
Subject: Fw: hearing briefing materials

From: [b6, b7c]
To: [b6,]@yahoo.com' [b6,]@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sat May 01 10:03:32 2010
Subject: Fw: hearing briefing materials

From: [b6, b7c]
To: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Sat Apr 24 22:31:48 2010
Subject: Re: hearing briefing materials

b5dp/ac

From: [b6, b7c]
To: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Sat Apr 24 22:00:10 2010
Subject: Re: hearing briefing materials

b6, b7c

b5dp, ac

b6, b7c

From: [b6, b7c]
To: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Sat Apr 24 21:51:39 2010
Subject: Re: hearing briefing materials

Agreed with what you're saying. Still trying to figure out what's happening. Sounds like [b6, b7c] is having issues as well. Que sabes?

From: Pena, Alonzo R
To: Kubiak, Lev J; Gibson, Beth N; Bardorf, Tracey A
Sent: Sat Apr 24 21:37:58 2010
Subject: Re: hearing briefing materials

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<Suzanne.Barr@dhs.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
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From: b6, b7c
Sent: Friday, April 16, 2010 7:35 PM
To: Morton, John
Cc: b6, b7c
Subject: Fw: Google Alert - immigration and customs enforcement

Bay Area woman sentenced to 5 years in domestic worker forced labor case

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Mabelle de la Rosa Dann, 46, was sentenced Wednesday on multiple federal charges, including forced labor, unlawful use of documents in furtherance of forced labor, harboring an illegal alien for private financial gain, visa fraud and conspiracy to commit visa fraud. The charges were the result of an investigation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

Dann was convicted by a jury in October 2008 in the first human trafficking trial in the Northern District of California. During the trial, evidence showed Dann conspired with at least one other person to fraudulently obtain a visa for the victim and smuggle her into the United States from Peru in July 2006. Over the course of approximately 21 months, Dann forced the woman to cook, clean, and provide childcare in a small, one-bedroom apartment in Walnut Creek, Calif. Dann initially kept the victim working by falsely promising future payment.

Eventually, Dann confiscated the victim's passport and identification, telling her she would be falsely accused of theft if she fled. At no point did Dann pay the victim for her work. Ultimately the victim, who had never traveled outside of Peru and could not speak English at the time, escaped with the help of local residents and officials and parents at a local elementary school.

"Today's sentence reminds all of us of the Thirteenth Amendment guarantee that we cannot be forced to work," said U.S. Attorney Joseph P. Russoniello. "Each of us, including those who enter the country illegally, owns our own labor. My office cannot and will not tolerate the exploitation and deprivation of freedoms, including basic work freedom, of anybody in this country. Anyone with information about others involved in similar despicable conduct is encouraged to contact the police."

"We hope this sentence provides closure and some consolation to the victim, but the unfortunate reality is, people who are trafficked are often haunted by the emotional and physical trauma of that experience for the rest of their lives," said Mark Wollman, special agent in charge of the ICE Office of Investigations in San Francisco. "That is why ICE is aggressively investigating these cases and striving to raise awareness about the issue. We want human trafficking victims to understand they have a voice and let them know that help is available if they come forward to report this crime."

Dann remains free on bond. The Court ordered her to self-surrender June 30. District Court Judge Claudia Wilken also ordered the defendant to pay \$123,740.34 in restitution to the victim, consisting of \$109,340.34 in back pay and \$14,400 in future counseling costs.

Anyone who suspects instances of human trafficking are encouraged to call the Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-3737-888. Anonymous calls are welcome.

This case is the result of an initial report by La Raza Centro Legal. ICE received substantial assistance with the investigation from the U.S. Department of State's Diplomatic Security Service and the Department of Labor's Wage and Hour Division.

Andrew S. Huang and Joshua Hill are the Assistant U.S. Attorneys who prosecuted the case.

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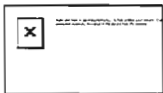
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To: b6, b7c : b6, @dhs.gov>

Sent: Fri Apr 16 19:29:49 2010

Subject: Google Alert - immigration and customs enforcement

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CNN

ICE officials say politics played no role in the operation. They say the massive investigation and resulting sweep represent a shift in enforcement strategy ...

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Arizona ICE, Tea Parties Panic Immigrants

New America Media

Confusion about the ICE actions was magnified by the fact that on Wednesday, Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio announced an upcoming crime suppression ...

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ICE seizes helicopter, stops illegal Iran shipment

Fort Worth Star Telegram

US **Immigration and Customs Enforcement** officials said Friday that agents initially grounded the helicopter in its Arlington, Texas, hangar in December. ...

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ICE, Mexican authorities meet and agree to prosecution plan for drug smugglers ...

Media Newswire (press release)

EL PASO, Texas - Leaders from US **Immigration and Customs Enforcement** (ICE) and the Attorney General's Office of the Republic of Mexico (PGR) on Thursday ...

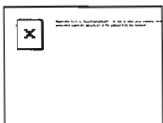
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Federal **immigration** agents don't belong in Oregon's county jails

Hillsboro Argus - OregonLive.com

By Guest Columnist By Jordan Cunnings **Immigration and Customs Enforcement's** "Secure Communities" initiative has officially arrived in Oregon. ...

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CBS News

Watermelon Trucker Hauling a Few Pits...and 9500 lbs. of Pot, Say Feds

CBS News

The 40-year-old driving the rig could only be identified as the worst smuggler ever and has been turned over to **Immigration and Customs Enforcement** ...

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Smuggling boat found off San Diego, 8 arrested

San Jose Mercury News

Immigration and Customs Enforcement is investigating the case further. Border agents apprehended 23 suspected illegal immigrants Wednesday. ...

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North Florida Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Makes Arrest

WCTV

Law Enforcement Officers with the Leon County Sheriff's Office, Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) and US **Immigration and Customs Enforcement** ...

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Feds: Jilted boyfriend exposes actress' sham marriage

CNN

After Romero dumped Klinko, the photographer "presented ICE with evidence that Romero was in a sham marriage," the government said. ...

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Interstate Asian prostitution ring busted by the Feds

Sampan

By Cody Yiu The case was investigated by US **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**. Joined forces by other federal authorities as well as local police ...

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North Port sex offender pleads guilty to distribution of child porn

WWSB ABC 7

ICE initiative to identify, investigate and arrest those who prey on children, including human traffickers, international sex tourists, ...

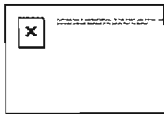
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Examiner.com

Top News: Colombian drug lord arrested by Brazil police (photos)

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The US has said that Chaparro is wanted by the US **Immigration and Customs Enforcement** agency for smuggling over 5000 kg of cocaine from Brazil into the ...

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Famed former San Jose restaurateur Emile Mooser faces child porn...

San Jose Mercury News

In April 2006, **Immigration and Customs Enforcement** initiated an investigation into a criminal organization operating and controlling numerous commercial ...

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Worth Noting

Loudoun Independent

This month, the department began employing a new information-sharing capability made available by US **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**. ...

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AP News in Brief

CNBC

Authorities said Thursday's raids were the largest human smuggling bust in US **Immigration and Customs Enforcement's** seven-year history, and represented a ...

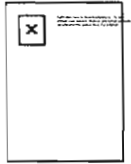
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Scottsdale police assessing **immigration** bill's impact

AZ Central.com

If someone is found to be illegal, Scottsdale officers call **Immigration and Customs Enforcement** or **ICE**, officials. "We call the feds when we need them. ...

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Journal Record
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Conference targets **immigration** problems

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Speaking at the University of Oklahoma's Immigration in the Heartland conference, three **ICE** officials said their department continues to wage war against ...

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Immigrants detained in Cloquet await proceedings in St. Paul

Duluth News Tribune

Immigration and Customs Enforcement continues to investigate the hiring of the men and whether any immigration laws were violated. The 12 allegedly illegal ...

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Bailey touts experience in Meck sheriff's race

WCNC (subscription)

With many arrestees coming from other countries, Bailey says having access to **Immigration and Customs Enforcement** databases is essential to understanding ...

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Montgomery
County Courier

Benefit set for family of auto-fatality victim

Montgomery County Courier

Correa has a US **Immigration and Customs Enforcement** hold on him at the Montgomery County Jail. Standard operating procedure for sheriffs is to notify ...

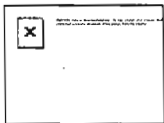
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US Marshals Capture 15 Most Wanted Fugitive in NJ

U.S. Marshals Service (press release)

The DEA considered him a Priority Target and he was also wanted by the US **Immigration and Customs Enforcement** on an outstanding arrest warrant for ...

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The Los Angeles Metro Task Force on Human Trafficking—whose members include the FBI, US **Immigration and Customs Enforcement** (ICE), the US Department of ...

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Veteran cop Swoboda takes reins in Elgin

The Courier News

Swoboda cited the partnerships the department already has made with federal agencies such as the US **Immigration and Customs Enforcement**, the FBI and Drug ...

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Legal Defender Isabel Garcia: Arizona Bill Forcing Officers to Determine ...

Democracy Now

Nearly 50 people were arrested and more than 800 federal agents were involved in the bust that the **Immigration and Customs Enforcement** agency is touting as ...

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Former teacher and coach sentenced to 5 years for receipt of child pornography

Ethiopian Review

... by US Attorney for the District of Maryland Rod J. Rosenstein, Special Agent in Charge William Winter of US **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)**, ...

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Congress and the President must pass comprehensive immigration in 2010. The President must end rogue enforcement at **ICE** and enact policies that keep ...

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U.S. v. GOMEZ-LUCIO

Leagle.com

In January 2008, **ICE** flew Gomez-Lucio from New Jersey, where he had been detained, to Miami, where it released him subject to the following conditions: (1) ...

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Google Blogs Alert for: **immigration and customs enforcement**

The Ice of ICE | La Prensa San Diego

By La Prensa San Diego

By Rafael Prieto Zartha America's Voice For the Hispanic community, which constantly suffers the consequences of **Immigration and Customs Enforcement**.

La Prensa San Diego - <http://www.laprensa-sandiego.org/>

The Week in Immigration News « The Washington Independent

By Julissa Treviño

"Yesterday, at several bus stations and other locations around Arizona, more than 800 law enforcement officials carried out the largest operation against human smuggling in [U.S. **Immigration and Customs Enforcement**] history," reported ...

The Washington Independent - <http://washingtonindependent.com/>

NEW YORK PARALEGAL BLOG: Counterfeiters put on ICE following a ...

By Joel Irving

MIAMI - More than \$1.4 million in counterfeit goods being sold at W.K. International Corporation located at 4760 NW 165th Street in Miami was seized Tuesday by U.S. **Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE)** special agents. ...

NEW YORK PARALEGAL BLOG - <http://www.newyorkparalegalblog.com/>

Arizona transport firms targeted in immigration raids :: La Prensa ...

The Homeland Security assistant secretary for **ICE**, John Morton, told a press conference that the ring was involved in transporting undocumented aliens from Mexico to Tucson, leaving them later at "drop houses" in Phoenix and from there ...

La Prensa - <http://www.laprensasa.com/>

One Old Vet » Immigration Raid Targets Vast Network

By One Old Vet

ICE officials said they had targeted a "confederacy" of loosely linked criminal syndicates that didn't answer to a central command or a sole kingpin. The groups operated as distinct business empires that smuggled illegal immigrants from ...

One Old Vet - <http://oneoldvet.com/>

5 Arizona shuttle services raided in major immigrant smuggling ...

Authorities said Thursday's raids were the largest human smuggling bust in U.S. **Immigration and Customs Enforcement's** seven-year history, and represented a blow to a vital link in an elaborate immigrant trafficking chain. ...

Nation - <http://www.sfoxaminer.com/rss/?section=%2Fnation%2F>

Arizona experiences "Largest immigrant smuggling raid in U.S. ...

By ishita

Led by Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (**ICE**), with the full cooperation of Mexican police agencies, more than 800 agents and officers from federal, state and local law enforcement agencies carried out a massive search and arrest ...

Restore Fairness » Blog - <http://restorefairness.org/>

5 Ariz. shuttle services raided in smuggling bust - The Oakland ...

Agents from U.S. **Immigration and Customs Enforcement** lead a man in handcuffs in Tucson, Ariz. on Thursday, April 15, 2010. Federal agents arrested nearly 50 shuttle operators and smugglers Thursday accused of using vans to transport ...

News from www.theoaklandpress.com - <http://www.theoaklandpress.com/>

UK Election Debate: Spending Cuts and **Immigration** Issues Ducked

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 8:40 AM
To: Morton, [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Fox News: Tre Rebstock (8:16 AM ET)
Importance: High

Fox News swiping at us again over reforms. Interestingly, Mr. [REDACTED] appeared on camera. Transcript below.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 8:34 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Fox News: Tre Rebstock (8:16 AM ET)
Importance: High

Tre is an ICE/IEA employee out of Huntsville, Texas.

- [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 8:32 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fox News: Tre Rebstock (8:16 AM ET)
Importance: High

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FOX NEWS: movie nights, dance classes, they're good. but for our legal detainees, is that necessary? that story is next.

FOX NEWS: land of the free, home of the spa.

FOX NEWS: this will probably bug you. the luxury life may be coming to an immigration detention center near you. the obama administration ordered dance classes, movie nights, continental breakfast and bingo to be offered at the detainee centers and a lot of people say that sounds more like summer camp, but our next guest says those changes are actually dangerous. this is the president of local 32, 33, the chapter of the american federation of government workers and joins us live from houston. good morning to you.

TRE REBSTOCK: good morning.

FOX NEWS: now, let's first talk about some of the changes at some of these places. art classes, bingo, continental breakfast. it sounds less like a detention center and it sounds more like an awful inclusive resort, doesn't it?

TRE REBSTOCK: absolutely.

FOX NEWS: and what ultimately are they trying to accomplish by doing this?

TRE REBSTOCK: they want to make these people feel less like they are detained and more like i guess guests.

FOX NEWS: yeah. so even though they are detainees, the government wants them to feel less detained. that includes when they are brought in, they're not patted down. i understand they can wear their own clothes, which is different in the past, and extraordinarily, they can have visitors make contact with them. in other words, they're a detainee, somebody could come over, slip them a knife, slip them a gun, a box cutter. this is suddenly a safety issue for you and your men and women. right?

TRE REBSTOCK: absolutely. absolutely. they're going to have up to 12 hours with that person who is visiting in a contact visit situation and neither the visitor nor the detainee are going to be patted down. so they could slip them anything. it becomes a huge safety violation.

FOX NEWS: i understand you're telling your members always know where the exit is because there could be trouble. right? right?

TRE REBSTOCK: yes. something is going to go wrong and someone is going to get hurt, so i'm telling my people, know where you're exits are.

FOX NEWS: this is what ice says. quote, these reforms have been offered by ice contractors cca for consideration by ice. they are currently being evaluated and have not been implemented and any such reform also be paid for by taxpayers. they will continue to consider reasonable approaches that seek to achieve those goals. that according to one of the spokesmen at ice. so in other words, they haven't decided that they're going to do it for sure yet. right, because i'm sure a lot of our viewers think it's a dumb idea.

TRE REBSTOCK: yeah. we thought so, too, and if we didn't have a smoking gun, i never would have gone to the press in the first place. but i've got an e-mail sent by cca to notify my local management of the changes that head quarters had asked them to make and in the e-mail, he says this change will be implemented in the next 30 days. that change will be implemented in the next 30 days. these other changes, we've got a little more time on, but he details which changes will begin in the next 30 days.

FOX NEWS: all right. thank you very much for sharing the tale of what may be in store at a detention center near us.

TRE REBSTOCK: thank you.

FOX NEWS: e-mail us. what do you think about this?

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From: [REDACTED] [REDACTED] [REDACTED]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 5:22 PM
To: Morton, John
Subject: FW: DRAFT- Realignment Broadcast - for your review

This is just a start – I think it definitely needs a personal touch and a little more passion behind it. I give it to you because it will just be easier that way. This will be a huge message from you. Aiming for a Wednesday morning roll out. I will also have this printed for you to take home.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 5:07 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: DRAFT- Realignment Broadcast - for your review

A Message from Assistant Secretary Morton

To all ICE employees
June __, 2010

ICE Organizational Realignment

Last year, when I first came on board as the Assistant Secretary, one of my priorities was to give ICE a greater sense of identity and purpose and to improve our management capabilities.

After thoroughly reviewing our agency's leadership and structure, I've determined that ICE will be better poised to fulfill our mission by aligning key divisions. I'm pleased to announce that ICE will now operate under three new directorates—**Homeland Security Investigations (HSI)**, **Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO)**, and **Management**.

With these three new directorates in place, ICE will streamline our functions, work in a more coordinated fashion, and increase operational efficiency. Each of these directorates will be led by an Executive Director and may, in the future, require additional special agents, enforcement officers and professional staff.

The role and responsibilities of each of these directorates is as follows:

Homeland Security Investigations (HSI): HSI will consist of the Offices of Intelligence, International Affairs, and Investigations. This directorate will be the department's largest and primary criminal investigative arm. HSI will investigate and prosecute criminal organizations while protecting the nation against terrorism, and secure our borders against illicit trade, travel, and finance. It will also continue to maintain our close relationships with the intelligence community. The management of the 287(g) task force model will now be under HSI's responsibility.

Enforcement and Removal Operations (ERO): ERO will consist of the Office of Detention and Removal Operations, Secure Communities, and be tasked with remnants of civil immigration enforcement functions (such as probation and parole) formerly under Office of Investigations. This Directorate will ensure a coherent and consistent approach to civil immigration enforcement in a manner that prioritizes convicted criminal aliens, fugitives, and recent border violators. ERO will

- identify and remove criminal and other priority aliens from our communities, penal institutions, and country. Further, it will respond to local, state, and tribal law enforcement agents who encounter an illegal alien and request federal assistance; and will manage the 287(g) jail model.

Management: This directorate will consist of existing management offices, while supporting the missions of HSI and ERO.

This realignment represents an opportunity to refine ICE's capabilities and mission, and will improve integration of our functions and duties so that we can provide the best possible service to the public. Thank you for your continuing support of our agency priorities and goals and for the work you do each day in fulfilling our mission to protect national security and uphold public safety.

John Morton
Assistant Secretary
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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From: b6, b7c
Sent: Sunday, April 11, 2010 10:12 PM
To: Morton, John
Subject: Fw: Draft MOU with DOL

I'll edit tomorrow and send a newly named version to you.

b6, b7c

Senior Counselor
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202-590- b6, b7c (c)

From: b6, b7c <b6, b7c@dhs.gov>
To: Morton, John <b6, b7c@dhs.gov>; b6, b7c <b6, b7c@dhs.gov>
Sent: Sun Apr 11 21:56:21 2010
Subject: Re: Draft MOU with DOL

Glad to hear you were able to speak to the Solicitor briefly on Fri. Meantime the revisions to the draft agrt look good. I have these minor suggestions:

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- b6, b7c

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Principal Deputy General Counsel
Department of Homeland Security
202-282- (desk)
202-306- b6, b7c (cell)

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To: b6, b7c <b6, b7c@dhs.gov>; b6, b7c <b6, b7c@dhs.gov>
Sent: Fri Apr 09 11:38:22 2010
Subject: RE: Draft MOU with DOL

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--John

From: b6, b7c [mailto:b6, b7c@dhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, April 09, 2010 12:58 AM
To: Morton, John; b6, b7c
Subject: Re: Draft MOU with DOL

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From: Morton, John [b6, b7c] <[b6, b7c]@dhs.gov>

To: [b6, b7c] [b6, b7c] <[b6, b7c]@dhs.gov>; [b6, b7c]

Sent: Thu Apr 08 17:35:56 2010

Subject: Draft MOU with DOL

[b6, b7c] and [b6, b7c]

I took an initial stab at a draft MOU. Could you please review and give me your thoughts. I meet with the Solicitor tomorrow. Thanks.

--John

b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 2:44 PM
To: Morton, John
Subject: Fw: DHS - DOL MOU Follow-Up

FYI. Also, b6, b7c scheduled a follow up. I will field this with b6, b7c in terms of providing the raw facts.

b6, b7c

Senior Counselor
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202-590 (c)

From: b6, b7c - ASP b6, b7c @dol.gov>
To: b6, b7c <b6, b7c@dhs.gov>
Sent: Wed Jun 02 08:20:18 2010
Subject: DHS - DOL MOU Follow-Up

b6, b7c

We are finishing up some language to send back your way for continued discussion, but had two outstanding questions. These are:

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- 2.

b5DP/AC

Also, it would be greatly appreciated if you could point me in the direction of any best practices for parole (Section IV – Coordination and Deconfliction – paragraph E) and send along contact information for suggested IT people that we can connect ours with.

Please let me know if it's easier to discuss any of this and we can find some time to get on the phone quickly.

Thanks,

b6, b7c

b6, b7c

Deputy Assistant Secretary
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Policy
U.S. Department of Labor

b6, b7c

From: [b6, b7c] [b6,]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 8:36 PM
To: Morton, John
Subject: FW: DHS - DOL MOU Follow-Up
Attachments: dhs-form-g123a.pdf

I wanted to get the answer out, although we had not discussed. I noted I was responding solo, hadn't consulted you, and expected more conversation.

From: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 8:34 PM
To: [b6, b7c] ASP'
Subject: RE: DHS - DOL MOU Follow-Up

Hi, [b6, b7c] Sorry for the delay, time is passing at light speed. Rough responses follow, and attached is a form that assists agents taking information/tips from callers. You'll notice agents are steered to elicit information about bias, relationship, and exploitation.

b5DP/AC

b6, b7c

would be a good starting point for an IT, point of contact. Please let me know if you need anything else.

From: [b6, b7c] - ASP [mailto:[b6,]@dol.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 9:11 AM
To: [b6, b7c]
Subject: RE: DHS - DOL MOU Follow-Up

Sounds great, thanks.

From: [b6, b7c] [mailto:[b6,]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 02, 2010 8:33 AM

To: [b6, b7c] - ASP; [b6, b7c]
Subject: Re: DHS - DOL MOU Follow-Up

Hi, [b6, b7c] Discussing them may be most efficient and I appreciate the offer. Perhaps I should lay out a response by email and then we can chat about it. Thanks

[b6, b7c]
Senior Counselor
202-732-[b6, b7c] (w)
202-590-[b6, b7c] (c)

From: [b6, b7c] - ASP - [b6, b7c]@dol.gov>
To: [b6, b7c] <[b6, b7c]@dhs.gov>
Sent: Wed Jun 02 08:20:18 2010
Subject: DHS - DOL MOU Follow-Up

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Thanks,

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Deputy Assistant Secretary
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From: b6, b7c
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2010 8:48 AM
To: Morton, John
Cc: b6, b7c; b6, @dhs.gov; b6, b7c
Subject: Fw: Death of ICE Detainee: Arnulfo RODRIGUEZ-Solis

b6, b7c

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----- Original Message -----

From: Chaparro, James

To: b6, b7c
'b6, @ic.fbi.gov' b6, @ic.fbi.gov>; b6, b7c
b6, b7c, Ragsdale, Daniel H

Cc: b6, b7c Loiselle, Mary F; Moore, Marc J; b6, b7c

Sent: Sat Mar 13 08:21:48 2010

Subject: Death of ICE Detainee: Arnulfo RODRIGUEZ-Solis

Pursuant to ICE policy, I am providing notification of the death of an ICE Detainee, Arnulfo RODRIGUEZ-Solis, a citizen of Guatemala.

ISSUE

On March 13, 2010, FOD New Orleans reported the death of ICE detainee, Arnulfo RODRIGUEZ-Solis, a citizen of Guatemala, Oakdale Community Hospital (OCH) in New Orleans, LA. On March 13, 2010, OCH officials notified FOD New Orleans that RODRIGUEZ-Solis had succumbed to his illness. ICE OIG and OPR were notified via the Joint Intake Center. FOD New Orleans has notified the Guatemalan Consulate.

All media inquiries will be referred to the Office of Public Affairs.

BACKGROUND

At an unknown date and place, RODRIGUEZ-Solis entered the United States (US) without admission or parole. On June 17, 2004, form I-871, Notice of Intent to Reinstate Prior Order was issued for RODRIGUEZ-Solis. On February 5, 2010, RODRIGUEZ-Solis was taken into custody by FOD New Orleans upon his release from the Federal Detention Center (FDC) Oakdale, a Federal Bureau of Prisons (BOP) facility in Oakdale, LA Oakdale.

RODRIGUEZ-Solis had an extensive criminal history.

On February 16, 2010, FDC Oakdale notified DRO New Orleans that RODRIGUEZ-Solis was admitted to OCH after discovery of an obstruction in his intestine.

On February 24, 2010, FDC and OCH notified FOD New Orleans that during an examination of the stomach RODRIGUEZ-Solis was determined to have a large mass in the stomach which required surgery and removal of RODRIGUEZ's gallbladder.

Prior to RODRIGUEZ-Solis' death FOD New Orleans attempted to identify family in the United States, the only known family are three children located in Central America.

RODRIGUEZ-Solis is the fifth detainee to pass away in ICE custody in fiscal year 2010.

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Director, Detention & Removal Operations U.S. Immigration & Customs Enforcement Department of Homeland Security

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From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Saturday, March 13, 2010 8:53 AM
To: Morton, John
Subject: Fw: Death of ICE Detainee: Arnulfo RODRIGUEZ-Solis

John,

I regret to inform you that we had another detainee death this morning. This one was somewhat anticipated in that he was one of our critical cases.

We have notified everyone that we need to in accordance with ICE policy.

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----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

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[\[REDACTED\]@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:[REDACTED]@ice.dhs.gov)

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[\[REDACTED\]@ice.dhs.gov](mailto:[REDACTED]@ice.dhs.gov); [REDACTED]

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b6, b7c Ragsdale, Daniel H

Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c Loiselle, Mary F; Moore, Marc J; [REDACTED] b6, b7c

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All media inquiries will be referred to the Office of Public Affairs.

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From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 7:54 PM
To: Morton, John; [REDACTED] b6,
Subject: FW: A/S Note for recent Detainee Death

ICE FOD Los Angeles: Death of ICE Detainee

ISSUE

On March 5, 2010, FOD Los Angeles officers reported the death of ICE detainee, Ernesto GOMEZ-Vasquez, a Guatemalan national, at Kindred Rehabilitation Hospital (KRH) in Los Angeles, CA. On March 5, 2010, KRH officials notified FOD Los Angeles officers that GOMEZ had succumbed to his illness. ICE OIG and OPR were notified via the Joint Intake Center.

The Office of Public Affairs has been notified.

BACKGROUND

On March 3, 2002, GOMEZ last entered the United States at San Ysidro, CA without admission or parole. On July 9, 2009, GOMEZ was encountered by 287(g) officers at the Los Angeles County Jail after being convicted of operating while under the influence. On July 13, 2009, GOMEZ was turned over to FOD Los Angeles officers and detained at the Mira Loma Detention Center (MLDC), West Lancaster, CA.

On January 4, 2010, GOMEZ was transported from MLDC to Antelope Valley Hospital after complaining of headache and dizziness. Evaluation revealed an eight-millimeter brain tumor. GOMEZ underwent emergency surgery to resect and decompress the tumor. On January 6, 2010, a second surgery was performed, to place an intracranial pressure monitor. On February 26, 2010, GOMEZ was transferred to KRH.

GOMEZ' removal case is currently pending before the Executive Office of Immigration Review. On March 2, 2010, an immigration judge granted a change of venue to Los Angeles, CA

Prior to his death GOMEZ' family in the United States was notified and had visited him at KRH. Guatemalan Consulate officials in Los Angeles were advised of GOMEZ' condition and provided assistance notifying family in Guatemala. On March 5, 2010, KRH staff notified GOMEZ' family of his passing. FOD Los Angeles officers notified Guatemalan consulate officials.

GOMEZ is the third detainee to pass away in ICE custody in fiscal year 2010.

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Wednesday, March 10, 2010 7:40 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c; Ragsdale, Daniel H
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: A/S Note for recent Detainee Death

From: ASNotes
Sent: Monday, March 08, 2010 5:43 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
[REDACTED] b6, b7c

DRO Taskings; [REDACTED] b6, b7c Kane, Katrina S; [REDACTED] b6, b7c Landgrebe, Kenneth
[REDACTED] b6, b7c Loiselle, Mary F; [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Moore, Marc J; Phillips, Michael T; Pitts, Michael J; Prendes, Nuria T; [REDACTED] b6, b7c Shanahan,
Christopher; Skinner, Felicia S; [REDACTED] b6, b7c Wong, Ricardo
Subject: AS Note for 03/08/2010 from the IROC:

AS Note for 03/08/2010 from the IROC:

1. Death of Guatemalan national in ICE custody.



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FOD Los Angeles ...

Thank you,
ICE Reporting and Operations Center
Office of the Assistant Secretary
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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From: Morton, John
Sent: Sunday, May 16, 2010 9:59 AM
To: [REDACTED]@comcast.net
Subject: Fw: A one-page cover to accompany our spreadsheet of detailed costs

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: Morton, John
Sent: Sat May 15 23:38:36 2010
Subject: A one-page cover to accompany our spreadsheet of detailed costs

This is one page on Word. Thoughts?

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Senior Counselor

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, March 23, 2010 10:03 AM
To: Morton, John
Subject: Writeup on [REDACTED] et al
Attachments: [REDACTED] et al CaseBullets.doc

John – I think Beth may have given you a hard copy of this last night, but here's the writeup on [REDACTED] and the other national security cases. Obviously, law enforcement sensitive and not for dissemination.

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- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
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DEATH OF ICE DETAINEE - Mr. Julian Alias Cogle-Del Pino

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All media inquiries will be referred to the Office of Public Affairs.

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March 7, 2010
Assistant Secretary John Morton

Dear John Morton,

I am writing to you today to express my outrage about the unnecessary detention of asylum-seekers in this country. International human rights standards require that the detention of asylum seekers only occur in exceptional circumstances, be justified in each individual case, and be subject to judicial review. However, asylum-seekers have been detained for months or years without any form of meaningful individual review of their detentions.

While I applaud the recent policy issued by ICE mandating the automatic consideration of parole for asylum-seekers who have passed a credible fear interview, more must be done.

Consistent with the policy memo, ICE should support the passage of legislation requiring that all asylum seekers be made aware of and have access to an individual parole hearing before an immigration judge. By supporting the incorporation of the recent guidance on parole for asylum seekers into U.S. law, it can be transformed from an internal ICE directive subject to the whim of the next administration into law that will protect the basic rights of asylum seekers to be free from unnecessary detention.

I urge you to work with Congress to pass necessary legislation to provide for the automatic consideration of parole for asylum-seekers.

Thank you for your attention to this critical issue.

Sincerely

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THE TRIAL

Eric Holder and the battle over Khalid Sheikh Mohammed.

by Jane Mayer February 15, 2010



Holder's choice of a civilian trial for the architect of 9/11 has galvanized Republicans.

On December 5th, several hundred people gathered in Foley Square, in lower Manhattan, and withstood a drenching rainstorm for two hours in order to send a message to Attorney General Eric Holder. A JumboTron, set up by the protesters, played clips of Holder's recent testimony before Congress, in which he explained his decision to hold the trial of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed—the self-proclaimed planner of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001—and four co-conspirators in the colonnaded federal courthouse flanking the square, rather than in a military commission at Guantánamo Bay, Cuba. Members of the crowd shouted at the screen: “Holder’s gotta go!”; “Arrogant bastard!”; “Communist!”

Greg Manning, whose wife, Laura, was severely burned in the World Trade Center attacks, stood before the crowd and said, “Thousands are already dead because of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed’s choices. We do not want to see . . . hundreds of thousands dead because of the Attorney General’s choices.”

Andrew McCarthy, the former Chief Assistant U.S. Attorney who led the prosecution of the 1993 World Trade Center attacks, also gave a speech, declaring that Holder didn’t “understand what rule of law has always been in wartime.” He said, “It’s military commissions. It’s not to wrap our enemies in our Bill of Rights.”

“Traitor!” someone shouted.

Edith Lutnick, who works for the Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund, told the crowd, "My brother, Gary, lost his life that day." The 9/11 victims, she said, "were murdered by the terrorist Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, and we do not want him and his fellow-terrorists tried in that building. . . . We need to tell Eric Holder that we will be victims no more."

"Lynch Holder!" an onlooker cried.

One protester, Carolyn Walton, who works for a water-filtration company in Manhattan, told me that Holder was "a Marxist mole." She asked, "How can someone who is not an American have any right to our rights? Holder wants to help the terrorists."

The rally was organized, in part, by Debra Burlingame, the sister of the pilot Charles Burlingame, who was killed on 9/11 when Al Qaeda hijackers crashed the plane he had been flying into the Pentagon. Burlingame is one of the three founders of Keep America Safe, a new political-advocacy group. Her partners in the venture, which is aimed at attacking the Obama Administration's national-security decisions and vindicating those of the Bush Administration, are William Kristol, the conservative pundit, and Elizabeth Cheney, the daughter of former Vice-President Dick Cheney. The organization's political strategist is Michael Goldfarb, a spokesman for Senator John McCain during his 2008 Presidential campaign; among its funders is Mel Sembler, a conservative donor and a former finance chairman of the Republican National Committee.

Despite the prominence of the demonstration's organizers, the campaign against Holder's Justice Department was largely overlooked by the national media, which considered the event a fringe affair. But the anger was growing, and it became impossible to ignore on January 19th, when Scott Brown, a Republican, captured the Senate seat left vacant by the death of Edward Kennedy, the Massachusetts Democrat. As Eric Fehrmstrom, Brown's political consultant, put it to me recently, the "most potent political issue" in the race was voter opposition to the Justice Department's decision to extend customary legal protections to suspected terrorists such as Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the Nigerian suspect who on Christmas Day attempted to detonate a bomb on a Northwest Airlines passenger plane bound for Detroit. In a debate with his Democratic opponent, Martha Coakley, Brown declared, "We're at war in our airports, we're at war in our shopping malls. I have to be honest with you, folks. . . . I'm scared at some of the policies I've heard."

In a television ad, Brown, who is in the Army National Guard, flashed a photograph of himself in fatigues and declared, "Some people believe our Constitution exists to grant rights to terrorists who want to harm us. I disagree." Brown also announced his support for waterboarding suspected terrorists—a tactic that Holder, among others, has denounced as torture. As Brown's attacks grew more pointed, Fehrmstrom said, Coakley got "bollixed up" defending Obama's policies. He added, "The obvious follow-up is: Are you going to read Osama bin Laden the Miranda warning if you catch him?"

After the Christmas Day incident, conservative pundits lambasted the Justice Department's handling of Abdulmutallab, who had concealed in his underwear a bomb that ignited but failed to explode. When the plane landed, Abdulmutallab was taken to a hospital for treatment; at Holder's directive, he was arrested as a criminal suspect. (The F.B.I., the C.I.A., and the Pentagon signed off on Holder's decision.) F.B.I. agents questioned Abdulmutallab for some fifty minutes, under what is known as the "public-safety exception" to the right to remain silent. He divulged time-sensitive intelligence: he had been trained in Yemen, by affiliates of Al Qaeda, and had obtained explosives from them. After he received medical treatment, a Justice Department source said, he started to "act like a jihadi and recite the Koran." He stopped cooperating and demanded a lawyer, at which point authorities read him his rights. On "Inside Washington," Charles Krauthammer declared that it was "almost criminal" that Holder had allowed Abdulmutallab access to an attorney. Rudy Giuliani, the former mayor of New York, appeared on ABC, saying, "Why in God's name would you stop questioning a terrorist?"

Joseph Lieberman, the Independent senator from Connecticut, released a statement declaring that Abdulmutallab was "an enemy combatant and should be detained, interrogated, and ultimately charged as such." Then, to the dismay of Justice Department officials, the Obama Administration's top intelligence official, Dennis Blair, the director of National Intelligence, appeared at a Senate hearing and, under harsh questioning from Republicans, second-guessed Holder's decision to turn Abdulmutallab over to the F.B.I. (Blair later said that his remarks had been "misconstrued.") Soon, even Democrats were attacking Holder's decisions. In a letter to Obama, Dianne Feinstein, the chair of the Senate Intelligence Committee, suggested

that holding a trial in New York was dangerous. "New York City has been a high-priority target since at least the first World Trade Center bombing," she wrote. "The trial of the most significant terrorist in custody would add to the threat."

The death blow was struck by New York's mayor, Michael Bloomberg, who had previously pledged his support to Holder. On January 27th, Bloomberg distanced himself from the Justice Department, saying that a trial in New York would be too expensive. For months, companies with downtown real-estate interests had been lobbying to stop the trial. Raymond Kelly, the commissioner of the New York Police Department, had fortified their arguments by providing upwardly spiralling estimates of the costs, which the federal government had promised to cover. In a matter of weeks, in what an Obama Administration official called a "classic City Hall jam job," the police department's projection of the trial costs went from a few hundred million dollars to a billion dollars.

Senator Charles Schumer, of New York, quickly released a statement echoing Bloomberg; the wisdom of moving the trial away from lower Manhattan, he said, was "obvious." Then, on February 1st, Schumer told the *Daily News* that he opposed the idea of a 9/11 trial taking place anywhere in New York State. Officials in Pennsylvania and Virginia—the two other states where the 9/11 attacks occurred—began declaring their opposition to hosting the trials, too.

Bill Martel, an international-security expert at the Fletcher School, at Tufts University, told me that Holder, having been impervious to the shifting public mood, had been sucked into "a political riptide." The Christmas Day bombing attempt, he noted, had come only a month after Nidal Malik Hasan, an Army psychiatrist who had exchanged e-mails with radical Islamists, massacred thirteen people at Fort Hood, Texas. Both incidents had revived public concern about America's vulnerability to terrorism. Holder's decisions, Martel warned, had "the makings of a sustained and self-inflicted political hemorrhage." He added, "I think they're going to have to give up on civilian trials. And Eric Holder is in for some pretty brutal days." Indeed, on January 31st, Senator Lamar Alexander, of Tennessee, declared on Fox News that Holder should "step down," for his inability to make "a distinction" between "terrorists who are flying into Detroit, blowing up planes, and American citizens who are committing a crime."

On January 11th, a few weeks before his plans for a trial at Foley Square fell apart, Holder flew to Boston, to preside over the installation of a new U.S. Attorney. That evening, he returned to Washington in the Justice Department's Gulfstream jet. Holder, who had jokingly lamented that such perks wouldn't last forever—"I'm missing it already!"—sat down, put on headphones, and blasted one of his favorite songs, Jimi Hendrix's "Purple Haze." Holder, who is fifty-nine, seemed determined not to let the tensions of Washington politics poison his mood. He was equally determined not to capitulate on the idea of holding a 9/11 trial. "I don't apologize for what I've done," he told me at one point. "History will show that the decisions we've made are the right ones." Holder said that he regarded trying Khalid Sheikh Mohammed in a courtroom as "the defining event of my time as Attorney General." But, he added, "between now and then I suspect we're in for some interesting times."

Holder, despite the controversy he has inspired, has not actually pushed for radical change. Indeed, critics in left-leaning legal circles have complained that he has kept too many of George W. Bush's counterterrorism policies in place. For example, Holder's Justice Department has continued blocking lawsuits by people who were subjected to extraordinary rendition—the practice of sending suspected terrorists captured abroad to countries known for administering torture—on the ground that such litigation would expose state secrets. Even some former members of the Bush Administration see more continuity than change. Bradford Berenson, who served as a White House lawyer when the Bush Administration was forging its controversial legal approach to terrorism, told me that "from the perspective of a hawkish Bush national-security person the glass is eighty-five per cent full in terms of continuity."

Holder told me that he was frustrated by much of the criticism over the handling of Abdulmutallab. "What we did is totally consistent with what has happened in every similar case" since 9/11, he said. "There's a desire to ignore the facts to try to score political points. It's a little shocking." Without exception, he noted, every previous terrorist suspect apprehended inside the country had been handled as a civilian criminal. Even so, critics such as Krauthammer were denouncing Holder for failing to send Abdulmutallab directly to Guantánamo. As a senior national-security official in the White House put it, "It's a fantasy! Under what alternative legal system can Special Operations Forces fly into Detroit, and take someone away without court oversight?"

According to Kate Martin, the director of the Center for National Security Studies, in Washington, the military can't simply grab suspects inside the U.S. and hold them without charge or a hearing. "It violates the Constitution, which extends to everyone inside the U.S.," she said. "You can't be seized without probable cause. You have the right to due process, and to a trial by a jury of your peers—which a military commission is not." Confusion on this point may derive from the Bush Administration's controversial handling of two suspected terrorists, José Padilla and Ali Saleh Kahlal al-Marri. Both men were arrested in the U.S. by law-enforcement officials, and indicted on criminal charges. But Bush declared Padilla and Marri to be "enemy combatants," which, he argued, meant that they could be transferred to military custody, for interrogation and detention without trial. (Neither suspect provided useful intelligence.) The cases provoked legal challenges, and in both instances appeals courts ruled that Bush had overstepped his power. The Administration, not willing to risk a Supreme Court defeat, returned the suspects to the civilian system.

For all the tough rhetoric of the Bush Administration, it prosecuted many more terror suspects as criminals than as enemy combatants. According to statistics compiled by New York University's Center on Law and Security, since 2001 the criminal courts have convicted some hundred and fifty suspects on terrorism charges. Only three detainees—all of whom were apprehended abroad—were convicted in military commissions at Guantánamo. The makeshift military-commission system set up by Bush to handle terrorism cases has never tried a murder case, let alone one as complex, or notorious, as that of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, who will face the death penalty for the murder of nearly three thousand people.

The Bush Administration obtained life sentences in the criminal courts for two terror suspects arrested inside the U.S.: Richard Reid, the so-called shoe bomber, and Zacarias Moussaoui, who was planning a second wave of plane attacks. (Reid was read his Miranda rights four times.) When the Bush Justice Department obtained these convictions, the process was celebrated by some of the same people now criticizing Holder. Giuliani, after the Moussaoui trial, said, "I was in awe of our system. It does demonstrate that we can give people a fair trial."

Holder told me that he was "distressed" that people "who know better" were claiming that the courts were not up to the job of trying terrorists. He added that he found it "exceedingly strange" to hear this argument from Giuliani, who had been a zealous prosecutor. "If Giuliani was still the U.S. Attorney in New York, my guess is that, by now, I would already have gotten ten phone calls from him telling me why these cases needed to be tried not only in civilian court but at Foley Square," Holder said.

There is no evidence suggesting that military commissions would be tougher on suspected terrorists than criminal courts would. Of the three cases adjudicated at Guantánamo, one defendant received a life sentence after boycotting his own trial; another served only six months, in addition to the time he had already served at the detention camp; the third struck a plea bargain and received just nine months. The latter two defendants—Salim Hamdan, a Yemeni who worked as Osama bin Laden's driver, and David Hicks, an Australian who attended an Al Qaeda training camp—are now at liberty in their home countries, having been released while Bush was still in office. It's impossible to know how these same cases would have fared in the civilian system. But the case of John Walker Lindh, the so-called American Taliban, offers a comparison between the two systems, as it closely parallels the case of Yaser Hamdi, a Saudi-American who was captured in the same place (Afghanistan) and at the same time (2001). Lindh, who pleaded guilty in a criminal court, is now serving twenty years in prison. Hamdi, who was declared an enemy combatant, was held in military detention, without charge; in 2004, after a court challenge, he was freed, and is now in Saudi Arabia.

Michael Mukasey, who was Holder's predecessor as Attorney General, has suggested that the military system is better at making terrorists talk. Last month, in the *Wall Street Journal*, he argued, "Had Abdulmutallab been turned over immediately to interrogators intent on gathering intelligence, valuable facts could have been gathered and perhaps acted upon." But the conventional court system has proved surprisingly effective at extracting intelligence. Dozens of suspected terrorists in the criminal system have cooperated with the government, usually in exchange for leniency in sentencing. The government is currently receiving valuable information from David C. Headley, who was indicted last December, in Chicago, for his involvement in terrorism conspiracies in India and Denmark. And, last week, the Justice Department confirmed that Abdulmutallab was now cooperating with the F.B.I. A department official noted, "He has an incentive to talk in the criminal-

justice system, which the other system doesn't offer." The key to gaining Abdulmutallab's cooperation was the F.B.I.'s ability to enlist his family in getting him to talk. Holder asked me, "Would that father have gone to American authorities if he knew his son might be whisked away to a black site"—a secret prison set up in a foreign country—"and subjected to enhanced interrogation techniques? You are much more likely to get people cooperating with us if their belief is that we are acting in a way that is consistent with American values."

On January 13th, Holder discussed the controversies surrounding him, in a conference room on the top floor of the Justice Department building. The walls were hung with portraits, which Holder had chosen, of his favorite Attorneys General. One was of Elliott Richardson, who resigned rather than follow President Richard Nixon's demand that he halt the Watergate investigation.

Some of Holder's friends, who call him Mr. Nice Guy, wonder if he is as tough as some of these predecessors. "Attorneys General should be feared," one legal observer told me. "They have incredible power. Holder makes correct decisions on the law, but he's not aggressive." Holder bristles at such characterizations. His Secret Service code name is Fidelity, but he joked, "I'd like something like The Hammer."

Though Holder has improved the morale at the Justice Department, he has had some management difficulties. He did not get along with David Ogden, his deputy. Ogden announced his decision to resign last December,** and has not been replaced. A lawyer who is close to the Administration said, "Eric's weakness is his management skills, but his strength is his gut."

Holder tried to address his critics with lawyerly detachment. Dick Cheney had equated Holder's approach to handling terrorism with giving "aid and comfort to the enemy"—the legal definition of treason. Holder said of Cheney, "On some level, and I'm not sure why, he lacks confidence in the American system of justice." He added that he had seen documents making clear that Cheney's office was the driving force behind the Bush Administration's most controversial counterterrorism policies, especially those sanctioning brutal interrogations. He said of Cheney, "I think he's worried about what history's judgment will be of the role that he played in making decisions about everything from black sites to enhanced interrogation techniques." Holder said that he doesn't know Elizabeth Cheney, but noted, with a laugh, "She's clearly her father's daughter."

Holder shook his head at Scott Brown's assertion that America's "laws are meant to protect this nation, not our enemies." Such rhetoric, he said, was "inconsistent with a little organization called the United States Supreme Court." During the Bush years, U.S. courts consistently struck down claims that detainees at Guantánamo, including Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, were beyond the reach of U.S. and international law. Moreover, Guantánamo detainees receive legal counsel that is paid for by the U.S. government. Holder said, "It's distressing to me that on an issue that is truly a matter of life and death for this nation people will find a way to make that a partisan issue."

Despite such comments, Holder is not naïve. He has spent almost his entire career in the public arena, most of it at the Justice Department. After graduating from Columbia Law School, in 1976, he became a prosecutor in the department's public-integrity section, going after lawbreakers in both parties. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan appointed him to the Superior Court in Washington. Five years later, President Bill Clinton appointed him the District of Columbia's U.S. Attorney; he was the first African-American to hold the post. In 1997, he became Deputy Attorney General, under Janet Reno. Holder was a lifeline at the Justice Department for Rahm Emanuel, then a senior White House adviser, because communications were so strained between Clinton and Reno, over such issues as her appointment of an independent counsel to investigate the Monica Lewinsky scandal.

In 2001, Holder himself was embroiled in a scandal, for having supported Clinton's last-minute pardon of the financier Marc Rich, who had fled the country rather than face criminal charges; his ex-wife, Denise, was a Presidential friend and fundraiser. Holder never consulted with the prosecutors in the case, infuriating them. Afterward, many of Holder's friends suspected that he had let his desire to ingratiate himself with Clinton override what one of them called "that gnawing uneasiness." Holder's actions have not been forgotten. Andrew McCarthy, the former federal prosecutor, said, "He had a background going into this that would have made him unconfirmable if he was a Republican." Holder emerged from the scandal, a friend said, determined to appear that he was above politics. "After being accused of not standing up to that kind of pressure, he's establishing his independence," the friend said. "It all goes back to Marc Rich."

As Attorney General, Holder has tried to depoliticize one of the most polarizing issues facing the Administration: how to protect the country from terrorism. David Vladeck, a former law-school classmate, who is now the director of the Bureau of Consumer Protection, said, "His vision as Attorney General is to be seen as a lawyer, and to get away from what was a partisan-infected Justice Department. He doesn't want to be Ed Meese or John Ashcroft. He doesn't want the Justice Department to be seen as another political agency. He's sent the unmistakable message to the people at D.O.J. that after years of politicization they are now going to do the right things, regardless of politics."

Karen Greenberg, the executive director of the Center on Law and Security, said that a difficulty with recalibrating what was formerly called the "war on terror"—a term that Obama has shunned—is that any change is seen as "a slap in the face of all that Bush did." She added, "The Justice Department was emasculated under Bush. Holder's trying to reassert its lead role in handling the prosecution of terrorism, which Bush delegated to the Pentagon. It's not minor. It's about bringing the whole approach to handling terrorists back inside the rule of law. But it's a public rebuke, suggesting that for eight years his predecessors betrayed American traditions." This is especially true in the case of Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, for Holder is explicitly overriding the Bush Administration's judgment that the case belongs in a military commission at Guantánamo.

As a result, it is proving virtually impossible for Holder to make mid-course legal corrections without sparking political fights over the Bush legacy. Many of Obama's political advisers see such battles as exactly the kind of "wedge" issues that alienate the independent voters they need. So far, polls show that the President has repaired the Democrats' image problem on national-security issues; his approval rating on handling terrorism is about fifty per cent, and was unhurt by the Christmas Day fracas. The one national-security policy on which recent public-opinion polls register extreme disapproval is the decision to handle terror suspects as civilian criminals.

Holder's unpopular positions on terrorism issues have frustrated Obama's advisers. The lawyer close to the Administration said, "The White House doesn't trust his judgment, and doesn't think he's mindful enough of all the things he should be," such as protecting the President from political fallout. "They think he wants to protect his own image, and to make himself untouchable politically, the way Reno did, by doing the righteous thing." On November 13th, when Holder announced his plan to try the 9/11 defendants in New York, Obama was travelling in Asia. He told reporters there, "We have to break . . . this fearful notion that somehow our justice system can't handle these guys." But as political tensions mount it's unclear how far the White House will go to back Holder. Greg Craig, Obama's first White House counsel, resigned under pressure in January, after clashing with Rahm Emanuel, the White House chief of staff, over his attempts to reverse Bush Administration counterterrorism policies.

Holder told me that he has no doubt that Obama supports him. They have shared some private moments. Late last year, Holder accompanied Obama on a middle-of-the-night visit to Dover Air Force Base. An Air Force plane had just delivered eighteen bodies of soldiers and Drug Enforcement Administration officials who had been killed that week, in Afghanistan. Holder said that Obama, after seeing a hangar filled with caskets, sat alone in a nearby room. Holder added that he "was struck by the fact that this guy has the weight of the world on his narrow shoulders."

On January 5th, Obama held a national-security meeting in the White House Situation Room to review how the Administration had failed to detect and prevent the Christmas Day plot. Afterward, Holder said, Obama asked him to walk back to the Oval Office with him. "We talk about these matters," Holder said. "The decisions are, relatively, mine. I take responsibility for them. But these are things where he is kept in the loop, and the direction he gives obviously has to be factored into any decision I make." Holder declined to reveal details of their recent discussion but said, "We are on the same page." He added, "He recognizes that being Attorney General at this time is not the easiest job in the world."

When Holder announced, last November, his decision to try Mohammed and his co-conspirators in a federal courthouse, he predicted that it would be "the trial of the century." It had taken him months to arrive at the best way to bring Mohammed to justice. By the time he became Attorney General, the Bush Administration had moved Mohammed—whom the C.I.A. took into custody seven years ago, in Pakistan—from a black-site prison to Guantánamo. His prosecution was complicated by the fact that C.I.A. interrogators had subjected him to torture, including at least a hundred and eighty-three sessions of waterboarding.

Bush Administration officials, too, had recognized Mohammed's abuse as an impediment to prosecution. After Mohammed arrived at Guantánamo, a team of F.B.I. and military interrogators tried to elicit from him and his co-defendants the same confessions that the C.I.A. had obtained about the 9/11 plot, but by using only legal means of interrogation. (According to the *Washington Post*, he was enticed with Starbucks coffee.) By 2008, the Bush Administration believed that this so-called Clean Team had compiled sufficient evidence to charge Mohammed and the others with capital murder. The cases were to be tried in military commissions, which have more lenient rules of evidence than civilian courts. But even in this forum, several outside experts warned, the Administration might have trouble using any evidence that had originally been obtained with methods that would "shock the conscience of the court." John D. Hutson, a former judge advocate general, told the *Washington Post* that "there's something in American jurisprudence called 'fruit of the poisonous tree.' You can clean up the tree a little, but it's hard to do."

In December, 2008, Mohammed and his co-defendants cast further legal uncertainty over the proceedings at Guantánamo by insisting that they preferred to plead guilty without a trial, and be put to death as "martyrs." The defense counsel for two of the defendants protested that their clients were not competent to make such a decision. The cases stalled while psychological evaluations took place.

Amid this legal tumult, Obama assumed the Presidency. Days after taking office, he signed executive orders suspending the military commissions at Guantánamo, and calling for the closure of the detention facility within a year. He vowed to end legal abuses that had made Guantánamo infamous, such as indefinite detention without credible judicial review. He also banned torture and other cruel forms of interrogation, and foreclosed the option of detaining terror suspects in black sites. (Some of these practices had already been suspended by Bush, in the face of court orders and public disapproval.)

In January, 2009, there was bipartisan support for closing down Guantánamo, including from John McCain and from President Bush himself, who had said, "I'd like it to be over with." General Colin Powell, Bush's former Secretary of State, had declared, "If it was up to me, I would close Guantánamo not tomorrow but this afternoon." Robert Gates, Bush's Secretary of Defense, whom Obama asked to stay on, had already considered a plan to transfer the remaining two hundred and sixty-five detainees—including Mohammed—to America. A former Pentagon official told me that the plan, which never surfaced publicly, called for the prisoners to be held in the Navy brig in Charleston, South Carolina. (Geoff Morrell, a Pentagon spokesman, said, "The plan never left the building.")

Holder had been an outspoken critic of Bush's terrorism policies. In 2008, he gave a speech to the American Constitution Society, and described some of the steps Bush had taken as "excessive and unlawful." He said, "We owe the American people a reckoning."

Obama's executive orders effectively put Holder in charge of the legal process of closing Guantánamo. Most of the President's legal advisers believed that virtually all the Guantánamo detainees could be tried in criminal courts, or transferred to courts in other countries. Amy Jeffress, Holder's national-security adviser, set up three interagency task forces to review the detainees' cases. But the challenge proved far greater than expected. "There was no file for each detainee," Jeffress told me. "The information was scattered all over the government. You'd look at what the Department of Defense had, and it was *something*, but, as a prosecutor, it wasn't what you'd like to see as evidence. . . . It was pretty thin stuff." The Bush Administration, she said, clearly "hadn't planned on prosecuting anyone. Instead, it was 'Let's take a shortcut and put them in Guantánamo.' "

In a speech last May, Obama declared that the Bush Administration's legal approach had created "a mess." Among other problems, Obama's Justice Department found itself under frequent attack in the courts for Bush-era policies. Detainees were winning habeas-corpus hearings, and public-interest groups were mounting challenges to the Bush Administration's stances on state secrecy, surveillance, and torture. In addition, the Obama Administration faced litigation over access to Bush-era documents. An informed source said of the situation, "We were buried in an avalanche of shit."

Holder set up an elaborate review process for detainees. On Wednesday afternoons, twenty senior government officials from the defense, intelligence, legal, and foreign-policy bureaucracies met for hours in a secure, undisclosed location, to weigh the case of each prisoner at Guantánamo. Sometimes they spent weeks on just one case. Ambassador Daniel Fried, who was

appointed by Obama to manage the closure of Guantánamo, and who served in the Bush Administration, told me that the process was “remarkably effective,” but hovering in the background was the fear of making a lethal mistake. A member of the detainee task force said, “It’s like the parole board. Do this long enough, and you’ll have a Willie Horton.” But, Fried said, “the damage done by Guantánamo was greater than the damage done by some of the low-level people let out.” Also great, he believed, was the cost of trying suspects in military hearings that much of the world considered illegitimate. As the man in charge of persuading other countries to accept Guantánamo detainees, he noted that “Holder’s decision to try the 9/11 defendants in the courts has made my job a lot easier.”

Officials at the White House would not say the same. Last spring, a series of Justice Department moves prompted attacks from Republicans, causing concern in what’s known as the White House “front office,” where Emanuel and David Axelrod, Obama’s top political adviser, work. Most notably, the detainee task force recommended the release of two Guantánamo detainees in America. The recommendation received unanimous support from the principals committee of the National Security Council. Among those who signed off were Holder and the Cabinet secretaries dealing with defense, intelligence, foreign affairs, and homeland security. The two detainees were Chinese Uighurs whom the courts had ordered to be set free, after the Bush Administration had conceded that they were not enemy combatants. But the government had been unable to find any country willing to take them except China, where, as dissidents, they would be jailed.

Lawyers in the Homeland Security and Justice Departments, along with the Uighurs’ attorneys, formed a plan to resettle the men in northern Virginia. But the White House front office saw the release as politically toxic, and stood in its way. In May, word of the secret plan leaked, causing Republicans in Congress to declare their opposition to bringing *any* detainees to the U.S. At a White House meeting, Obama suggested that he had been blindsided by the Uighur plan, and that he disapproved of it.

Within days, both the House and the Senate had voted to strip a spending bill of eighty million dollars that had been requested for the closing of Guantánamo. Last fall, Congress passed legislation barring the government from bringing any detainee from Guantánamo to America, except to stand trial. Elisa Massimino, the president of Human Rights First, told me, “Politically, these issues are poisonous. That’s what Rahm Emanuel is looking at.” But, she added, “You can’t finesse it, and you can’t spin it. The President just has to lead the American people away from fear.”

Emanuel viewed many of the legal problems that Craig and Holder were immersed in as distractions. “When Guantánamo walked in the door, Rahm walked out,” the informed source said. Holder and Emanuel had been collegial since their Clinton Administration days. Holder’s wife, Sharon Malone, an obstetrician, had delivered one of Emanuel’s children. But Emanuel adamantly opposed a number of Holder’s decisions, including one that widened the scope of a special counsel who had begun investigating the C.I.A.’s interrogation program. Bush had appointed the special counsel, John Durham, to assess whether the C.I.A. had obstructed justice when it destroyed videotapes documenting waterboarding sessions. Holder authorized Durham to determine whether the agency’s abuse of detainees had itself violated laws. Emanuel worried that such investigations would alienate the intelligence community. But Holder, who had studied law at Columbia with Telford Taylor, the chief American prosecutor in the Nuremberg trials, was profoundly upset after seeing classified documents explicitly describing C.I.A. prisoner abuse. The United Nations Convention Against Torture requires the U.S. to investigate credible torture allegations. Holder felt that, as the top law-enforcement officer in the U.S., he had to do something.

Emanuel couldn’t complain directly to Holder without violating strictures against political interference in prosecutorial decisions. But he conveyed his unhappiness to Holder indirectly, two sources said. Emanuel demanded, “Didn’t he get the memo that we’re not re-litigating the past?”

Last spring, under pressure from the defense establishment, Obama decided to reform the military commissions rather than terminate them, to the disappointment of his liberal base. A protocol was drafted, directing the Pentagon and the Justice Department to work together in settling turf battles. The presumption, the draft said, was that detainees should be tried in civilian courts unless there were compelling reasons not to do so. Holder was put in charge of deciding which legal system was appropriate for each Guantánamo detainee.

Some legal experts regarded the process as odd, since it removed the President from taking the lead role. Philip Bobbitt, a law professor who served in the National Security Council under Clinton, said the protocol made Obama “look as if he’s not in

charge." A government official involved in the process told me, "My sense is that Obama wanted the Attorney General to make the call."

Last July, Holder assigned eight experienced criminal prosecutors from the Southern District of New York and the Eastern District of Virginia to build the best criminal case they could against Mohammed and his co-conspirators. They had until October 1st to investigate. The prosecutors gathered fresh evidence from around the globe, rendering the military's case comparatively weak. Neil MacBride, the U.S. Attorney who represents Virginia's Eastern District, participated in the process, and said, "The prosecutors came together, and produced hundreds of pages of analysis that was granular, and evidence-specific." Many countries that had refused to cooperate with military commissions at Guantánamo were much more favorably disposed to criminal trials. Among the countries that stood willing to provide evidence and witnesses for court prosecutions were Germany, France, and Great Britain.

In weighing the cases of Mohammed and his co-conspirators, Holder conferred with top Pentagon lawyers, including Jeh Johnson, the Defense Department's general counsel, and William Lynn, the Pentagon's head of detainee affairs. The Pentagon's prosecutors were initially reluctant to relinquish the cases, but in the end supported the decision. Holder then picked the Pentagon to prosecute five key suspects in the bombing of the U.S.S. Cole, a Navy ship attacked in Yemen by Al Qaeda in 2000. Sarah Mendelson, a director at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, in Washington, followed the deliberations closely, and told me, "You could see Holder negotiating."

Holder, MacBride said, also conferred with his counterparts in the intelligence community about any possible jeopardy to national-security secrets "if we went forward with a full-throated prosecution of K.S.M." Critics have raised worries that an open trial, which would require the government to reveal the names of witnesses and sources of evidence, could tip off enemies of the U.S. about sensitive security matters. A lawyer familiar with the discussion told me, "Suffice it to say, if there was serious concern about revelation of sources and methods by the intelligence community you would have heard a lot of howling."

Last fall, Holder selected the offices led by MacBride and Preet Bharara, the U.S. Attorney for the Southern District of New York, to prosecute the criminal case. Bharara, addressing the national-security concerns, said of Holder, "This is not a rogue Attorney General. These are reasoned, considered decisions made by people in America who have the greatest knowledge and concern about the revelation of these materials. And, with all due respect, they have greater knowledge than the critics."

Holder told me that the "critical factor" in his choice of civilian prosecutors was that they could build a case independent of the Clean Team, and of the C.I.A.'s tainted confessions. His prosecutors, Holder said, had "constructed a case that uses materials and evidence that does not derive from the techniques that were controversial," which would "maximize our chances for success." It was a driving concern to Holder that the case not rest on torture. "It's a statement about what this Administration is about," he said. "It's a statement about this Attorney General. We are *not* going to use the products of interrogation techniques that this President has banned."

MacBride, like Holder, emphasizes the tactical advantages of the Administration's approach. "There are gigantic challenges to attempting to cleanse concededly coerced statements," he said. In fact, as Holder was making his decision the federal court in Washington was weighing another case involving the admissibility of statements made freely, after a prisoner had been tortured. In a decision that signalled trouble for the viability of Clean Team-type prosecutions, U.S. District Court Judge Gladys Kessler ruled that the government must release another Guantánamo prisoner, Farhi Bin Mohammed, even though F.B.I. agents had elicited incriminating evidence against him from a fellow-detainee, Binyam Mohamed, without coercion. Her reason was that interrogators in Morocco had, among other abuses, cut Binyam Mohamed's penis with a scalpel. After such mistreatment, Kessler found, it was impossible to regard later statements as free of taint.*

In Holder's view, avoiding the Clean Team's work was also smart in terms of winning the "hearts and minds" of the Islamic world. "Values matter in this fight," he said. "We need to give those who might follow these mad men a good sense of what America is, and what America can be. We are militarily strong, but we are morally stronger."

At the White House, Emanuel, who is not a lawyer, opposed Holder's position on the 9/11 cases. He argued that the Administration needed the support of key Republicans to help close Guantánamo, and that a fight over Khalid Sheikh

Mohammed could alienate them. "There was a lot of drama," the informed source said. Emanuel was particularly concerned with placating Lindsey Graham, the Republican senator from South Carolina, who was a leading proponent of military commissions, and who had helped Obama on other issues, such as the confirmation of Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor. "Rahm felt very, very strongly that it was a mistake to prosecute the 9/11 people in the federal courts, and that it was picking an unnecessary fight with the military-commission people," the informed source said. "Rahm had a good relationship with Graham, and believed Graham when he said that if you don't prosecute these people in military commissions I won't support the closing of Guantánamo. . . . Rahm said, 'If we don't have Graham, we can't close Guantánamo, and it's on Eric!' "

At Emanuel's urging, Holder spoke with Graham several times. But they could not reach an agreement. Graham told me, "It was a nonstarter for me. There's a place for the courts, but not for the mastermind of 9/11." He said, "On balance, I think it would be better to close Guantánamo, but it would be better to keep it open than to give these guys civilian trials." Graham, who served as a judge advocate general in the military reserves, vowed that he would do all he could as a legislator to stop the trials. "The President's advisers have served him poorly here," he said. "I like Eric, but at the end of the day Eric made the decision." Last week, Graham introduced a bill in the Senate to cut off funding for criminal trials related to 9/11.

Behind Graham's opposition was an insistence that Obama not treat military commissions as second-class justice. Given the commissions' erratic track record, the argument strikes many legal observers as dubious. But once Obama had agreed to keep the commissions going he forfeited the option of openly criticizing them. David Cole, a law professor at Georgetown University, said, "They can't say military commissions are less legitimate, because they're still using them. But if they tried K.S.M. in a military commission they'd lose any chance of having a conviction seen as legitimate by the rest of the world." Once Holder had settled on taking the 9/11 cases to court, the remaining question was where. A confidential security study by the U.S. Marshals Service tipped the decision toward Manhattan. The marshals concluded that the courthouse on Foley Square was by far the safest option; it has underground tunnels through which defendants can be transported from the adjacent Metropolitan Correctional Center. In addition, Holder was mindful of a federal death-penalty statute that calls for capital-murder trials to be held in a state that is connected to the crime. The choice also may have had special significance for Holder because he was born and raised in New York City—in Queens, near LaGuardia Airport. His mother still lives in the city, and his brother William, a retired Port Authority police officer, lost several friends and colleagues on 9/11. In announcing his decision, Holder stressed that, "after eight years of delay, those allegedly responsible for the attacks of September 11th will finally face justice. They will be brought to New York—to *New York*—to answer for their alleged crimes in a courthouse just blocks away from where the Twin Towers once stood."

Hours before he went public, Holder spoke with several New York officials, including Bloomberg, Schumer, and Governor David Paterson, all of whom pledged their support. Bharara, the U.S. Attorney, informed Commissioner Kelly. Holder then called Obama to relay his decision. Everything seemed in place. After Holder announced the plan, Bloomberg said, "It is fitting that 9/11 suspects face justice near the World Trade Center site, where so many New Yorkers were murdered."

But the Obama Administration's political preparations for a controversial trial were less thorough than those made by previous Administrations. In 1995, Justice Department officials spent months laying the groundwork for trying the bomber Timothy McVeigh in Oklahoma City. Detailed cost estimates were made, and there was extensive outreach to local officials, victims' families, and security personnel. (Ultimately, a judge ordered the trial moved to Colorado.) By comparison, local officials in New York have said that they were only glancingly consulted. And, when the Foley Square protest made clear that some families of 9/11 victims were upset by the idea of a civilian trial, the White House barely reacted, and did not rally 9/11 families who favor a trial.

Now that Bloomberg, Kelly, and Schumer have withdrawn their support, the Justice Department is in retreat, and Holder is scrambling to find a venue for "the trial of the century." Kate Martin, the Center for National Security Studies director, warns, "We can't have a situation where political pressure forces the federal government to forgo criminal prosecution. That would mean the system is fundamentally broken." Bill Martel, of Tufts, said, "When public fear coalesces, it generates forces that are almost uncontrollable by the political leadership."

Late last month, at home, in Northwest Washington, Holder addressed those who have suggested that he and Obama are too weak to take on terrorism. "This macho bravado—that's the kind of thing that leads you into wars that should not be fought, that history is not kind to," he said. "The quest for justice, despite what your contemporaries might think, that's toughness. The ability to subject yourself to the kind of criticism I'm getting now, for something I think is right? That's tough." He paused, and added, "This is something that can get a rise out of me, the notion that somehow Eric Holder and Barack Obama, this Administration, is not tough. We have the welfare of the American people in our minds all the time. We'll fight our enemies, and we'll do that which is necessary, and we won't turn our backs on the values and traditions that have made this country great. *That* is what is tough." ♦

*_Corrections, February 5, 2010: The original text stated that Binyam Mohamed had been tortured during an interrogation related to his own case, and that he, not Farhi Bin Mohammed, was released by Judge Kessler.

**Ogden announced his decision to resign last December; he did not resign last December, as originally stated.

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This time Megyn Kelly was making fun of the CCA story saying that we are using tax payer dollars to pay for dance lessons and bingo. Factually inaccurate! She named b6, b7c too. I called her producer and was very upset and cursed a tad. I quickly apologized when I realized it is not his fault. Anyway, I sent an email to a Fox producer who is reasonable.... "off the record" providing a copy of the CCA email where it clearly states that these improvements would be implemented at no cost to ICE. We may need to prepare a more formal statement for Fox laying this out.

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FUGITIVE OPERATIONS TEAM IN CALIFORNIA'S ORANGE COUNTY PROFILED. In 1,300-word article, the Orange County Register (1/22, Carcamo) follows the efforts of an ICE Fugitive Operations Team in Orange County, saying they "offered a glimpse into the team's day-to-day immigration enforcement actions in the wake of the President Obama's revamped focus on going after the 'worst of the worst' in the country illegally. Last year, ICE head John Morton announced the agency's goals to target those in the country illegally with criminal records and standing deportation orders." Noting that such operations do not discriminate by socio-economic status, the Register quotes Robert Naranjo, assistant field officer director for the agency's Los Angeles Office of Detention and Removal Operations, who said officers "Robert Naranjo, assistant field officer director for the agency's Los Angeles Office of Detention and Removal Operations, who said officers "follow up on leads and go where the leads take us."

Operational News:

SERBIAN IMMIGRANT DEPORTED AFTER SERVING FEDERAL SENTENCE. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (1/20, Diedrich) reported that ICE says Serbian immigrant Nedjo Ikonc was removed from the US this week after finishing his Federal sentence for "lying on immigration forms about what he did during the Bosnian war." He "is wanted by Bosnian prosecutors, who allege he committed genocide when he commanded a police unit near Srebrenica during the 1995 massacre, according to a warrant." DHS Assistant Secretary for ICE John Morton said his agency "will not allow the United States to be a safe haven for those who are hiding from prosecution and punishment for the crimes they have committed elsewhere."

PREVIOUSLY DEPORTED MAN SENTENCED IN ILLINOIS. The Benton (IL) Evening News (1/22) reports on the sentencing of Mexican national Cesar Hernandez-Escalante "to 15 months' imprisonment" after pleading guilty "to the charges of illegal reentry into the United States after having been removed and transporting an illegal alien for financial gain." After having been previously removed, Hernandez-Escalante "was caught on Interstate 70 by a deputy from the Effingham Sheriff's Department who stopped the vehicle he was driving for having too many passengers." His "case was investigated by the Effingham County Sheriff's Department and the US Department of Homeland Security, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and was prosecuted by Assistant US Attorney Michael C. Carr."

RESTAURANT OWNER CHARGED WITH HARBORING AND CONCEALING ILLEGALS. The Port Clinton (OH) News Herald (1/22) reports Ramon Ornelas, "owner of eight Casa Fiesta restaurants," is facing "charges stemming from July 2008 raids by federal agencies." DHS Assistant Secretary for ICE John Morton said the charges, including eight counts of harboring and concealing illegal aliens, "represent (US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's) firm commitment to holding employers accountable for brazenly ignoring immigration laws as it relates to their work force." All 58 of those arrested resulting from the July 23, 2008, raids "have either been deported or will be," according to ICE spokesman Khaalid Walls.

MAN ACCUSED OF PIMPING HONDURAN MINORS DENIED BOND. The McAllen (TX) Monitor (1/21, Roebuck) reported that bond was denied Wednesday for Beale Garcia Gonzalez, who is "accused of pimping three Honduran minors to recoup money he allegedly spent smuggling them into the country." Judge Peter Ormsby finding that Garcia "posed a significant flight risk and danger to the community" came "despite defense efforts to characterize" him "as a loving father and a businessman who built up a successful nightclub after arriving from Mexico." Noting that Garcia's arrest by ICE agents came after the rescue of the girls, the Monitor quotes ICE Special Agent Anson Luna, who said, "They were approached in their home country by a couple and promised a better life working in a restaurant in the United States."

Policy and Issues News:

HAITIAN NATIONALS IN US LINE UP TO APPLY FOR TPS. The South Florida Sun-Sentinel (1/22, Campbell, Olmeda) reports on the efforts of Haitians in South Florida yesterday "to be among the first from their country to apply for Temporary Protected Status." The designation, granted by DHS last Friday, "will allow undocumented Haitians living in the United States before the earthquake hit to work in the country legally for 18 months."

The Latin American Herald Tribune /EFE (1/22, Pena) reports CIS spokeswoman Luz Irazabal said the agency "may grant fee waivers on a 'case-by-case' basis," and "advised to Haitian community to 'be aware of people who unfortunately may try to capitalize on this tragedy to deceive them.'"

Clinton: US Will Repatriate Haitians Who Illegally Enter US. AFP (1/22) reports Secretary Clinton told reporters yesterday that the US "will enforce its own laws and repatriate any Haitians who illegally enter US territory while fleeing quake-hit Haiti." Said Clinton, "Ordinary and regular immigration laws will apply going forward, which means we are not going to be accepting into the US Haitians who are attempting to make it to our shores."

Haitian Orphans To Receive Life-Saving Care In Florida. The Miami Herald (1/22, Yanez) reports, "Some 200 injured Haitian children -- the largest group to be given passage to the US without adoptive parents -- will travel to Florida for life-saving medical care, thanks to a Miami doctor and Sen. Bill Nelson, D-Fla. The youngest earthquake victims are being granted humanitarian visas so long as a doctor in Haiti deems that the child will die without advanced medical care," as Nelson had requested of Secretary Napolitano earlier this week. The Herald adds that the Miami doctor, Barth Green, "has emerged as a key player in the efforts to save injured Haitians."

The South Florida Sun-Sentinel (1/22, Gibson) reports Nelson said the group of "children have treatable injuries but likely would die because of a lack of equipment or specialized care in Haiti. 'We must help the most vulnerable among us, and that includes our neighbors in Haiti where children are in dire need right now,' Nelson said."

All But 12 Of 54 Children Brought To Pittsburgh With Adoptive Families. The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (1/22, Fabregas, Wereschagin) reports the sisters who ran the orphanage from which 54 Haitian children have been brought to Pittsburgh have "given to adoptive families all but 12 of the children they refused to leave in the ruins of Haiti." Those children "will remain on humanitarian parole -- a refugee status Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano granted -- until adoption. Each child will become a U.S. citizen 'the moment (their) adoption is finalized,'" according to CIS spokesman Chris Bentley.

The Christian Science Monitor (1/22, Jonsson) reports, "The image of Haitian children arriving in the arms of new US parents is part of a massive outpouring of concern." However, "as rough conditions in Haiti raises pressure on authorities to airlift the children out, the disaster also exposes a complicated moral, ethical, and even political conundrum about how to measure a traumatized child's real needs in the midst of widespread destruction and loss of life."

Diaspora Seen As Means Of Aiding Haitians. In a Washington Post (1/22, 684K) op-ed, Elliott Abrams, senior fellow for Middle Eastern studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, says the US and other donor nations "must increase aid but also allow Haitians to help themselves, and there is no way they can do that sitting in a devastated nation. A substantial number of Haitians must be allowed to move to richer countries -- including ours." Stating that TPS status for Haitian nationals is not enough, Abrams criticizes Napolitano's statement that Haitians attempting to leave the island now "will only bring more hardship to the Haitian people and nation."

CHAFFETZ PUSHES RESOLUTION OPPOSING PATH TO CITIZENSHIP FOR ILLEGALS IN THE US. The Salt Lake Tribune (1/22, Canham) reports that with lawmakers "attempting to define" the immigration reform debate "in anticipation that Congress may take up the highly volatile issue this year," Rep. Jason Chaffetz is leading "a group of freshman Republicans and moderate Democrats who support a resolution that says any reform proposal must not include a way for undocumented immigrants to gain legal status. The resolution supported by 12 Republicans and 10 Democrats also calls for bolstered border protection and a new requirement for all employers to verify the immigration status of their workers using the federal E-Verify program." He "calls the resolution a bipartisan way to reform the immigration system, but it is doubtful that members of the Congressional Hispanic Caucus would feel the same way."

The Deseret Morning News (UT) (1/22, Davidson) reports that Chaffetz "made illegal immigration a key campaign issue in 2008 when he upset former Rep. Chris Cannon, R-Utah, and attracted national attention when he suggested using tent cities to hold illegal aliens to cut costs and help increase enforcement. His resolution calls for Congress to follow three main components as it addresses immigration reform: reject any amnesty for illegal immigrants now in the country; beef up resources to secure the border; and require all employers to use E-Verify to ensure that their workers are in the country legally."

In Brief:

MAN SUSPECTED IN NEW JERSEY BURGLARY RING UNDER ICE DETAINER. The Asbury Park Press (1/22, Sahn) reports on the arrest of a Union County man who police "say operated a burglary ring, using juveniles to help him steal from homes in Monmouth and Somerset counties." Police believe the Honduran national, thought to be in the US illegally, "uses aliases, including Joeys Sebastian Cruz, Jorge Luna, Joeys Sebastian Cruz Morales, Manuel Gomez, and Jorge Armondo Vadladares Luna." ICE "has issued a no-bail immigration detainer for him, pending the outcome of their investigation." The Newark Star-Ledger (1/22, Spoto) and Redbank (NJ) Green (1/22) also cover the case.

MAN HELD FOR ICE AFTER MUFFLER LEADS TO DISCOVERY OF COCAINE, FAKE DOCUMENTS. The Chicago Daily Herald (1/22) reports, "A loud muffler led to the arrest of a man in possession of cocaine and fake Social Security cards, Round Lake Park police said. Police Chief George Filenko said Martin G. Alvarez, 33, of the 500 block of Laurel Court in Round Lake Beach, was being held at the Lake County jail Thursday for US Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials."

MEN ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGES IN OREGON UNDER ICE HOLD. The East Oregonian (1/22, Mills) reports, "The Blue Mountain Enforcement Narcotics Team (BENT) arrested two Hermiston-area men Wednesday after an investigation led to the seizure of nearly 100 grams of crystal methamphetamine and over \$8,600 cash." Humberto Gorrozieta Andrade and Caitlahuac Andres Guerra-Paniagua are both "lodged at the Umatilla County Jail and currently have Immigration and Customs Enforcement holds placed on them."

SUSPECTED DRUG SUPPLIER UNDER ICE HOLD. The Cedartown (GA) Standard (1/22, Dareing) reports Cartersville man Miguel Hernandez-Cabanias, believed to be "a mid-level drug supplier," has been arrested "after he attempted to sell a large amount of methamphetamine to undercover agents, according to a press released issued by the Bartow County Sheriff's Office." The Standard adds that he "is currently in the Bartow County Jail and is also being held with an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detainer."

ICE ASSISTANCE IN KANSAS DRUG-TRAFFICKING INVESTIGATION NOTED. The Wichita Eagle (1/22, Potter) reports, "A three-year drug-trafficking investigation including federal agencies has led to the arrests of 15 people living in or near Arkansas City, authorities said Thursday. So far, at least 10 people have been charged as a result of the investigation, which involved about 14 local, state and federal agencies." The Eagle notes ICE's assistance in the case.

ICE INVESTIGATING LEGAL STATUS OF MASSAGE PARLOR WORKER. The Reading Eagle (1/22, Brudereck) reports Penn Spa Oriental Massage worker Zhenlan Li "was jailed Thursday after she was arrested on prostitution and related charges at" the Sinking Spring massage parlor. Chief County Detective Michael J. Gombar said ICE is investigating the woman's legal status.

Top DHS News:

US, EUROPE AGREE TO ACCELERATE WORK ON AVIATION SECURITY STRATEGY. The New York Times (1/22, Cala) reports on its website that European officials meeting with Secretary Napolitano in Toledo, Spain, yesterday to discuss a common aviation security strategy for the first time since the failed Christmas Day bombing attempt said they will "accelerate the drafting" of such an agreement. The Times adds that while some EU members, "including Germany and Spain, continue to resist the American-favored use" of whole-body scanners, "Napolitano played down those differences," saying that aviation security pivots not "only on whole-body scanners," but "on unity of efforts so that Al Qaeda won't be able to carry out a successful attack on an airplane." Voice of America (1/22) reports Napolitano said Europe and the US "need to tighten collaboration on four critical areas when it comes to airport and airline security."

The AP (1/22, Woolls), meanwhile, highlights the body scanner issue, reporting that Napolitano looked to "allay" European concerns over their use, "saying that as the technology develops the devices will be less intrusive. 'Some of the privacy issues that have been raised are dealt with effectively by the new iterations of the technology,'" Napolitano said at a press conference following yesterday's meeting. The AP says Napolitano "denied the US was pressuring Europe to deploy the scanners," but "stressed that better screening technology was one of several important elements for protecting travelers from terrorism." NBC's Today Show (1/21, 7:18 a.m. EST) said in a brief report that Napolitano's presence in Spain was to meet "with officials about boosting airport security there with full body scanners."

AFP (1/22, Spillmann) reports Spanish Interior Minister Alfredo Perez Rubalcaba, whose country holds the rotating presidency of the EU, "said the European Commission was carrying out the studies into the scanners' effectiveness and possible impacts on health and privacy," after which officials would decide on their use. "Napolitano said the US was not seeking to impose a decision on the bloc but she defended the effectiveness of the devices." AFP (1/22) reports runs a report on the opportunities that tightened security may hold for Smiths Detection, a German firm that produces airport security systems.

Irish Official Says He Back Use Of Body Scanners. Irish Times (1/22, Michael) reports Irish Minister for Justice Dermot Ahern said in Spain yesterday that "he supported the introduction of full-body scanners to Irish airports." He also said at the meeting that officials "need to fast track exchange of information which can play a very important role in defeating international terrorism. Law-abiding citizens have nothing to fear from increased information exchange, particularly internally in the EU, and better scanning devices and technology."

WHITE HOUSE LAUNCHING NEW SEARCH FOR TSA NOMINEE. The Wall Street Journal (1/22, Simpson) reports the Administration is launching a news search for a nominee to head the TSA following the withdrawal earlier this week of Erroll Southers. Focusing much of its article on the aviation security issues facing the leaderless agency, the Journal quotes former DHS IG Clark Kent Ervin calling it "a heck of a time for this to happen, given that TSA has already been rocked onto its heels by a string of incidents."

Southers: I Was "Right Man With The Right Qualifications." Appearing last night on MSNBC's Rachel Maddow Show (1/21, 9:33 p.m. EST), Southers said he believed he had been "the right man with the right qualifications. I had very interesting and productive conversations with Secretary Napolitano about moving forward. I believe we could have developed the TSA, a maturing organization, into the best transportation security organization in the world."

DOJ DEFENDS HANDLING OF ABDULMUTALLAB CASE. The AP (1/22) reports that "under growing criticism from Capitol Hill," the Justice Department yesterday "defended its decision to interrogate and arrest the suspected Christmas Day bomber," Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, as "a criminal rather than an enemy combatant, saying it got actionable intelligence from him and would continue to do so" even as he faces trial. In a statement, DOJ spokesman Matthew Miller said, "Those who now argue that a different action should have been taken in this case were notably silent when dozens of terrorists were successfully prosecuted in federal court by the previous administration."

Reuters (1/22, Pelofsky) says the statement followed increasing attacks by Republican lawmakers, who were particularly angered by revelations Wednesday by top officials, including Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair, National Counterterrorism Center Director Michael Leiter and DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano, that they were not consulted on where to prosecute Abdulmutallab.

Politico (1/22, Gerstein, 25K), meanwhile, notes that Democrats "have been less vocal on the issue," though Senate Intelligence Committee Chairwoman Dianne Feinstein joined Vice Chairman Sen. Kit Bond in a statement "calling it a 'failure' that there was no process in place allowing national security officials to consider the option of interrogating him in military custody." The AP (1/22) also reports briefly on the statement issues by Feinstein and Bond.

HIG Not Expected To Be Operational For Several Months. The Wall Street Journal (1/22, A5, Perez, Gorman, 2.08M) reports that the head of the new High-Value Detainee Interrogation Group, or HIG, said yesterday in an interview that it will be several months before the program will be firmly established. Andrew McCabe, a veteran FBI counterterrorism investigator who is leading the new program, also said the teams "will not have different tools from anyone else."

In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (1/22, 2.08M) notes that during Senate testimony yesterday, Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair said the FBI should have used an HIG team to interrogate Abdulmutallab. According to the Journal, Blair's testimony was later disputed by an Administration official, and he issued a statement saying his comments had been "misconstrued." The Journal, however, says Blair was right in making the assertion.

TERRORISM SEEN "CREEPING BACK" INTO POLITICS AMID RISING PUBLIC CONCERNS. The AP (1/22, Feller) reports that "terrorism is creeping back to the forefront of the American mindset, creating an election-year issue for emboldened Republicans and forcing President Barack Obama to reassert himself after a wobbly period of homeland protection." According to a new AP-GfK poll, "public concern about terrorism is at its highest levels in months." But "more than half of people, 54 percent, approve" of Obama's handling of terrorism. Still, the AP notes that Republicans "traditionally claim security as a political strong suit, and recent events," including the failed Christmas Day attack, "have not helped the party in power."

INDIA ISSUES TERROR ALERT OVER HIJACK PLOT. The AP (1/22, George) reports airports in India are "on high alert Friday after intelligence services received information that al Qaeda-linked militants were plotting to hijack a plane." Aviation spokeswoman Moushumi Chakravarty "said that the airports were placed on alert Thursday after the government received warnings from the intelligence agencies." Chakravarty also confirmed media reports that "said intelligence officials had uncovered a plot by militants linked to al Qaeda and the Pakistan-based Lashkar-e-Taiba group to hijack an Air India or Indian Airlines flight destined for a neighboring South Asian country."

TEEN'S JEWISH PRAYER PROMPTS DIVERSION OF PLANE TO PHILADELPHIA. The AP (1/22, Matheson) reports US Airways Express Flight 3079 from New York's LaGuardia to Louisville, Kentucky, experienced a scare yesterday when a Jewish teenager "pulled out a set of small boxes containing holy scrolls, leading the captain to divert the flight to Philadelphia, where the commuter plane was greeted by police, bomb-sniffing dog" and officials from the FBI and TSA. FBI spokesman J.J. Klaver said the 17-year-old's use of tefillin boxes was "something that the average person is not going to see very often, if ever."

The Philadelphia Inquirer (1/22, O'Reilly, Steele, Loyd) reports, "Nathan Diament, public-policy director for the Union of Orthodox Congregations of America, challenged the FBI's assertion that the 'average person' cannot be expected to recognize tefillin. 'They've appeared in all kinds of photographs and movies and TV,' Diament said," although he added that "he understood the airline's caution."

The Louisville Courier-Journal (1/22, Quay, Halladay) reports the 17-year-old, Caleb Leibowitz, "explained the ritual after being questioned by crew members of the flight, which had left LaGuardia around 7:30 a.m. for Louisville, authorities said. But officials with Chautauqua Airlines, which operated the flight, said crew members 'did not receive a clear response' when they talked with the teen, prompting their decision" to divert.

The New York Times (1/22, A20, Barron) reports that while "a relatively common sight" for some New Yorkers, the prayer ritual "looked ominous," to a flight attendant, "as if the young man were wrapping himself in cables or wires. And in a time when in-flight thinking is colored by the brutal knowledge that passengers have hidden bombs in underwear or shoes, she told the officers in the cockpit."

Bloomberg News (1/22, Keane, Schlangenhein) reports FBI spokesman Paul Bresson said in an e-mail that this was 'not a terrorism or even criminal incident.' The TSA "said in an e-mailed statement that it was notified about the passenger 20 minutes" prior to the plane's landing in Philadelphia. The Wall Street Journal (1/22, Loftus, Miller) reports a TSA spokeswoman said the agency had been notified of "a disruptive passenger" prior to the flight's diversion, and that nothing

had been found during a sweep of the plane.

WHITE HOUSE CAREFULLY MANAGING COMMUNICATIONS ON HAITI RELIEF EFFORT. The New York Times (1/22, A10, Landler, Cooper, 1.09M) reports "as part of a remarkable public relations campaign, the White House released a three-page 'ticktock'" on its Haiti relief efforts, a "newspaper term of art for a minute-by-minute reconstruction of how momentous events unfolded." The "ticktock was one of a torrent of news releases, briefings, fact sheets and statements that flowed out of the White House in the days after the earthquake, a media campaign that illustrates two truths about the Obama administration: its deftness at catering to a nonstop, Internet- and cable-television-driven news cycle, and its determination to project competence and resolve in dealing with a heartbreaking tragedy, in implicit contrast to the way the Bush administration struggled through Hurricane Katrina and its aftermath." Tommy Vietor, "a White House spokesman who was dispatched to Port-au-Prince by Mr. Obama to help manage the public relations campaign," said, "We're out there and aggressive."

Clinton Says US Working To Send Aid To Haitian Countryside. AFP (1/22) reports Secretary Clinton told reporters yesterday that the US is determined to help Haitians fleeing the capital for the countryside. Said Clinton, "We...know that so many people are leaving Port-au-Prince into the surrounding countryside. We're trying to get more aid out there, more shelter, food, medicine, certainly water." Many Haitians, she said, "feel safer in the countryside and we want to support them."

Aiding Haitians Seen As "New Mission" For Guantanamo Bay. The AP (1/22, Fox) reports the earthquake in Haiti has brought with it "a new mission" for the American base at Guantanamo Bay: "supplying aid to the devastated island nation and potentially detaining thousands of Haitian migrants captured at sea. President Barack Obama's deadline for closing the base prison expires Friday with no new date in sight, but a huge effort to provide earthquake aid is just getting started."

The Miami Herald (1/22, Rosenberg) reports, "Relief flights now land night and day at the base runway, cargo planes and helicopters shuttling between here, Port-au-Prince and a Navy armada helping Haiti from the sea. Friday was meant to be a bittersweet date -- President Barack Obama's missed one-year deadline to empty the Pentagon prison camps of the last 195 or so war-on-terror captives. In its place, there was an air of elation and purpose that the military at Guantanamo was helping out in an unambiguously good assignment."

Haiti Approves Plans For Tent Cities To House Dislocated. The New York Times (1/22, A4, Rivera, Cave, 1.09M) reports Haiti has "approved plans for more than a dozen sprawling tent cities in and around Port-au-Prince, the first step in an epic relocation effort that could reshape the country as up to one million people displaced by the earthquake find new places to live." In Jacmel, "one of the cities hardest hit by the earthquake - as in Port-au-Prince, the capital - the housing needs are acute, and demand for shelter has intensified." Officials "with the Haitian government and the United Nations said Thursday that they were moving as quickly as possible to establish organized camps, with water, food and health care, before the rainy season starts to peak in May."

The AP (1/22, Faul, Lush) reports Fritz Longchamp, chief of staff to President Rene Preval, said "within days, the government will move 400,000 people made homeless by Haiti's epic earthquake from their squalid improvised camps throughout the shattered capital to new resettlement areas on the outskirts." Longchamp said authorities "are worried about sanitation and disease outbreaks in makeshift settlements like the one on the city's central Champs de Mars plaza."

Haitians Fleeing Cities For Countryside. ABC World News (1/21, story 9, 2:00, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported, "In Haiti today, thousands and thousands of people joined a mass exodus out of the cities in a desperate search for aid." ABC (Muir) added, "Aware of the exodus, the Air Force is flying over the vast sugar cane fields well north of the capital, preparing to drop food here, and as we get closer, the first glimpse of people lining the edges of the field. You can hear the people applauding."

NBC Nightly News (1/21, story 3, 3:00, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "With conditions so poor in the capital, the Haitian government has been encouraging people to leave for the countryside. Now there is a plan to build tent camps for as many as 400,000 people, many, many miles away from here."

Haiti Hit By Two Aftershocks. The CBS Evening News (1/21, story 4, 2:30, Couric, 6.1M) reported Haiti "was rocked again today by two powerful aftershocks. There have been more than 50 measuring 4.5 or higher since the earthquake nine days ago. Port-au-Prince, meanwhile, still looks like a war zone. Half a million people are living in makeshift camps with little food or water. Some clinics say patients face a 12-day wait for care. There's still a huge backlog at the airport as well, 1,400 relief flights are on a waiting list to land."

NBC Nightly News (1/21, story 3, 3:00, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "There have been 54 aftershocks in all since the big

quake, including a 4.9 and a 4.8 just today, and within minutes of each other. Every aftershock is a setback, and this slow relief effort can't afford any more setbacks."

Aid Slow To Be Distributed. The CBS Evening News (1/21, story 4, 2:30, Whitaker, 6.1M) reported, "Call it ironic, call it sad, but as more supplies and troops arrive at the Port-au-Prince airport, hungry Haitians watch and wonder why there's so much aid behind the walls and so little out." But in "this sea of misery, there is a trickle of aid and hope flowing. In the hard-hit village of Mirebelle, 17 miles north of the capital, an air drop like manna from heaven. More than 69,000 pounds of water and food."

NBC Nightly News (1/21, story 4, 3:10, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "For days now, we've seen the outpouring, the donations, the flights, the aid, the effort to help Haiti, so it's fair to ask, why is it that some people are dying from disease, lack of food and water? And some people haven't been helped at all yet?" NBC (Taibbi) added, "The one word we keep hearing to explain why that help isn't getting to the thousands who need it desperately, bottlenecks. The biggest bottleneck is here at the quake-damaged airport in Port-au-Prince."

Haitian Government's Corruption Seen As Root Of Country's Ills. In a New York Times (1/22, A31, 1.09M) op-ed, author Mark Danner says that while the earthquake was an act of nature, it "was able to kill so many because of the corruption and weakness of the Haitian state, a state built for predation and plunder. Recovery can come only with vital, even heroic, outside help; but such help, no matter how inspiring the generosity it embodies, will do little to restore Haiti unless it addresses, as countless prior interventions built on transports of sympathy have not, the manmade causes that lie beneath the Haitian malady." Danner says the US "could start by throwing open its markets to Haitian agricultural produce and manufactured goods, broadening and making permanent the provisions of a promising trade bill negotiated in 2008."

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We've heard back from both ICE and CBP that the FY11 Southwest Border Initiative numbers are accurate. Regarding the other materials I sent around yesterday, the only change that's been noted relates to the ICE intel analysts. If any further changes need to be made or you have additional information that would be helpful for her to have, please let us know by 5 pm tonight as the Secretary is expecting final materials first thing in the morning.

ICE pulled together a summary of actions expected through the end of the FY (copied below). CBP- can you please draft something similar today?

Thanks.

For the remainder of FY 2010, ICE is preparing to engage in the following to combat border violence, counter drug cartels, and protect public safety in the border area of Mexico and the United States.

- ICE will turn the attention of 11 Border Enforcement Security Task Forces (BESTs) along the Southwest border and in Mexico City to targeting cartel leadership and associates in the United States and Mexico. The BEST in El Paso will engage in short term initiatives to disrupt smuggling efforts while gathering information to support later long-term investigations into the smuggling networks.
- ICE will focus 50 special agents who serve as Border Liaison Officers (BLOs) on working with law enforcement partners in Mexico to target cartel leadership along the southwest border.
- Before June 15, ICE will add 5 agents/analysts to the OCDETF Fusion Center to assist the 11 SWB BESTs with cartel investigations.
- Starting in May, ICE and the Government of Mexico (GoM) will conduct a 90-day anti-money laundering surge operation to target illicit proceeds and currency flowing internationally. Similarly, ICE and GoM will target the electronic movement of illicit proceeds.
- To reduce the pool of recruits for cartels and increase public safety, ICE will assist the GoM in locating and arresting 6,000 people who are the subject of outstanding Mexican arrest warrants in the El Paso-Ciudad Juárez area.
- ICE will focus on apprehending and removing transnational gang members who facilitate the criminal activity of the cartels while residing unlawfully in the border region of the United States.
- For 120 days in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, and California, ICE will engage in the following four surge initiatives to identify, arrest, detain and remove criminal aliens from the border region, as well as those aliens who have recently breached the border and are encountered by law enforcement officials. *ICE is seeking CBP cooperation in these surges.*

- ICE will surge operations at state and local prisons and jails to identify all criminal aliens incarcerated within 100 miles of the Southwest border.
- ICE will work with state and local probation and parole offices to locate and apprehend criminal aliens with convictions for drug trafficking, crimes of violence, and sex offenses who are living at large in border communities.
- ICE will replicate the Law Enforcement Agency Response (LEAR) teams successful in Phoenix, Arizona to provide expeditious response to all federal, state and local law enforcement officers who encounter illegal aliens in the border region. This will focus on criminals, recent border entrants, gang members, and criminal associates.
- ICE will increase operations in the border states to identify and apprehend aliens who are fugitives with criminal convictions.

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So that we're all on the same page for Monday's hearing prep, these are the supplemental briefing materials the Secretary requested earlier in the week and we're signed off on from your staff [REDACTED] b6, b7c from CBP and [REDACTED] b6, b7c from ICE). If there are any discrepancies that need to be changed, please let us know by Sunday so we can make the appropriate changes prior to Monday. [REDACTED] b6, b7c is pulling the "record" stats from these docs for her oral testimony. If there are additional relevant stats that should be added, let us know.

Thank you.

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Many thanks. Will incorporate and loop back with you and Beth once my meeting with the Solicitor is done.

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John -
This looks quite good to me. A few key areas to think about:

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I took an initial stab at a draft MOU. Could you please review and give me your thoughts. I meet with the Solicitor tomorrow. Thanks.

--John

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Leading the News:

COURT DOCUMENTS DETAIL INVESTIGATIONS LEADING TO HOUSTON BUS COMPANY RAIDS. The Houston Chronicle (2/12, Carroll, 427K) reports court documents unsealed since last week's ICE raids on bus companies in Houston "show how investigators identified their targets, persuaded drivers to testify against their bosses and gathered intelligence using confidential informants. The documents also offer a glimpse into an underground world where investigators say the transportation companies bought and sold passengers for hundreds of dollars each, calling them 'boxes' and 'packages,' and charged their family members in the US exorbitant fees for their release." The Chronicle adds that the raids were "part of a larger effort ICE effort to crack down on businesses that make money by exclusively transporting illegal immigrants in the US interior, ICE officials said."

LATimes Applauds Raids. Highlighting last week's ICE raids at Houston bus companies suspected of acting as a transportation network for illegal immigrants, the Los Angeles Times (2/12, 776K) editorializes regarding the Administration efforts "to focus immigration enforcement resources on employers rather than workers, and on dangerous criminals rather than nannies and gardeners." While advocates are "concerned about the rate at which immigrants are still being rounded up" in the absence of comprehensive immigration reform, the Times says the "the Houston raids should accord with everyone's priorities. Cracking down on smugglers who endanger and exploit migrants is a corrective that's long overdue."

Operational News:

TEXAS BAR OWNER INDICTED IN SEX TRAFFICKING CASE. The McAllen (TX) Monitor (2/12, Roebuck, 47K) reports Beleal Garcia Gonzalez, owner of Bar El Paraiso, in Mission, Texas, "has been indicted on multiple counts of conspiracy, harboring illegal immigrants and sex trafficking, the US Attorney's Office announced Thursday." He was arrested by ICE agents "last month on allegations he arranged for three Honduran minors to be smuggled into the United States to work as prostitutes in his nightclub." ICE Special Agent Anson Luna said the girls "pretty much had a consistent story. ... They were approached in their home country by a couple and promised a better life working in a restaurant in the United States."

The San Antonio Express-News (2/12, Brezosky, 210K) reports the women told ICE "they were brought to the United States to get promised jobs at a bar in Mission, where they were paid \$20 a day to work off smuggling fees of \$4,000 to \$4,500. Additional earnings from prostitution were applied to the debt."

ICE SEIZES MORE THAN 1.5 TONS OF MARIJUANA FROM TRACTOR TRAILER. The McAllen (TX) Monitor (2/12, 47K) reports ICE agents "seized more than one and a half tons of marijuana from the back of an 18-wheeler Tuesday just north of the city. Investigators initially responded to the tractor-trailer after receiving a tip that the drug-laden vehicle would be leaving from Love's Truck Stop near the intersection of US 281 and Monte Cristo Road. In addition to the seizure, agents identified two men who were following the truck in a Chevrolet sedan as it headed toward the Falfurrias checkpoint." Both remained in federal custody Thursday.

SEVENTEEN POUNDS OF METH FOUND IN GAS TANK AT HIDALGO-REYNOSA BRIDGE. The McAllen (TX) Monitor (2/12, 47K) reports ICE issued a statement Friday saying officers had "seized 17 pounds of methamphetamine hidden in a car's gas tank at the Hidalgo-Reynosa International Bridge last week." The drugs, found in a vehicle driven by an unnamed US citizen from Topeka, Kansas, "have an estimated street value of \$258,000."

FOUR HANDBAG SELLERS TARGETED IN SAN FRANCISCO. The San Francisco Examiner (2/12, Kelkar) reports, "At least four storefronts near Fisherman's Wharf known by neighboring stores for luring customers with cheap, fake Louis Vuitton handbags and other accessories are closed for business after federal agents bagged their inventory." Officials with ICE, who reportedly conducted the raids Wednesday, "are not revealing what type of search warrant agents were executing, but said they did not make any arrests."

Policy and Issues News:

DHS REPORT SHOWING LARGE DROP IN ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT POPULATION SPARKS DEBATE. The Christian Science Monitor (2/12, Wood, 48K) reports the release of DHS numbers this week showing a nearly seven-figure decline in the US illegal immigrant population over one year "is fomenting hot debate about why it is happening, whether the statistics are correct, and how the numbers should affect US immigration reform." Whether the decline came as the result of a border and immigration enforcement buildup, an economic slowdown, or both, is dividing figures on either side of the immigration debate.

The South Florida Sun-Sentinel (2/12, Lewis, 212K) reports the DHS report showed "Florida was the only state to see a net loss of undocumented immigrants from 2000 to 2009," but maintains "third-highest number behind California and Texas."

SMUGGLED US TECHNOLOGY MAY BE FUELING IRAN'S NUCLEAR EFFORTS. On its website, CBS News (2/12) previews an upcoming "60 Minutes" report on the possibility that smuggled US technology is being used at Iran's Natanz nuclear facility. CBS highlights a picture of President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad at the facility showing a pressure transducer that "may be American made." According to ICE Special Agent Clark Settles, "The Iranians are trying to acquire these transducers." David Kris, head of the National Security Division at the Justice Department, who leads a multi-agency initiative combating illicit trade, "says smugglers can be found all over the world, including right here in the US."

FORMER ICE INFORMANT CLIMBED DRUG CARTEL RANKS. In the first of a three-part series, NPR's All Things Considered (2/11, Kahn) reports on its website from a more than 12-minute broadcast on the government's use of confidential informants. Stating that the informants "are part of the shadowy side of law enforcement and operate in a secret and largely unregulated world," NPR focuses on the case of drug runner Guillermo Eduardo Ramirez Peyro, nicknamed Lalo, who reportedly acted as an ICE informant while he climbed "the ranks of the drug cartel and was becoming a trusted ally to Juarez's third in command." NPR says "those familiar with the case wonder how ICE could not have known about Lalo's exploits in Mexico - the majority of which took place at a house in a middle-class neighborhood in Juarez" that "has been dubbed the House of Death." ICE's Kumar Kibble called the Lalo case "an isolated incident, where in fact the person was held accountable when they didn't follow our procedures."

INVESTIGATION FINDS PROMISES OF US RESIDENCY FOR INFORMANTS NOT ALWAYS KEPT. The Los Angeles Times (2/12, Becker, 776K) reports an inquiry by the paper and the Center for Investigative Reporting has found "at least a dozen cases in which informants say they've been led to believe that federal agencies would help them get US residency in exchange for their assistance in undercover investigations, only to have the implied or explicit promises broken." The Times adds that a 2006 ICE report shows "more and more of those recruited by ICE agents want immigration benefits in return for their cooperation. Agents can be quick to offer promises but can't ensure that authorities down the line follow through."

SUSPECTED SMUGGLING PAYMENTS CAN BE SEIZED UNDER WESTERN UNION AGREEMENT. The Arizona Republic (2/12, Holstege, 393K) reports, "Arizona has reached a legal settlement with Western Union Co. that will allow authorities in all four states along the Mexican border to sift and seize electronic-wire payments suspected of going to drug- and human-smuggling cartels in Mexico. Under the terms of the settlement, announced Thursday by the Arizona Attorney General's Office, the state will create a first-of-its-kind border task force aimed at combating cartel money laundering." The news "ends years of legal wrangling between Goddard's office and the world's largest money remitter."

POLICE CHIEF IN CHANDLER, ARIZONA, PROPOSES NEW IMMIGRATION POLICY. The Arizona Republic (2/12, Jensen, 393K) reports, "Chandler Police Chief Sherry Kiyler wants to rewrite the department's immigration policy so officers can question all misdemeanor and felony criminal suspects about their status." Under Kiyler's "proposal, like the city's existing policy, would not allow officers to question the immigration status of minor traffic offenders or the subjects of civil warrants, and it would prohibit officers from engaging in racial profiling." However, the proposal "would give officers more discretion on minor offenses and expand the conditions under which officers could question immigration status and notify ICE."

IMMIGRANT ADVOCATES HOLD PRESS CONFERENCE OVER GILLETTE STADIUM INCIDENT. The Providence

Journal (2/12, Ziner, 133K) reports, "Community advocates lashed out Thursday at immigration policies and lax labor-law enforcement that they say led to exploitation of undocumented Guatemalan workers, allegedly hired through a Boston temporary agency, at Gillette Stadium." Among workers speaking at a news conference hosted by Immigrants in Action, the Olneyville Neighborhood Association and other groups at St. Charles Church, Martin Jimenez Lopez "said he was among the dozens of workers who were detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, then driven to the stadium by ICE agents, to shovel the snow. 'That's insane,' he said through an interpreter. 'The way we can't work (because of immigration status), but then they take us to work.'"

SUIT FILED AGAINST IRVING, TEXAS, OVER CALCULATION OF DISTRICT POPULATIONS. The Dallas Morning News (2/12, Formby) reports 11 Irving residents on Thursday filed a federal lawsuit against the city arguing "that citizenship of each single-member district's population was not taken into account when Irving's new election system was devised and that only overall population was considered," violating the equal protection clause of the US Constitution. "City officials in recent years have simultaneously taken heat from residents who say the city doesn't do enough about illegal immigrants and residents who accuse police of racially profiling against Hispanics. Since 2006, the city has turned more than 5,400 arrestees over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement for deportation," most of them Hispanic.

BUSINESS OWNERS SAY BORDER PATROL SPOOKING CUSTOMERS. The Orange County Register (2/12, Levine) reports on complaints from business owners at a San Juan Capistrano shopping center that "routine checks by the US Border Patrol are scaring away customers and hurting their bottom lines." The Register notes, meanwhile, that "ICE spokeswoman Virginia Kice said ICE does not carry out general patrols but rather is typically in search of a specific person."

WOMAN FACES DEPORTATION TO GERMANY AFTER 33 YEARS IN US. Rekha Basu writes in a Des Moines Register (2/12) column about German-born Sylvia Millard, who is facing deportation after 33 years in the US. Noting claims of a history of domestic abuse, Basu adds that the federal Violence Against Women Act can "bring a waiver from deportation." ICE spokesman Greg Palmor "said he couldn't discuss that option because of a pending appeal. He also couldn't discuss the role played by Millard's 2000 drug arrest in her immigration apprehension, or why it took a decade between the two arrests."

PUERTO RICAN-BORN CITIZENS IN US NEED NEW COPIES OF BIRTH CERTIFICATES. Central Florida News 13 (2/12) reports on its website that "Puerto Rican-born citizens living in the United States will now have to request a new copy of their birth certificates." CFN reported that the law comes in "an effort to reduce all fraud cases reported by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement in the past year."

HUMAN TRAFFICKING SUSPECT INVESTIGATED FOR POTENTIAL TIES TO AMERICANS CHARGED IN HAITI.

The New York Times (2/12, A1, Lacey, Urbina, 1.09M) reports that after learning of an investigation by El Salvador police "into whether a man suspected of leading a trafficking ring involving Central American and Caribbean women and girls is also a legal adviser to the Americans charged with trying to take 33 children out of Haiti without permission," Judge Bernard Saint-Vil, who is overseeing the Americans' case, "said he would request assistance" from DHS to examine Jorge Puello's background. "A spokesman for the department said American officials were playing a supporting role in the investigation surrounding the Americans, providing 'investigative support as requested.'"

Haitian Judge Says American Missionaries Should Be Released While Investigation Continues. The AP (2/11, Bajak) reports Haitian judge Bernard Saint-Vil said Thursday that the "10 U.S. missionaries charged with kidnapping for trying to take a busload of children out of Haiti should be released from jail while an investigation continues." But it is "unclear when the missionaries, most from an Idaho Baptist church group, might be released, and Saint-Vil said it was too early to say" whether they would be able to leave Haiti "if granted provisional freedom." USA Today (2/12, Gomez, 2.11M) reports the pastor of the Idaho church "attended by several of the detainees said he had yet to receive any official word on their release." The Christian Science Monitor (2/12, LaFranchi, 48K) also reports on Saint-Vil's statement.

LABOR DEPARTMENT TIGHTENS RULES ON FOREIGN FARM WORKERS. The Los Angeles Times (2/12, Huffstutter, 776K) describes the Labor Department's reversal of a Bush administration H-2A visa rule "that allowed farmers an easier path to hiring temporary or seasonal foreign workers" as "sure to have the agriculture industry grimacing and labor-rights advocates cheering." New regulations taking effect March 15 "will require growers to take more steps to try to find Americans to fill jobs picking crops and other harvest-time roles, as well as increase pay and provide more job-safety protections for the thousands of foreign farmworkers they do hire."

The New York Times (2/12, A20, Preston, 1.09M) reports the rules announced by Labor Secretary Hilda Solis Thursday were "hailed" by farm worker organizations, "but growers' groups said they would be costly and could be prohibitively cumbersome for many farmers, particularly smaller producers." Solis said that, in addition to "asking employers to prioritize those American workers that might be available," the agency was "trying to make it realistic in terms of wages

that can be earned by the farm workers that are currently out in the fields."

The Wall Street Journal (2/12, A3, Trotman, Jordan, 2.08M) reports Arturo Rodriguez, president of the United Farm Workers of America, called the change "a great victory for all farm workers," while Tom Nassif, chief executive of Western Growers, implied that there was a danger of farming jobs leaving the US.

REQUIREMENT FOR ILLEGAL SPOUSES TO RETURN HOME SEEN HURTING FAMILIES. The New York Times (2/12, A25, Bernstein, 1.09M) tells the story of US citizen Elizabeth Drummond, whose illegal immigrant husband Segundo Enclada killed himself after voluntary departure to Ecuador in 2006. Noting a law that "foreign spouses who entered without a visa must leave and seek one from a United States Consulate in their native land," the Times adds that "some lawmakers see the hurdle as necessary to deter illegal immigration and marriage fraud, while others say it needlessly tears families apart. ... Meanwhile, "the visa ordeal that left Mrs. Encalada a widow with four young children hints at a hidden toll."

In Brief:

MAN IDENTIFIED AS GANG MEMBER PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL REENTRY. The Myrtle Beach (SC) Sun News (2/12, Gailliard, 49K) reports Myrtle Beach man Leonardo DeLeon has "pleaded guilty in federal court to illegally re-entering the US after deportation, and faces up to 20 years in prison and a fine, according to the US Attorney's office." He was identified as a member of the Mexican Mafia street gang by the Myrtle Beach Police Department's Gang Unit, which "contacted federal agents with US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Police processed DeLeon's fingerprints and determined he was the same man who had been convicted of attempted murder in Texas in 1999, using the name Cristian Reconco-Solorzano." WCSC-TV Charleston, SC (2/12) reports the guilty plea on its website.

TWO PLEAD NOT GUILTY TO METH CHARGES IN NEW YORK. The Plattsburgh (NY) Press Republican (2/12, Heath) reports, "Two suspects pleaded not guilty Thursday to manufacturing methamphetamine at the Stonehelm Motel in the Town of Beekmantown." Bucky A. Boula and Arthur A. Southwell "were arraigned before Beekmantown Town Justice Russell Lawliss on Thursday." The Press Republican notes ICE's involvement in the investigation.

MAN IN NORFOLK ACCUSED OF PLOTTING CHILD'S RAPE. The Hampton Roads Virginian-Pilot (2/12) reports Norfolk-area sailor Alan Paul Strieper "was arrested Friday on a sealed complaint charging him with enticing another man to travel here to kidnap a boy - any boy - for the purpose of raping him. Strieper is also charged with possessing child pornography." He "was snagged as part of an ongoing investigation out of the Boston office of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

MAN ACCUSED IN MASSACHUSETTS SEXUAL ASSAULT UNDER ICE HOLD. The MetroWest Daily News (2/12, Miller) reports, "The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court will hear an appeal by a woman who was not allowed to testify against" Kofi Agana, who she said sexually assaulted her. "Lawyer Wendy Murphy represents the 62-year-old woman, whom a judge determined to be incompetent to testify in Framingham District Court." The Daily News adds that "Agana, a native of Ghana, is in federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement custody because he is in the country illegally."

WOMAN ARRESTED WITH MARIJUANA AT GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE. The Brownsville Herald (2/12) reports CBP "officers seized more than \$100,000 in marijuana from a Matamoros woman" at the Gateway International Bridge during "secondary inspection. It was there officers discovered 105 pounds of marijuana in the gray 1998 Ford Windstar she was driving. The woman was turned over to ICE special agents." KRGV-TV Harlingen (TX) (2/12) reports on its website that the drugs seized had "an estimated street value of \$104,700."

SEX OFFENDER ARRESTED, 583 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA SEIZED IN NEW MEXICO. KRWG-TV New Mexico (2/12) reports Border Patrol agents "in Lordsburg seized a total of 583 pounds of marijuana in two incidents and arrested a convicted sex offender" Wednesday. In one incident, "agents from the Deming Station encountered and arrested a 20-year old United States Citizen near Columbus NM. The \$153,000.00 seized "was transported to the Deming Station for storage and final disposition. The subject was later turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for disposition."

MAN SENTENCED ON CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CHARGES IN MISSOURI. The Joplin (MO) Globe (2/12, Lehr) reports former Carthage man Ivron G. Butler was sentenced Thursday to "a term of 19 years and seven months in a federal prison without parole" for receiving child pornography over the internet. His "case was investigated by the Jasper County Sheriff's Department, Carthage police and agents of Immigration and Customs Enforcement." The Ozarks First (2/12) also covers the sentencing.

MAN INDICTED IN ILLINOIS CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASE. The Belleville (IL) News-Democrat (2/12) reports Thomas E. Lowery has been indicted on child pornography charges. His "case was investigated by the Fairview Heights Police Department, the Collinsville Police Department, and the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement and was brought as part of Project Safe Childhood."

ICE ASSISTS IN OREGON METH SEIZURE. The Medford (OR) Mail Tribune (2/12, Burke) reports, "Oregon State Police found methamphetamine with an estimated street value of \$150,000 and arrested four people from the Portland area after stopping a speeding SUV near Ashland Wednesday." The Mail Tribune notes that ICE assisted troopers in the incident.

TWO IN ILLEGAL LOTTERY RING FACE DEPORTATION. The Westchester Journal News (2/12, O'Rourke) reports, "A two year criminal probe that collapsed an illegal lottery ring officially concluded Thursday, netting Rockland County more than \$1 million in forfeited cash, cars and real estate to be distributed to various law enforcement agencies across the county." Two arrested in the case, Jesus Antonio Clemente and Francisco Antonio Cespedes-Vega, "were found to be in the country illegally" and turned over to ICE for deportation.

WOMAN TURNED OVER TO ICE AFTER MARIJUANA FOUND AT SAN LUIS PORT OF ENTRY. On its website, KXQ-AM El Centro, CA (2/12, Gale) reports on the arrests of three people at the San Luis Port of Entry. In one incident, a woman "was taken into custody after she was found with 120 pounds of marijuana in her vehicle." She "was turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement for further investigation."

MAJOR WISCONSIN COCAINE DEALER UNDER ICE HOLD. The Lake Geneva (WI) News (2/12, Ireland) reports, "A major Walworth County cocaine dealer will sit behind bars for the next nine years and likely will be deported to Mexico after his release." Deputy District Attorney Joshua Grube said ICE has a hold on Roberto Quinonez, "and he likely will be deported after he completes his sentence."

MAN STOPPED WITH 46 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA IN CAR TIRES. The Eloy (AZ) Enterprise (2/12) reports CBP officers "stopped a drug-smuggling attempt Friday when they seized more than 46 pounds of marijuana concealed in the spare tire of a truck that an Eloy man was driving." The driver in the incident "was turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement for further investigation."

Top DHS News:

EAST COAST DIGS OUT AFTER SECOND MAJOR SNOWSTORM. The second major snow storm in a week to hit the East Coast continued to attract heavy national attention on Wednesday, including over 12 minutes of coverage on the three evening network newscasts. CBS Evening News (2/11, story 3, 2:10, Couric, 6.1M) reports the storm, which "swept across 26 states," is being "blamed for at least 12 deaths." Airlines on Wednesday "canceled about 2,600 flights after grounding nearly 6,000" on Tuesday. "At the height of the blizzard, some 460,000 homes and businesses lost power. Many are still in the dark tonight."

ABC World News (2/11, story 2, 2:20, Claiborne, 8.2M) reported "tens of thousands of people are without power" in one suburb of Philadelphia, "and it could be early next week before power is fully restored. This area is still reeling from this record-breaking snow. In Maryland, a nightmare overnight as two dozen cars were stuck on a highway in eight foot snow drifts, the drivers rescued only this morning."

In Washington, DC, "most of the major roads are starting to open up, but neighborhoods are still buried under 20, 30, even 60 inches of snow," NBC Nightly News (2/11, story 3, 3:00, Costello, 8.37M) reported. "After two back-to-back storms, trees are down and many area side streets are still knee-deep in snow. A huge job for snowplow drivers."

The Washington Post (2/12, Flaherty, Morse, Rosenwald, 684K) reports "at least a dozen motorists" in Frederick County, Maryland, "were rescued from vehicles overnight and taken to fire stations and other shelters. Rescuers used massive plows and helicopter surveillance – with help from a farmer with a tractor and a guy with a snowmobile – to clear roads, free motorists and account for those who had contacted police and abandoned their cars. ... No serious injuries had been reported among the stranded motorists."

Virginia Transportation Secretary Sean Connaughton says the state will exceed its \$70 million snow-removal budget by 50%, USA Today (2/12, Dorell, 2.11M) reports. "The state had to move workers and equipment to Northern Virginia, house and feed them, and pay higher prices for salt and chemicals when those ran out – and once the snow melts, 'we expect to have major pothole problems,' he said."

Homeland Security Today (2/12, McCarter) reports DHS "is assisting states impacted by the overwhelming snow storms in the mid-Atlantic by monitoring weather developments and providing advice on emergency management operations."

The agency "has not provided direct material or financial assistance to states impacted by the record levels of snow, but its National Operations Center has been communicating with the states and the District of Columbia. Also, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has sent state liaison officers to emergency operations centers in the four states and in DC."

Governments Plan Applications For Federal Aid. FOX News (2/12) reports on the growing financial impact of the storms, which are costing "taxpayers about \$100 million in lost productivity every day the federal government is closed," while "Maryland, Virginia and the District of Columbia are all seeking emergency federal aid to reimburse their budgets for the multi-million dollar storm recovery." Officials in the capital-region "are making clear they intend to seek as much as possible, as they blow through their snow removal budgets to grapple with the region's record snowfall." They are "able to qualify for federal disaster assistance because Napolitano is going to count the two major storms over the past week as one -- meeting the snowfall threshold of 28 inches to qualify for funding."

The Hill (2/12, Yager, 21K) reports Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, of Maryland, was among lawmakers Thursday pushing "for the release of emergency funds to help the governments of Washington D.C., Maryland, and Virginia pay for their snow triage efforts. Hoyer said he was confident that the federal money would come through after speaking with Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano on Wednesday." He said on WAMU's Kojo Nnamdi Show that the Secretary "is taking steps to declare Maryland and Northern Virginia and the District of Columbia as emergency areas subject to assistance from the federal government."

The Hill (2/12, Wilkie, 21K) reports, "The federal government will reimburse Washington authorities for snow cleanup in the wake of two massive snowstorms that recently hit the region, according to D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty. The mayor said that city agencies have done the best possible job clearing snow from roadways and sidewalks, but that the federal government will kick in disaster relief funds in order to defray growing costs for local governments."

WJLA-TV Washington (DC) (2/12) reports on its website that "Virginia has already applied for \$50 million in emergency federal assistance to cover storm costs in December." Gov. Bob McDonnell reported speaking with Secretary Napolitano "this week about the status of the \$50 million and was told the request was 'moving along favorably.'"

The Baltimore Sun (2/12, Kay, 229K) reports Baltimore Mayor Stephanie C. Rawlings-Blake "said she had spoken personally with" Secretary Napolitano. "Because the two storms that have hit will be considered as one event, Baltimore is expected to recoup as much as 75 percent of its expenses, estimated at more than \$1 million since Friday." The Gaithersburg (MD) Gazette (2/12, Cunningham) reports Gov. Martin O'Malley "intends to apply for Homeland Security federal disaster relief to help the state pay for its snow response," and O'Malley spokesman Shaun Adamec said Secretary Napolitano "offered to combine the effects of both recent blizzards - which would help the state qualify for funds. O'Malley will apply once cleanup is complete, Adamec said."

The Philadelphia Inquirer (2/12, Kerkstra, 326K) reports Philadelphia, meanwhile, has "some possibility of federal financial assistance." Mayor Michael Nutter "said he had spoken yesterday with US Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, who was putting together a recommendation for President Obama on the possibility of snow-related assistance for mid-Atlantic municipalities hit hard this winter. But Nutter said he was not counting on federal help."

The Hagerstown (MD) Herald-Mail (2/12, Umstead, 31K) reports West Virginia Gov. Joe Manchin said in a telephone interview Thursday that Secretary Napolitano said Wednesday "that the federal government was 'definitely going to help.'"

DC Mayor Criticized For Blizzard Response. The AP (2/11, Gresko, Zongker) reports Fenty "and other politicians are feeling the heat for not moving faster to clear the streets of snow after the historic back-to-back blizzards that slammed the East Coast." According to the AP, Washington residents "complained" snow-removal efforts "seemed arbitrary, with some streets plowed numerous times, others not at all." The Washington Times (2/11, Weber, 77K) reported Fenty was "criticized" Wednesday by DC councilmembers Kwame Brown and Harry Thomas, Jr., who "said the mayor should have asked the US government to declare Washington a federal disaster to get access to additional money and equipment." NBC Nightly News (2/11, story 3, 3:00, Costello, 8.37M) noted the District "has already spent at least three times the \$6.5 million allocated for snow removal each year." Fenty is shown saying: "There is no piece of equipment, there is no man power, there is no resource we haven't availed ourselves of."

Federal Government To Reopen Today. The AP (2/12) reports briefly that the Office of Personnel Management announced Thursday that Federal agencies in the Washington area will reopen on Friday. Workers, however, "can have a two-hour delayed arrival or take unscheduled leave."

US CALLS EU VOTE REJECTING BANK DATA SHARING A COUNTERTERRORISM SETBACK. The Washington Post (2/12, A18, Nakashima, 684K) reports, criticizing the vote as a "'setback' for counterterrorism cooperation,"

Administration officials said Thursday that the EU's "rejection of an agreement to share banking information will 'disrupt' efforts to track suspected terrorists." The Post adds that in the wake of hard public lobbying from Secretary Clinton and other US officials in recent days, Administration officials "spoke only on the condition of anonymity about Thursday's vote, hoping to continue the negotiations." The Post quotes Marc Rotenberg, president of the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington, among privacy advocates who "praised the vote."

Reporting that talks on a new deal will begin immediately, Dow Jones Newswires (2/12, Kiviniemi) cites an unnamed EU diplomat who said Viviane Reding, the new EU justice and fundamental rights commissioner, had a call scheduled with Attorney General Eric Holder yesterday, and will speak with Secretary Napolitano today.

ABSENCE OF WORD "ISLAM" IN NATIONAL SECURITY PLANNING DOCUMENTS NOTED. The Washington Times (2/12, Waterman, 77K) reports two "new documents laying out the Obama administration's defense and homeland security strategy over the next four years describe the nation's terrorist enemies in a number of ways but fail to mention the words Islam, Islamic or Islamist." The 108-page Quadrennial Homeland Security Review, "made public last week by the Department of Homeland Security, uses the term 'terrorist' a total of 66 times, 'al Qaeda' five times and 'violent extremism' or 'extremist' 14 times." However, in "describing terrorist threats against the United States and the ideology that motivates terrorists, the review - like its sister document from the Pentagon, the Quadrennial Defense Review - does not use the words 'Islam,' 'Islamic' or 'Islamist' a single time."

MANUFACTURERS WORKING ON TECHNOLOGY TO ALLAY PRIVACY CONCERNS OVER BODY SCANNERS. CQ Homeland Security (2/12, Margetta) reports that as they wait "to find out what standards Congress and law enforcement agencies will adopt" regarding airport body scanners, manufacturers "are developing next-generation technology that they hope will settle the privacy debate." An expected expansion of the machines' use following the failed Christmas Day bombing on Flight 253 has brought "renewed focus on the ability of the machines to generate three-dimensional images of travelers' bodies, an unacceptable privacy intrusion for some." Meanwhile, companies are working on "autodetect" modes that would eliminate the need for anyone to see the images by using "a series of algorithms to 'see' the same anomalies a human operator might catch."

Muslim-American Groups Back Fatwa Against Airport Scanners. The Detroit Free Press (2/12, Warikoo, 287K) reports, "Saying that body scanners violate Islamic law, Muslim-American groups are supporting a "fatwa" - a religious ruling - that forbids Muslims from going through the scanners at airports." The Fiqh Council of North America - "a body of Islamic scholars that includes some from Michigan - issued a fatwa this week that says going through the airport scanners would violate Islamic rules on modesty." The decision "could complicate efforts to intensify screening of potential terrorists who are Muslim."

WHITE HOUSE BLASTS BOND FOR SAYING BRENNAN HAS POLITICIZED TERROR PROBE. The Hill (2/12, Romm, Crabtree, 21K) reports the White House "excoriated Sen. Kit Bond (R-Mo.) on Thursday for politicizing the ongoing investigation into the Flight 253 terror plot." Bond "asserted earlier this week that top counterterrorism chief John Brennan ought to be fired," and that Brennan "was not 'credible' and had thus become the 'mouthpiece of the political arm' of the White House." Press Secretary Robert Gibbs "aggressively dismissed that line on Thursday, remarking: 'I don't know whether Kit Bond was confused or whether he just doesn't want to admit the truth.'" Gibbs added he did not know what Brennan's party was, and that he has not had political conversations with him.

Roll Call (2/12, Bendery) reports Gibbs "said Bond's problem is that he doesn't understand that even suspected terrorist detainees get their Miranda rights read to them." Bond "took to the Senate floor later Thursday and said he is 'fearful' that the administration is weakening national security by coming up with strategies for handling suspected terrorists after an attack has already taken place."

Record Said To Undercut Rationale For Military Approach To Terror Arrests. The New York Times (2/12, A18, Shane, 1.09M) reports Abdulmutallab's arrest "has reignited an old argument over how to treat terrorism suspects." Republican critics "have denounced the decision to charge Mr. Abdulmutallab criminally, read him his rights and give him a lawyer. He was a combatant in Al Qaeda's war on the United States, critics say, and should have been treated accordingly." But the "assumptions behind the criticism -- that the military approach will gain more intelligence, avoid the meddling of government-paid defense lawyers and lock away a convicted terrorist for a longer sentence -- are undercut by the record since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks."

Mukasey Says No Policy Under Bush To Treat Terror Suspects As Criminal Defendants. In a Washington Post (2/12, 684K) op-ed, former Attorney General Michael B. Mukasey says, "Contrary to what the White House homeland security adviser and the attorney general have suggested, if not said outright, not only was there no authority or policy in place under the Bush administration requiring that all those detained in the United States be treated as criminal defendants, but relevant authority was and is the opposite." Mukasey adds there was "no legal or policy compulsion to

treat Abdulmutallab as a criminal defendant, at least initially, and every reason to treat him as an intelligence asset to be exploited promptly."

Former FBI Agents Says Courts More Effective Venue. In a New York Times (2/12, A31, 1.09M) op-ed, former FBI special agent Ali H. Soufan says, "The Obama administration has come under increasing attack from those who claim that military commissions are more suitable for prosecuting terrorists. These critics are misguided. As someone who has helped prosecute terrorists in both civilian and military courts -- I was a witness for the government in two of the three military commissions convened so far -- I think that civilian courts are often the more effective venue."

BILIRAKIS FINDS FUNDING REQUEST FOR VISA SECURITY PROGRAM LACKING. Saying he had hoped the failed Christmas Day bombing on Flight 253 "had served as a wake-up call to get serious about stopping these killers before they strike again," Rep. Gus Bilirakis writes in a Washington Times (2/12, 77K) op-ed that he "was greatly disappointed" to see that the DHS budget request to Congress does not "support aggressive expansion" of the Visa Security Program. He calls on Secretary Napolitano "to provide answers when she testifies before the House Homeland Security Committee on the budget. The secretary may have an explanation for the administration's unwillingness to quickly expand the Visa Security Program, but it certainly hasn't been communicated to Congress or the American people."

AMID HEAVY RAINS, HAITIANS DECRY SLOW AID DELIVERY. NBC Nightly News (2/11, story 7, 1:20, Taibbi, 8.37M) reported that today "will mark the one month anniversary since the devastating earthquake," but "overnight, the first rain since the quake...made things even more miserable in these tent cities, and drove hundreds in the streets in protest, many telling us a month into the crisis they don't have the essentials or enough of them, food, water, shelter, toilets. The US Ambassador to Haiti, who is coordinating the relief, says there is greater recognition of need. The original US commitment of \$100 million increased to \$537 million spent on Haiti relief as of now."

Aid Groups Fear Haitian Aid Efforts Divert Funds From Other Needs. The Washington Post (2/12, A19, Sheridan, 684K) reports that the Administration's "disaster-assistance program has committed more than half its annual budget to help earthquake-ravaged Haiti, raising concern among humanitarian groups that programs for the needy in countries such as Sudan or Somalia could face cuts." A coalition of more than 150 humanitarian groups wrote Thursday to top officials at the State Department and the USAID to express their deep concern about the impact that reductions would have in other regions. USAID officials, however, "denied Thursday that they have ordered any cutbacks, adding that they hope they will not have to do so. But that will depend, they said, on whether their disaster fund is replenished by a supplemental spending bill that Congress is expected to take up in the next few weeks."

Nations Offer Extra UN Troops, Police For Haiti. The AP (2/12, Lederer) reports, "Sixteen countries have offered to provide the 3,500 extra troops and police officers that the United Nations requested to beef up security in Haiti and ensure aid is delivered to earthquake victims", UN peacekeeping chief Alain Le Roy said Thursday. "The international answer to our request has been tremendous," Le Roy told reporters Thursday, adding that the UN "expects the 2,000 extra troops to be on the ground in Haiti within three weeks to help escort humanitarian convoys and ensure security while aid is being distributed."

BOND SAYS HE'D RETHINK CREATION OF DHS. The Hill (2/12, O'Brien, 21K) reports Sen. Kit Bond said during an appearance on CBS's "Washington Unplugged" webcast Thursday that "he'd rethink creating the Department of Homeland Security." He "expressed concern that the department's bureaucracy poses a challenge to the US national defense." The Hill notes that "Bond was amongst the 90 senators to vote to create the Department of Homeland Security in late 2002."

DHS OMB SUBMISSION ON TRIBAL CONSULTATION "IMMINENT." Indian Country Today (2/12, Capriccioso) reports the failure of some Federal agencies to meet a deadline set by President Obama "to submit to the Office of Management and Budget a detailed plan to improve tribal consultation within 90 days" has led "tribal leaders to call for more accountability within" the Administration. While confirming Feb. 10 "that her agency was among those that did not meet the president's deadline," DHS spokeswoman Amy Kudwa said a "submission is imminent," and that "she would not comment on internal processes that led to the delay, nor would she explain why her agency couldn't meet the deadline." Indian Country says DHS has had a "rocky" relationship with tribes, "and already under Janet Napolitano it has suffered strained relations with tribes on a variety of citizenship and security issues."

TSA TO PROVIDE 10,000 AIRPORT SECURITY WORKERS WITH SECRET INTELLIGENCE. USA Today (2/12, Frank, 2.11M) reports the TSA is planning to provide approximately 10,000 airport security workers with "access to secret intelligence" in an effort "to help its officers spot terrorists by giving them more detailed information about tactics and threats, TSA officials and security experts said." Those getting the information will include "managers, supervisors and 'behavior detection officers' who roam airports looking for suspicious people." TSA spokeswoman Sterling Payne said the data will "give context to things they see every day which may otherwise not appear unusual," and allow workers to

"exercise discretion" with travelers.

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From: [redacted] b6, b7c
Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 2010 4:46 PM
To: [redacted] b6, b7c
Subject: FW: Washington Post - Immigration Stories

I think it is fine, but we should freshen it up with a new announcement. Thoughts?

From: [redacted] b6, b7c [mailto:[redacted] b6, b7c@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 2010 4:40 PM
To: [redacted] b6, b7c
Subject: FW: Washington Post - Immigration Stories

Thoughts?

From: [redacted] h6 [redacted] b6, b7c@who.eop.gov [mailto:[redacted] b6, b7c@who.eop.gov] **On**
Behalf Of: [redacted] b6, b7c
Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 2010 4:37 PM
To: [redacted] b6, b7c
Subject: RE: washington Post - Immigration Stories

Sounds good. Thanks. Also, was going to reach out today. The ICE memo from last week didn't get the play it deserved in Hispanic media, just a passing mention. Are you guys open to doing something more on that like perhaps a conference call with Hispanic media?

From: [redacted] b6, b7c [mailto:[redacted] b6, b7c@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, July 07, 2010 4:34 PM
To: [redacted] b6, b7c
Subject: Washington Post - Immigration Stories

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Peter Slevin at the Washington Post will be working on immigration stories for the next little while out of Chicago. He is doing a story for the weekend on changes in enforcement enacted since the Obama Administration came into office and is seeking a few information points. First of all, he's looking for a comprehensive list of changes in enforcement policy (below and an updated version of what Cecilia et al have seen before) which I will be providing. Secondly, he will be talking with John Morton today at 5 PM in regards to our enforcement focus. Just wanted to give you a heads up

Thanks,

b6, b7c

Fundamental Changes in Immigration Enforcement Under the Obama Administration

Immigration Enforcement Priorities

The Obama Administration has fundamentally reformed immigration enforcement, focusing on identifying and removing criminal aliens who pose a threat to public safety and targeting employers who knowingly break the law and drive demand for illegal immigration.

Results: Overall, criminal removals/ returns increased by almost 22,000 between FY2008 and FY2009, a 19% increase. As of July 5, 2010, criminal removals/ returns increased by over 36,000 compared to the same time period in FY2009, a 38% increase.

Worksite Enforcement

The Obama Administration is holding employers accountable for their hiring practices through criminal prosecutions, civil and administrative tools to deter illegal employment. ICE has refocused enforcement efforts to utilize Form I-9 audits to target employers who knowingly violate the law by employing an illegal workforce.

Results: Since January 2009, DHS has audited more than 2,785 employers suspected of hiring illegal labor, compared to 500 audits in all of 2008 and has debarred 105 companies and 81 individuals and issued more than \$6.4 million in fines. Of the 2,785 companies audited since January of 2009, 1,300 of those companies employ a workforce at sites of critical infrastructure or key national resources. At the same time, worksite administrative arrests have dropped by more than three-fold from more than 5,100 arrests in 2008 to less than 1,700 arrests in 2009 and 765 as of July 6, 2010.

Secure Communities

The Obama Administration has expanded the Secure Communities initiative—which uses biometric information to identify and remove criminal aliens in state prisons and local jails—from 14 to 437 locations with plans to expand to every law enforcement jurisdiction in the country by 2013. Additionally, to better reflect ICE's focus on the most serious criminal aliens, ICE is amending the levels of the Secure Communities, redefining level one offenses to include "aggravated felonies," level two offenses to include felonies, and level three offenses to include misdemeanors.

Results: To date, this program has identified more than 240,120 aliens in jails and prisons who have been charged with or convicted of criminal offenses, including 34,943 charged with or convicted of major violent or drug offenses (level 1 offenses). Of those identified, over 30,800 convicted criminal aliens have been removed from the United States, including 8,584 criminal aliens convicted of the most egregious offenses. Overall, criminal removals/ returns increased by almost 22,000 between FY2008 and FY2009, a 19% increase. As of July 5, 2010, criminal removals/ returns increased by over 36,000 compared to the same time period in FY2009, a 38% increase.

287(g) Agreements

The Obama Administration has revised and standardized immigration enforcement agreements with state and local law enforcement through the 287(g) program, strengthening oversight, fostering consistency in immigration enforcement and prioritizing enforcement against dangerous criminal aliens.

Results: In 2009, the number of criminal aliens identified by state and local officers participating in 287(g) partnerships increased nearly 79% compared to 2008.

Workplace Compliance with Immigration Laws

The Obama Administration has improved and expanded the E-Verify system, adding new features to crack down on fraud and identity theft and launching the 'I E-Verify' program to let consumers know which businesses are working to maintain legal workforces by using E-Verify. Since September 2009, the Obama administration has required new federal contracts to include a requirement that contractors use E-Verify to determine employment eligibility for all new hires and for existing employees who will work on federal business.

Results: Employer enrollment in E-Verify has more than doubled since January 2009, with more than 210,000 participating companies representing more than 769,000 hiring sites.

Immigration Detention

The Obama Administration is implementing a sweeping overhaul of the nation's immigration detention system, prioritizing health, safety and uniformity in detention facilities while ensuring security, efficiency and fiscal

responsibility. As part of this reform effort, DHS is focused on streamlining the removal process to reduce detention costs, minimize the length of stays, and ensure fair proceedings; detaining aliens in settings commensurate with the risk of flight and danger they present; and ensuring that detainees receive sound medical care and detention facilities are subject to sufficient federal oversight.

Results: Since August 2009, ICE has improved on-site oversight and accountability at detention facilities by hiring additional federal personnel while reducing the number of ICE authorized facilities (from 341 to 250); started housing non-criminal, non-violent populations (such as newly arriving asylum seekers) at facilities based on assessed risk; expanded visitation, recreation, and legal access for detainees; and centralized detention facility contracts under ICE headquarters in order to consolidate and streamline contract oversight. ICE has already cancelled contracts at 13 facilities due to deficient ratings. Additional reforms, focused on national standards, health care, alternatives to detention and an on-line detainee locator, are underway.

Legal Immigration and Humanitarian Protections

The Obama Administration has cleared the backlog of a year or more for background checks on people seeking to work and live in the U.S. or become citizens. USCIS also launched a new, interactive website – in English and Spanish – that allows people to receive information about the status of their immigration cases by e-mail or text message. Under a law signed in 2009, DHS began approving immigrant petitions for permanent resident status for qualified widows of U.S. citizens and their children, helping to keep families together and remain in the country they consider home.

Results: For naturalization applicants, the average processing time was reduced from 4.5 months in 2009 as compared to 12.2 months in 2008. The current estimated average active case cycle time for naturalization applications is 4 months, as of the reporting period May 2010.

Additional Immigration Enforcement Reforms Under the Obama Administration

Victims of Crimes: In September 2009, ICE issued a directive to dismiss cases against aliens who are prima facie eligible for U-visas as the victims of crime, and grant these aliens a stay of removal pending the adjudication of their application for a U-visa.

Parole of Arriving Aliens with a Credible Fear of Persecution: Reversing a 2007 policy that was broadly criticized, in December 2009, ICE issued a policy that presumes all arriving aliens who claim to fear persecution will apply for parole – generally leading to release from detention provided that the alien's identity is reasonably known and the alien does not present a danger to the community or a significant flight risk.

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From: [b6, b7c] [b6,]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2010 4:30 PM
To: [b6, b7c]
Cc:
Subject: FW: Update from Homestead and 2 referrals in removal process

[b6, b7c] Do you know about the 2 at Boystown? See CIS [b6, b7c] questions below.
[b6, b7c] and [b6, b7c], See the note that CBP issued an NTA to 2 orphans rather than paroling them. Does this mean ICE will have to move forward with 240 removal proceedings. [b6, b7c] Perhaps a call to [b6, b7c]?

From: [b6, b7c] [mailto:[b6,]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2010 4:29 PM
To: [b6, b7c]
Subject: FW: Update from Homestead and 2 referrals in removal process

[b6, b7c]

Do you know anything about the two boys being placed in Boystown? I was under the impression that facility is for delinquent youth, but maybe that is not accurate. Also, do you know if they fit in either category 1 or 2? Thanks for your continuing efforts and the excellent coordination. [b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c] [mailto:[b6,]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2010 9:55 AM
To: [b6, b7c]
Cc:
Subject: FW: update from Homestead and 2 referrals in removal process

Fyi.

[b6, b7c]

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Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2010 9:44 AM
To: [b6, b7c]
Subject: update from Homestead and 2 referrals in removal process

From: [b6, b7c] (ACF)
Sent: Sunday, January 24, 2010 9:41 AM
To: [b6, b7c] (HHS/IOS); [b6, b7c] (ACF); [b6, b7c] (ACF)
Subject: RE: DUCS Placements Update

THE LATEST:

Homestead had 12 children in total but one was an infant who was taken to the hospital for high blood pressure. I have no update on the infant as of this morning. The other 11 were taken to Miami by DHS where they had adoptive parents waiting. We did not get any referrals from them.

The two referrals we got last night were from private plane coming into West Palm Beach. They were processed by CBP and instead of granting them parole; they were charged and put into removal proceedings. They are in Boystown now.

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From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c @dhs.gov]
Sent: Sunday, January 17, 2010 6:54 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: Fw: Tomorrow's call and Relative categories for HP consideration
Attachments: Haiti Relatives of USC's or LPRs -- Analysis for HP, 20100117.doc

Importance: High

I'll follow this, along with the orphan issues unless otherwise directed. Thanks

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@state.gov>; [REDACTED];
[REDACTED]@state.gov>; [REDACTED] HS; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@state.gov>; [REDACTED] b6, @state.gov>; [REDACTED]
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[REDACTED]@state.gov>; [REDACTED]

Sent: Sun Jan 17 18:51:04 2010
Subject: Tomorrow's call and Relative categories for HP consideration

All,

We plan to hold another large **conference call tomorrow (Monday, January 18th) at 10:00**. Call in information as follows:

1-877-521- [REDACTED] toll free)
203-692- [REDACTED] toll)
Passcode [REDACTED] b7E

(Yes – I got the passcode right this time)

Attached for your review in advance of the call is a matrix of categories of Haitian nationals whom we may want to consider for HP because they are related to USC's or LPR's. It includes 3 categories of separated or orphaned children that were in the previous paper on children as well as categories of other relatives. We **urgently** need to decide how far-reaching our parole efforts will be, and these categories will be a spring-board for that discussion.

Tomorrow's agenda:

- Update from PAP colleagues of situation on the ground (Embassy)
- Update on efforts to inform/obtain concurrence from the GOH on the adoption plan (Embassy)
- Report on number of visas / travel letters issued (Embassy)
- Report on arrival of the first five (CBP/ICE)
- Status of press releases/other communications (USCIS and DOS)
- Basic modalities – quick fixes needed? (All)
- Discussion of relative categories (All)

Hope everyone is hanging in there.

b6. b7c

b6, b7c

Branch Chief, Programs

International Operations Division

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Department of Homeland Security

202-272- b6, b7c

b6, b7c

From: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2010 4:15 PM
To: [b6, b7c]
Subject: FW: Sharepoint 43152 - [b6, b7c] [b6, b7c]
Attachments: Letter on [b6, b7c] [b6, b7c].pdf

Here is the chain on traffic from OCR concerning that letter you sent me from [b6, b7c]...they are working with the Congressional staffer and will keep us posted

From: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2010 9:42 AM
To: [b6, b7c]
Subject: FW: Sharepoint 43152 - RAMIREZ-Pedro ([b6, b7c])

From: [b6, b7c] [mailto:[b6, b7c]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2010 9:32 AM
To: [b6, b7c]
Subject: FW: Sharepoint 43152 - [b6, b7c] [b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 3:20 PM
To: [b6, b7c]
Cc: [b6, b7c]
Subject: Sharepoint 43152 - [b6, b7c] [b6, b7c]

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From: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Friday, January 15, 2010 2:35 PM
To: [b6, b7c]
Cc: [b6, b7c]
Subject: Guillermo Eduardo RAMIREZ-Peyro ([b6, b7c])

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EARM reflects that Guillermo Eduardo RAMIREZ-Peyro (b6, b7c) a 38 year old national of Mexico last entered the United States on October 15, 2004 at the Port-of-Entry in El Paso, Texas, and was paroled to ICE agents, under significant public benefit parole. RAMIREZ's I-94 paroled permit expired on January 14, 2005. (b6, b7c) was detained on April 20, 1995, pending Expedited Removal. RAMIREZ claimed to have been employed as a Mexican law enforcement official (Mexican state of Guerrero) and expressed fear if returned to Mexico. RAMIREZ requested Political Asylum. Comments reflect the case is before the Board of Immigration Appeals. Also, the EOIR 1-800 line says information on this case cannot be released.

I copied Buffalo so that they are in the loop.

b6, b7c

Assistant Field Office Director
Immigration & Customs Enforcement
Office of Congressional Relations (TDY)
202-732- (b6, b7c)

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 12:39 PM
To: [REDACTED]@dhs.gov
Cc: [REDACTED] E
Subject: Fw: SCR-BUF-NSLD- [REDACTED]

FYI. This is the case of the alien on the no fly list who was heading to Mexico. The plane landed in Canada and he was brought to the U.S. This may get press.

b6, b7c

Assistant Deputy Director

202-732 [REDACTED] (M)
202-590 [REDACTED] (C)

From: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@dhs.gov>
To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@dhs.gov>; [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@dhs.gov>
Sent: Mon Jun 28 12:17:51 2010
Subject: RE: SCR-BUF-NSLD- [REDACTED]

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b5DP/AC

Best regards,

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b6, b7c

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To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@dhs.gov>; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] <[REDACTED]@dhs.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wed Jun 16 10:24:46 2010
Subject: RE: SCR-BUF-NSLD- [REDACTED]

Thanks, [REDACTED] I'll do some further checking here and get back to you.

b6, b7c

Principal Deputy General Counsel
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Cc: [b6, b7c]

Subject: Re: SCR-BUF-NSLD-[b6, b7c]

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Best regards,

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[b6, b7c]

Principal Legal Advisor

From: [b6, b7c] <[b6,]@dhs.gov>

To: [b6, b7c] [b6,]@dhs.gov>

Cc: [b6, b7c]

Sent: Tue Jun 15 23:26:43 2010

Subject: FW: SCR-BUF-NSLD-[b6, b7c]

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Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2010 4:10 PM

To: b6, b7c

Subject: FW: SCR-BUF-NSLD- b6, b7c

FYI

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Principal Legal Advisor

From: b6, b7c

To:

Cc: b6, b7c

b6, b7c

Sent: Tue Jun 15 16:03:35 2010

Subject: SCR-BUF-NSLD- b6, b7c

All,

Please find attached an updated Significant Case Report (SCR) from OCC Buffalo and NSLD for the case of

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Thank you.

b6, b7c

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From: [b6, b7c] [b6, [redacted]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Sunday, April 25, 2010 9:42 PM
To: [b6, b7c]
Cc:
Subject: FW: revised/ new hearing prep materials
Attachments: Arizona records.doc; CBP- tucson specific questions.doc; ICE 2010 priorities.doc; Krentz Update.doc; laptop searches.doc; MCCAIN-KYL PLAN RESPONSE.doc; SOUTHWEST BORDER CBP-ICE STATS.doc; Southwest Border Initiative- FY11 budget request.doc; SWB records.doc

[b6, b7c] Will you task this around tonight? I pasted the significant parts from the attachments below. [b6, b7c] If you have this tasked out, let me know. We are close with a records document. My biggest concern now is a figure on narcotics and smuggling arrests that [b6, b7c] sent around and appeared to be headed for her oral statement. Thanks

Attachment 1:

- ICE has increased the number of personnel in Arizona from 612 in FY 2007 to 702 in FY 2010- a 15% increase.
- ICE has doubled the number of personnel assigned to BESTs from 95 to 180. This includes 35 special agents for the Phoenix BEST, 19 special agents for the Tucson BEST, and 7 special agents for the Yuma BEST.

Attachment 2: Nothing

Attachment 3: Previously circulated. The priorities in this version were narrowed at DHS slightly. DRO has confirmed we can begin in the next month. The sentence about CBP may be forward leaning but appears to be true so far.

ICE SW BORDER PRIORITIES/ OPERATIONS

The following overview includes current ICE priorities and operations to combat border violence, counter drug cartels, and protect public safety in the border area of Mexico and the United States.

Priorities:

- Targeting cartel leadership and associates in the United States and Mexico through the eleven Southwest border BESTs and Border Liaison Officers.
- Apprehending and removing transnational gang members who facilitate the criminal activity of the cartels while residing unlawfully in the border region of the United States.

Operations:

- Beginning next month, ICE and the Government of Mexico will conduct a 90-day anti-money laundering surge operation to target illicit proceeds and currency flowing internationally. Similarly, ICE and Mexico will target the electronic movement of illicit proceeds.
- To reduce the pool of recruits for cartels and increase public safety, ICE will assist Mexico in locating and arresting 6,000 people who are the subject of outstanding Mexican arrest warrants in the El Paso-Ciudad Juárez area.

- Within the next month, ICE, with the support of CBP, will initiate the following surge initiatives in Texas, Arizona, New Mexico, and California to identify, arrest, detain and remove criminal aliens from the border region, as well as those aliens who have recently breached the border and are encountered by law enforcement officials.
 - ICE will surge operations at state and local prisons and jails to identify all criminal aliens incarcerated within 100 miles of the Southwest border.
 - ICE will work with state and local probation and parole offices to locate and apprehend criminal aliens with convictions for drug trafficking, crimes of violence, and sex offenses who are living at large in border communities.
 - ICE will replicate the Law Enforcement Agency Response (LEAR) teams successful in Phoenix, Arizona to provide expeditious response to all federal, state and local law enforcement officers who encounter illegal aliens in the border region. This will focus on criminals, recent border entrants, gang members, and criminal associates.
 - ICE will increase operations in the border states to identify and apprehend aliens who are fugitives with criminal convictions.

Attachment 4: I advise we reword the bullet about our role in the investigation. As I understood from SAC Phoenix, this does not fully capture our role.

Rancher Robert Krentz Update

Cracking down on violence along the Southwest border and continuing our coordinated efforts to stem the illegal flow of people, drugs, and firearms across the border are top priorities for this Administration and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). Immediately after being notified of the incident, DHS responded quickly to the murder of Mr. Krentz, surging resources and coordinating with the Sheriff's Office, the Government of Mexico, elected officials, and Arizona and New Mexico Homeland Security Advisors to provide support throughout the investigation. Our efforts will not stop until those responsible are brought to justice. DHS has taken the following actions in the aftermath of the shooting.

- Immediately following the shooting, U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) supplemented existing air assets in the region by deploying helicopters, fixed-wing aircraft and unmanned aerial vehicles to the scene.
- CBP trackers located the footprint sign of the suspect and tracked him back into Mexico.
- Thereafter, CBP dispatched additional mobile surveillance systems (including IR cameras) and supplemented regular manned aerial surveillance with two new helicopter flights per day.
- CBP also transferred additional Border Patrol agents into the area for a total of more than 100 agents, including horse patrols and all terrain vehicle special team units. CBP agents remain under a standing order to question all apprehended aliens about the case.
- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and CBP are providing substantial assistance in the ongoing investigation by dedicating multiple agents to this case and assigning a senior ICE intelligence research specialist to the Cochise County Sheriff's Office.
- ICE is pursuing every lead and has 25 additional agents in its Douglas office to assist. Many of these leads are generated by a coordinated, bi-national law enforcement effort to combat the escalating violence along the Southwest border.

- Both ICE and CBP are working closely with the Government of Mexico and the Sheriff's Office, including participation in daily coordination meetings with the Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies.
- ICE continues to offer a \$25,000 reward for information that leads to an arrest.

Background on Southwest Border Efforts

Over the course of the past 15 months, DHS has dedicated unprecedented manpower, technology, and infrastructure resources to the Southwest border. The Border Patrol is better staffed today than at any time in its 85-year history, with the number of agents nearly doubling from approximately 10,000 in 2004 to more than 20,000 in 2009. More than 4,000 of these agents are deployed in Arizona.

As a result of the Administration's Southwest Border Initiative, launched in 2009, the Departments of Homeland Security, Justice, and Defense have deployed additional personnel and technology, increased information sharing and intelligence capabilities, and better coordinated with state, local, and Mexican law enforcement authorities to crack down on Mexican drug cartels along the Southwest border. For example, ICE deployed additional agents along the Southwest border and expanded law enforcement partnerships with the Government of Mexico. As part of this initiative, DHS has also doubled assignments to Border Enforcement Security Task Forces, tripled the number of intelligence analysts in the field, and quadrupled the number of Border Liaison Officers working at the border.

Moreover, DHS started screening 100 percent of southbound rail shipments for illegal weapons and cash in 2009—for the first time ever—and has increased resources at ports of entry, deploying additional Border Patrol agents to augment outbound inspections, technology to identify anomalies in passenger vehicles, and cross-trained canine teams to detect both weapons and currency.

These initiatives and investments have yielded impressive results. Seizures of contraband have increased across the board and illegal crossings continue to decline. In 2009, DHS seized over \$39.2 million in southbound illegal currency—an increase of more than \$29.4 million compared to 2008. In total, we seized more than \$103 million, 1.7 million kilograms of drugs, and 1,400 firearms in 2009—an increase of more than \$47 million, 450,000 kilograms of drugs, and 300 firearms, respectively, compared to 2008.

Attachment 5 on laptops: Looks okay although ICE's role in the forensics may not be as highlighted as possible, some of our key cases from laptop searches are noted.

Attachment 6 on McCain-Kyl Plan: This reflects earlier edits we suggested. I see no major ICE concerns.

Attachment 7: Note, we went painstakingly through the "tripled" issue again. I can live with this, particularly as the bullet talks about border violence / cartels and not "general border" issues. We did go from 13 to 43 in terms of BESTs (8 to 28), BVIC (5 to 10), and the 5 new personnel to Mexico.

ICE

- ICE has a quarter of all its personnel in the Southwest border region – the most ever.
- ICE has increased the number of federal agents deployed on the Southwest border from 1,708 in FY2007 to 1,773 in FY 2008 to 1,972 in FY 2009 to the current deployment of 2,236 in FY 2010.
- In Arizona, ICE has increased the number of personnel from 612 in FY 2007 to 702 in FY 2010.

- ICE has doubled the number of personnel assigned to BESTs from 95 to 180. This includes 35 special agents for the Phoenix BEST, 19 special agents for the Tucson BEST, and 7 special agents for the Yuma BEST.
- ICE has quintupled deployments of Border Liaison Officers, from 10 in FY2009 to 50 in FY2010.
- ICE has tripled the number of intelligence analysts along the Southwest border focused on cartel violence from 13 to 43.

Southwest Border Apprehensions and Seizures

- In 2009, DHS seized over \$39.2 million in southbound illegal currency – an increase of more than \$29.4 million compared to 2008.
- In 2009, DHS seized more than \$103 million in illegal currency, more than 1.7 million kilograms of drugs and more than 1,400 firearms – increases of more than \$47 million, more than 450,000 kilograms of drugs and more than 300 firearms compared to 2008.
- Overall apprehensions of illegal aliens decreased from 723,825 in FY2008 to 556,041 in FY2009, a 23% reduction, indicating that fewer people are attempting to illegally cross the border.
 - Between 2004 and 2009, the number of apprehensions along the Southwest Border has decreased by 53%, (1,139,282 in FY04 to 540,065 in FY09)
- Compared to this time last year, apprehensions in the Tucson and Yuma sector are up by 6% and 24%, respectively.
- In 2009, ICE has made over 10,732 criminal arrests along the Southwest border (1,901 of which were in Arizona), an increase of more than 1,900 criminal arrests compared to 2008 (an increase of 333 in Arizona). Over 7,174 of these arrests were of drug smugglers (including 1,274 in Arizona) and over 1,317 of these arrests were of human smugglers (including 339 in Arizona).
- As of March of this year alone, ICE has arrested over 2,805 drug smugglers and over 579 human smugglers along the Southwest border.

International Engagement

- DHS has forged historic new agreements with Mexico to bolster cross-border cooperation in order to crack down on transnational criminal activity while facilitating legitimate travel and trade.
 - For the first time in history, U.S. Border Patrol agents are coordinating joint operations along the Southwest with Mexican Federal Police, allowing for an immediate response to incidents as they develop in Mexico, before they enter the U.S.
 - New cross-border communications network for public safety and law enforcement organizations which will improve security along the shared border by allowing participating federal, state, local, and tribal public safety organizations to coordinate incident response.

Operations in Arizona:

CBP and ICE have conducted the following operations in Arizona over the last year:

- **Operation Streamline**

Thus far in FY 2010 (as of April 20, 2010), Operation Streamline apprehensions along the Southwest border have totaled 20,249, including 9,935 in Arizona. Thus far in FY 2010 (as of April 20, 2010), CBP and the Department of Justice have successfully prosecuted 16,295 aliens along the Southwest border as part of Operation Streamline, including 8,496 in Arizona (7,946 in the Tucson Sector and 550 in the Yuma Sector).

- **Border Enforcement Security Taskforces (BESTs):**

Formally established by DHS in 2006, these teams focus on intelligence driven interdictions and criminal investigations to eliminate violent crime attributed to cross-border smuggling activity through partnerships with U.S. agencies (primarily CBP, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the Drug Enforcement Administration, and the FBI), state and local law enforcement, and Mexican intelligence and law enforcement agencies, including the Secretariat of Public Safety, Center for National Security and Investigation and the Office of the General Prosecutor. ICE has increased the number of BEST teams to 10 along the Southwest border and recently added an eleventh BEST team in Mexico City. Three of these BEST teams are located in Arizona.

- **Intelligence-sharing in High-Risk Border Areas:**

DHS has coordinated intelligence sharing and joint strategic, intelligence-driven plans with our Mexican counterparts across the Arizona/ Sonora border – and is expanding these activities to other border areas at high risk for transnational criminal activity.

- **Alliance to Combat Transnational Threats (September 2009 to present):**

The Alliance to Combat Transnational Threats increases law enforcement in Nogales, Tucson and Sonoita to deter smuggling organizations. The Alliance leverages the resources and capabilities of over 50 law enforcement agencies (federal, state, local and tribal) against individuals and organizations involved in criminal activity. Over 295 CBP personnel have been detailed to Arizona to augment permanently assigned manpower in this area.

- **Operation Border Jaguar (July 2009 to present):**

This “flex operation” into the Tucson Sector Douglas Station allows the Douglas Station to maximize personnel deployments into zones that currently account for 90 percent of the stations’ apprehensions. An additional 60 agents were detailed to the region to conduct this operation.

Attachment 8:

Southwest Border Initiative

<i>(\$s in millions)</i>	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2010 Enacted	FY 2011 Request
ICE	\$0.0	\$100.0	\$136.8
<i>Office of Investigations</i>	-	\$ 76.8	\$103.8
<i>Office of International Affairs</i>	-	\$ 4.9	\$ 6.4
<i>Office of Intelligence</i>	-	\$ 11.7	\$ 17.9
<i>Mission Support</i>	-	\$ 6.6	\$ 8.7

CBP	\$4.4	\$53.5	\$35.6
TOTAL	\$4.4	\$153.5	\$172.4

Totals do not include \$95 million FY 2009 War Supplemental (PL 111-32) funding provided to ICE & CBP

KEY POINTS

- The Budget requests \$172.4 million to continue the Southwest Border Initiative, begun in March 2009.
- \$136.8 million for ICE enforcement efforts at the SW land border to combat the smuggling of firearms and currency to Mexico.
 - Since March 2009, ICE has initiated 8,130 domestic investigations along the southwest border, an increase of 29% over the same time period in FY 2008/2009. 672 investigations in Mexico specifically tied to the SW Border Initiative.
- \$35.6 million for CBP to strengthen operations and to build on the current cooperative efforts with federal, state, local and tribal law enforcement agencies.
- As ICE and CBP continue to partner with the Government of Mexico and other U.S. law enforcement agencies, we will marshal resources at all levels – federal, state, local and tribal – to develop an effective, coordinated, and comprehensive response to the threat of illegal weapons smuggling and trafficking from the United States into Mexico and to support Mexico's broader efforts to deny drug trafficking organizations access to arms from other international sources.

Attachment 9: Some of this seems duplicative of Attachment 7:

SOUTHWEST BORDER RECORDS

Personnel

- Today, the Border Patrol is better staffed than at any time in its 85-year history, having nearly doubled the number of agents from approximately 10,000 in 2004 to more than 20,000 in 2009.
- Since 2004, the number of "boots on the ground" along the Southwest border has increased by 80% to more than 17,400 in FY2010.
- ICE has increased the number of federal agents deployed on the Southwest border from 1,773 in FY 2008 to 2,236 in FY 2010- a 26% increase. Currently, ICE has a quarter of all its personnel in the Southwest border region – the most ever.
- ICE has doubled the number of personnel assigned to BESTs; tripled the number of intelligence analysts along the Southwest border focused on cartel violence; and quintupled the number of Border Liaison Officers.

Technology

- Began screening 100% of southbound rail shipments for the first time ever.
- Deployed additional canine teams and Mobile Surveillance Systems, Remote Video Surveillance Systems, and Non-Intrusive Inspection imaging systems.

Apprehensions and Seizures

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State and Local Engagement

- In 2009, DHS provided \$90 million in Stonegarden funding to border law enforcement agencies- a record amount- 85% of which went to the Southwest border—up from 59% in FY 2008.
- The FY 2011 budget request specifically focuses Stonegarden funding solely on the Southwest border.
- In addition, last year, DHS expanded eligible expenses under Operation Stonegarden to include additional personnel, overtime, travel, and other related costs.

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Sent: Sunday, April 25, 2010 8:56 PM

To: Morton, John; [REDACTED] (HO): [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] b6, b7c

Subject: revised/ new hearing prep materials

Here are the revised/ new docs for tomorrow's hearing prep based on the input received this weekend. These will go to the Secretary first thing in the morning. Please send any outstanding docs tonight.

Thank you.

ATTACHED:

- SWB records
- AZ records
- Overall Accomps (personnel, technology, seizures, local/ international engagement etc- both SWB and AZ specific)
- Krentz investigation overview
- Response to McCain/Kyl 10 pt plan
- ICE 2010 priorities
- FY 2011 SWB budget request
- Laptops answer
- Tucson sector answer

PENDING:

- CBP 2010 priorities
- Oral statement (draft sent around, waiting for feedback)

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From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c [REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED] @dhs.gov]

Sent: Monday, January 18, 2010 12:12 AM

To:

Cc:

b6, b7c

Subject:

FW: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

The flight with 60 children is definitely happening tomorrow. Let's be ready, and please advise us if you need anything to accomplish a smooth transfer to parents, petitioning parents, and ORR. For clarity, no NTA's, just parole and expect press and plan a low key response. I suspect additional emails with location and logistics will follow.

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From: Morton, John
Sent: Monday, April 12, 2010 10:49 AM
To: b6, b7c
Subject: RE: Draft MOU with DOL
Attachments: DHS-DOL Worksite MOU 4.12.10.docx

Done on all counts.

--John

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To: Morton, John; b6, b7c
Subject: Re: Draft MOU with DOL

Glad to hear you were able to speak to the Solicitor briefly on Fri. Meantime the revisions to the draft agmt look good. I have these minor suggestions:

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Many thanks. Will incorporate and loop back with you and b6, b7c once my meeting with the Solicitor is done.

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Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 2:52 PM
To: Morton, John
Subject: FW: Website Update for A/S

Senator, The following will be on the website soon. I propose "Policy Reforms" and "Detention Reforms" or something along those lines. Thanks

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Thursday, April 08, 2010 2:46 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: Website Update for A/S

ICE Website Updates

Policy Reforms Link (to be posted this week):

1. National Fugitive Operations Program: Priorities, Goals and Expectations – **A/S signed 12/08/09**
2. Parole of Arriving Aliens Found to Have Credible Fear of Persecution or Torture – **A/S signed, issued 12/08/09, effective 01/04/10**
3. Notification and Reporting of Detainee Deaths – **A/S signed, issued and effective 10/01/09**
4. Adjudicating Stay Requests Filed by U-Visa Nonimmigrant Status Applicants – **DRO Director (Venturella) signed 09/24/09**
5. Reporting and Investigating Claims to United States Citizenship – **A/S signed 11/19/09**

*Pending final review: I-130 Guidance, Administrative Closure Guidance

Detention Reform Link (to be posted this week):

1. Detention Reform Accomplishments (3 pages – to be edited as appropriate for website) – **Updated April 8, 2010**

Other Links:

1. Detainee Deaths 2003 to present – **current and online** (<http://www.ice.gov/doclib/foia/media-requests/detaineddeaths2003-present.pdf>)
2. Detention Facilities List – **anticipate the list next week**

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Subject: RE: DRO Facts for Website

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Here are USC guidance, revised fug ops policy, U visa guidance, parole guidance, detainee death policy.

I do not believe I-130 guidance and admin closure guidance are final yet.

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^{b6, b7c} knows the policies I listed below. If you can't pull them quickly from the policy site, please work with policy, OPLA, or DRO. The goal is a web link called "Policy Reforms" that list all of our policies in the last ten months. Then, we need a link to "Detention Reform" with our two pages of accomplishments, noting those that are complete and those that are "Coming Soon" without firm dates. If you need support, let me know. Thanks, ^{b6, b7c}

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Sent: Thu Apr 08 10:51:42 2010
Subject: Re: DRO Facts for Website

Adding ODP. This should be detention reform accomplishments past -- and coming. I also want to add USC guidance, revised fug ops policy, U visa guidance, parole guidance, detainee death policy, I-130 guidance, and admin closure guidance.

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As an update, we met with DRO yesterday and are moving forward with getting this information compiled.

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Subject: DRO Facts for Website

I spoke with the A/S this morning about the need to add updated DRO facts and messaging to our current website. We cannot wait until we launch the new site later this summer. So I need as soon as possible any and all DRO facts, graphics and description information you can provide so that we can load it on the site please.

When the new site launches, we can tweak the material to fit within our style guide and look/feel requirements.

Thanks.

b6, b7c

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All,

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Thank you,

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Subject: Fw: PAC RIM - El Flaco detained

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Sent: Thu May 20 18:24:10 2010
Subject: PAC RIM - El Flaco detained

All:

Earlier today, Attaché Panama agents reported [REDACTED] was identified at the Panama airport and was approached by our agents and interviewed. [REDACTED] agreed to cooperate with ICE and will be flown to New York for further debriefings. OIA is obtaining a parole for his immediate entry into the United States either later today or tomorrow. However, he has not made any statements to ICE at this time.

[REDACTED]
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I will keep you updated on the interview.

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From: Marwell, David M
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 3:08 PM
To: King, Matthew; Alvarez, Luis A
Cc: Barnett, Erik; [REDACTED] b6, b7C Horton, Todd; Kubiak, Lev J; Foucart, Bruce
Subject: FW:

Matt/Lou:

OP PAC RIM Phase II may have had its first positive break.

The significance [REDACTED] b6, b7C, b7D, b7E, b7F

Game (back) On!

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From: [REDACTED] b6, b7C
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 2:40 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7C
Subject: RE:

Yes!!! Do it!

[REDACTED] b7E

[REDACTED] b6, b7C

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 2:33 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw:

Game on!!!

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Fri Jun 18 14:25:35 2010

Subject: Re:

Game on!

[REDACTED] please [REDACTED]. Also, give [REDACTED] a heads up.

[REDACTED] and I will coordinate [REDACTED] We're heading back to NYC to regroup now.

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Fri Jun 18 14:20:49 2010

Subject: Re:

Let's [REDACTED]. He's good, knows allot.

While there [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Fri Jun 18 14:17:34 2010

Subject: Re:

Do the wife and kids have visas?

Does he have family in U.S.?

We need their info asap to process paroles today.

Ask [REDACTED] if she can process paroles today if we're able to get them from HQ.

Also, explore [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], can we just [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] b6, b7C

U.S. Embassy - Bogota, Colombia

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7C

To: [REDACTED] b6, b7C

Sent: Fri Jun 18 14:12:38 2010

Subject: Re:

Onboard!! Wants his [REDACTED] b6, b7C, b7D, b7F will leave now.

Please advise ASAP.

[REDACTED] b6, b7C

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7C

To: [REDACTED] b6, b7C

Sent: Fri Jun 18 13:50:17 2010

Subject: Re:

[REDACTED] b7E then we parole.

[REDACTED] b6, b7C

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7C

To: [REDACTED] b6, b7C

Sent: Fri Jun 18 13:48:32 2010

Subject:

[REDACTED] b6, b7C

He has expired visa...if he agrees need to figure out how to get him out.

[REDACTED] b6, b7C

[REDACTED] b6, b7C

From: King, Matthew
Sent: Sunday, June 13, 2010 11:50 AM
To: Dinkins, James A; Barnett, Erik
Cc: Gallion, Joseph A; Horton, Todd; [REDACTED] b6, b7C Marwell, David M
Subject: Fw:

Jim - situational awareness. CD's family paroled in - [REDACTED] b7E Matt

Sent using BlackBerry

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7C
To: Alvarez, Luis A [REDACTED] b6, b7C King, Matthew
[REDACTED] b6 Marwell, David [REDACTED] b6, b7C
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7C
Sent: Sun Jun 13 11:46:41 2010
Subject: Re:

As of last week [REDACTED] b7E
[REDACTED] b7E Bottom line, doesn't seem to have impacted too
negatively. That said, nothing has been picked up and/or delivered. [REDACTED] b6, b7C, b7D, b7F
[REDACTED] b6, b7C
Operations Chief
T- 202-732- [REDACTED] b6

From: Alvarez, Luis A [REDACTED] b6
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7C King, Matthew [REDACTED] b6 : Marwell, David
[REDACTED] b6
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7C
Sent: Sun Jun 13 11:36:48 2010
Subject: Re:

I will pass on to the A/S.

Any idea how this is affecting [REDACTED] b6, b7C and his pending operations?

Thanks.

Lou

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7C
To: King, Matthew [REDACTED] b6 Marwell, David M [REDACTED] b6
Cc: Alvarez, Luis A [REDACTED] b6, b7C
[REDACTED] b6, b7C
Sent: Sun Jun 13 08:30:06 2010
Subject: Fw:

Fyi- All family in US. Pretty decent news article on [REDACTED] b6, b7C
[REDACTED] b6, b7C
Operations Chief
T- 202-732- [REDACTED] b6

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7C

To: [REDACTED] b6, b7C

[REDACTED] b6

Sent: Sun Jun 13 10:47:11 2010

Subject:

ALLCON:

The [REDACTED] family members are all [REDACTED] as of last night.
b6, b7C, b7D, b7F b6, b7C, b7D, b7F

[REDACTED] b6, b7C

[REDACTED] b6, b7C

From: Marwell, David M
Sent: Saturday, June 19, 2010 7:49 PM
To: Barnett, Erik; Hale, Brian P; Foucart, Bruce; [REDACTED] b6, b7C Kubiak, Lev J;
[REDACTED] b6, b7C; Weber, Robert (OI)
Subject: [REDACTED] b6, b7C, b7D, b7E, b7F

FYI

We are another step closer to phase II of OP PAC RIM! See below...

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[REDACTED] b6

Sent using BlackBerry

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7C
To: [REDACTED] b6 Marwell, David M; [REDACTED] b6
[REDACTED] b6
Sent: Sat Jun 19 19:43:12 2010
Subject: [REDACTED] b6, b7C, b7D, b7E, b7F

Fyi

[REDACTED] b6, b7C
Operations Chief
O- 202-732-[REDACTED] b6

----- Original Message -----

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7C
To: [REDACTED] b6
[REDACTED] b6
[REDACTED] b6
[REDACTED] b6 Atwood, David;
Sent: Sat Jun 19 19:41:01 2010
Subject: [REDACTED] b6, b7C, b7D, b7E, b7F

Team,

Our [REDACTED] b6, b7C, b7D, b7E, b7F and it was positive.

[REDACTED] b6, b7C, b7D, b7E, b7F
We spoke briefly [REDACTED] b6, b7C, b7D, b7E, b7F
[REDACTED] b6, b7C, b7D, b7E, b7F

the ideal situation would be for

More to come tomorrow.

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b6, b7C

From: Bulletin News [ICE-Editors@BulletinNews.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 05, 2010 8:00 AM
To: Distribution, Ice CLIPS
Subject: ICE News Briefing for Thursday, August 05, 2010
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Leading the News:

FINDING THAT DEPORTATIONS ARE UP UNDER OBAMA PLAYS INTO IMMIGRATION DEBATE. The McAllen (TX) Monitor (8/5, Ulloa, 47K) reports the Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse at Syracuse University has found that ICE "has deported more undocumented immigrants under the administration of President Barack Obama than under that of his predecessor." Their findings, which also show a shift in "focus to removing criminal noncitizens," have been

released "amid a tense immigration debate that has centered on border security and whether the Obama administration has done enough to secure the borders. One immigration advocate said the statistics show a 'bizarre contradiction' in the current administration, which some say has portrayed itself as interested in tackling comprehensive immigration reform but has instead focused on border enforcement." ICE spokeswoman Nina Pruneda said in a statement that the agency "is focused on smart, effective immigration enforcement that prioritizes efforts first on those dangerous criminal aliens who present the greatest risk to the security of our communities. ... Half of the people we have removed so far this year have been convicted criminal aliens. That's up from 35 percent a year ago."

On its website, WNYC-FM New York (8/5, McCune) highlights o the efforts of ICE Fugitive Operations Teams, reporting that, "as lawmakers continue to debate immigration reform, President Barack Obama is pushing for a path to citizenship for people who are here illegally. But at the same time, the Department of Homeland Security is deporting more immigrants than ever -- around 400,000 a year." WNYC highlights the arrests of two immigrants, Abe and Fatima, by Fugitive Operations supervisor Darren Williams and his colleagues from the New York office. Having been sought because of immigration fraud, they "are likely to be deported. And they'll have to decide whether or not to take their American daughters with them."

Experts Say Change To 14th Amendment Would Likely Be Struck Down In Court. Following-up on its coverage of calls from some in the GOP for changes to the situation in which undocumented immigrants are able to come to the US and give birth to children who gain automatic citizenship under the 14th Amendment, ABC World News (8/4, story 8, 2:25, Sawyer, 8.2M) investigated the "provocative charge" from Sen. Lindsey Graham that undocumented immigrants "come here to have babies." ABC (Harris) notes that it found "a cottage industry of travel agencies and hotel chains catering to so-called birth tourists." And when asked about the frequency of such cases, Graham's "office cited a number from the National Center of Health Statistics, which says, of the more than 4 million live births every year, 7,670 were children born to mothers who said they did not live here." Noting debate over whether the 14th Amendment was meant to apply to foreigners, ABC concludes that "the courts have repeatedly supported the notion that people who are born here are automatically citizens, and if Congress passed a law changing that, experts say it would likely be struck down."

Highlighting Graham's statements on the issue, Fox News' Special Report (8/4, 6:33 p.m. EDT) reported that even his "GOP colleagues tough on illegal immigration have not endorsed Graham's proposal." Sens. Mitch McConnell, Jon Kyl, and Tom Coburn were shown suggesting that the issue should be looked into.

Opponents Of Graham Suggestion Say It Would Have Blocked Jindal's Citizenship. Politico (8/5, Wong, 25K) reports that Bobby Jindal has been "dragged into the fight over" the issue by those who say the Louisiana governor "never would have become a US citizen - and subsequently Louisiana governor - under Graham's proposal, a claim Jindal's spokesman called 'absurd.'" Jindal spokesman Kyle Plotkin said Jindal's mother "was here as a permanent resident, not on a student visa, which makes the question not just ridiculous but irrelevant." CBS News (8/5) notes the Jindal angle on its "Political Hotsheet" blog.

SB 1070 Author Targeting Children Of Undocumented Immigrants. Politico (8/5, Wong, 25K) reports Russell Pearce, the Arizona state senator who has gained "newfound prominence as the author" of the state's SB 1070 immigration law, "hopes to keep fanning the flames" on immigration with "a new target: the children of illegal immigrants." He "said he plans to introduce a bill next year requiring that illegal immigrants pay for their kids to attend public schools. And last month, he signaled he would author legislation to deny birth certificates to so-called anchor babies, the US-born children of illegal immigrants."

Dionne: Republicans Risk Abandoning Legacy For "Election-Year Ugliness." Referring to "a civil war" in the Republican Party over the issue, E.J. Dionne asks in his Washington Post (8/5, A17, 684K) column whether Republicans really want to endanger the GOP's "greatest political legacy by turning the 14th Amendment to our Constitution into an excuse for election-year ugliness?" Dionne says "Graham has long favored comprehensive immigration reform, so it's hard to escape the thought that his talk of child-dropping is designed to appease a right wing out to get him because he's 'too liberal.' Just as dispiriting: Sen. John McCain, another once-brave champion of immigration reform, has tried to duck the issue."

Immigration Enforcement Advocates Highlight Deadly Virginia Crash. The Washington Post (8/5, B1, Duggan, Morello, 684K) reports Carlos A. Martinelly-Montano, suspected in a drunk driving accident in Virginia that left one nun dead and two seriously injured, "has become Exhibit A in calls to stiffen immigration enforcement since his car swerved Sunday into the path of a vehicle carrying three nuns who were on their way to a retreat in Prince William County. ... Corey A. Stewart, chairman of the Prince William Board of County Supervisors, said Wednesday that Congress, President Obama and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano 'all have blood on their hands.'" Noting that Martinelly-Montano's history in "the immigration system is hard to verify, because privacy rules bar officials from discussing specifics of the case," the Post adds that DHS officials "will conduct an internal review to determine why the effort to deport

Martinelly-Montano after his second drunken-driving arrest, in 2008, was incomplete at the time of Sunday's crash."

USA Today (8/5, Gomez, 2.11M) reports Paul Ebert, the commonwealth's attorney for Prince William County, said he will seek a felony murder charge "when he presents the case to a grand jury in September against" Martinelly-Montano. USA Today says it has quickly become "the latest flashpoint in the national immigration debate. Groups that want stricter controls on immigration cited Montano, who was free while awaiting a federal deportation hearing, as an example of a failed policy that allows illegal immigrants to stay in the United States."

Likewise, the AP (8/5, Gamboa, Miller) notes that the incident "occurred as the nation has become divided over how much authority police should have to check the immigration status of people they stop. Some in Virginia would like to expand that authority, similar to a tough law Arizona recently passed." The Benedictine Sisters of Virginia, meanwhile, "said they're upset that the tragedy is being politicized and 'become an apparent forum for the illegal immigration agenda.'"

McCain, Kyl Proposal May "Undermine" Part Of SB 1070 Ruling. Capitol Media Services (AZ) (8/5, Fischer) reports Sens. John McCain and Jon Kyl have made a proposal that "could undermine at least part of the injunction against the state's new immigration law." Their proposal to "provide \$20 million to Immigration and Customs Enforcement to hire 150 new staff members for its Law Enforcement Support Center" pertains to the law "because US District Court Judge Susan Bolton said last week that one reason she enjoined the state from enforcing parts of its new immigration law was the possibility that some of its provisions could mean more work for the employees at the support center."

The Arizona Republic (8/5, Madrid, 393K) reports, "Scottsdale police will not make changes to their enforcement policy on immigrants and foreign nationals, officials said." The city's "existing policy is to ask immigration status of anyone who is arrested and booked into jail. Last week's court ruling substantially leaves current Scottsdale enforcement practices regarding immigration and foreign nationals unchanged," according to police spokesman Sgt. Mark Clark.

Cuccinelli Opinion On Immigration Checks Compared To Arizona Law. CNN (8/5, Hayes) reports on its website that Virginia Attorney General Ken Cuccinelli has issued an opinion saying that the state's "police officers can question stopped motorists about their immigration status...adding fuel to a contentious debate over states' immigration policies in the wake of a controversial law enacted in Arizona." However, "Cuccinelli said Wednesday the difference between the Arizona provision and his opinion -- which does not carry the weight of law -- is that while Virginia officers have the authority to inquire about immigration status, they are not required to do so. ... Asked whether his opinion means that stopped motorists must present documentation, Cuccinelli said, 'Well, the first response is simply whether or not they have to answer the questions. There's not a requirement because a police officer is asking that you have documentation.'"

Operational News:

IMPORTER PLEADS GUILTY TO MISLABELING HONEY. The Chicago Tribune (8/5, Rhodes, 534K) reports Taiwanese man Hung Ta Fan "pleaded guilty Wednesday 'to illegally importing honey from China to avoid paying more than \$5 million in import taxes, federal officials said.' He 'used several of his California-based import companies to bring 98 shipments of Chinese honey into the United States between 2005 to 2006, which was relabeled to say it came from Taiwan, South Korea, Thailand and India, according to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement press release.' The Tribune notes that Fan 'is scheduled to be sentenced later this year, when he will face a maximum of five years in prison and a fine that could reach \$10 million.' The AP (8/5) briefly covers the case.

TWO POLICE OFFICERS FIRED AFTER ICE STOPPED THEM TRANSPORTING PHARMACEUTICALS. The San Luis Obispo Tribune (8/5, Cornejo, 36K) reports Armando Limon and Dan McDow, "San Luis Obispo police officers who pleaded guilty to a federal misdemeanor charge of transporting misbranded prescription pharmaceuticals across the Mexican border," were fired this week. "Attorney Alison Berry Wilkinson, who represented the officers during the city's internal investigation, said both men plan to appeal the decision and seek re-employment with the city." The former officers "brought the misbranded prescription pharmaceuticals across the border at the San Ysidro port of entry near San Diego. They were detained Sept. 15 by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement on suspicion of transporting illegal contraband into the United States at the border crossing." They "were found in possession of more than 850 pharmaceutical capsules when stopped by ICE officials, according to Lauren Mack, spokeswoman for the agency in San Diego."

The San Luis Obispo (CA) New Times (8/5, Fountain, 42K) reports Mack said the men "were found with three medications: methylphenidate, a US-designated Schedule II controlled substance used to treat attention-deficit disorder; sibutramine, an appetite suppressant; and diethylpropion, a Schedule IV narcotic commonly prescribed for dieting. All three medications are known to be used for recreation; their abuse can be addictive and fatal, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse." KSBY-TV San Luis Obispo, CA (8/5, Tucker) covers the case on its website.

AGENTS ARREST FIVE IN POPLAR BLUFF, MISSOURI. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch (8/5, 263K) reports on the ICE arrests Wednesday of "five people from Mexico and China for immigration violations in the southeast Missouri town of Poplar Bluff." The arrests came "after agents with US Immigration and Custom Enforcement (ICE) and the Office of Homeland Security executed search warrants at the China Buffet Mongolian Grill, and at three Poplar Bluff-area homes. ICE spokeswoman Gail Montenegro says efforts are under way to deport the five people arrested." KFVS-TV Paducah, KY (8/4, 10:06 p.m. CDT) aired a brief report on the bust.

MORE THAN \$800,000 IN COUNTERFEIT MERCHANDISE SEIZED IN VIRGINIA. The Falls Church (VA) News Press (8/5, Bedell, 23K) reports a joint investigation between ICE, the Fairfax County Police Department, "and Blazer Investigations, led to the seizure of an estimated \$841,000 of counterfeit merchandise. In December 2009, a citizen complained of fraudulent goods being sold from booths inside the 'Unique Thrift Store' located in the 2900 block of Gallows Road; Fairfax County Police launched an undercover investigation. Multiple search warrants were executed and counterfeit goods representing at least 20 well known, designer, brand name manufacturers were seized." WUSA-TV Washington, DC (8/5, Gamble) covers the bust on its website.

CALIFORNIA MEN FACE DRUG CHARGES FOLLOWING FLIGHT TO GEORGIA. The AP (8/5) reports California men Igor Goldenshtein and Edward Akselrod "face drug charges after authorities say they flew 75 pounds of marijuana into Georgia, where they planned to sell it." ICE agents "got a tip on July 19 that a small plane had taken off from Hawthorne Municipal Airport outside Los Angeles with a load of marijuana bound for Peachtree-DeKalb Airport outside Atlanta. Agents in Georgia watched the plane piloted by Goldenshtein arrive and then saw Akselrod drive up to help unload bags. Agents stopped Akselrod's vehicle and found the individually packaged bags of marijuana."

ONE OF TWO BROTHERS ARRESTED IN TRAFFICKING CASE DENIED BOND. The El Paso Times (8/5, Chávez, 73K) reports US Magistrate Judge Richard Mesa "has ordered an El Paso man jailed without bond on drug charges stemming from a raid two weeks ago." The judge "also set a \$10,000 bond for the man's brother, who was arrested during the same raid." ICE agents "arrested brothers Raymundo Lopez, 33, and Ulises Lopez, 22, on July 23 in East El Paso. Both were charged with conspiracy to import a controlled substance and conspiracy to possess and distribute a controlled substance, according to their indictments."

Policy and Issues News:

COSTA MESA MAN'S DETENTION HIGHLIGHTED IN ACLU SUIT. The Costa Mesa Daily Pilot (8/5) reports the ACLU of Southern California and other civil rights groups used the detention of Costa Mesa man Jose Antonio Franco-Gonzalez in suing "the federal government this week on grounds that it doesn't give the mentally disabled a fair chance to dispute deportation orders." Despite Franco-Gonzalez's mental disabilities, the Daily Pilot adds, "the government began deportation proceedings against him five years ago after he was convicted for cutting a man's face with a rock during a local gang fight."

TEN PERCENT OF UTAH HOUSEHOLDS RECEIVING AID OF MIXED-IMMIGRATION STATUS. The Deseret Morning News (UT) (8/5, Davidson, 74K) reports, "Ten percent of the Utah households that receive food stamps, Medicaid or government welfare are a blend of illegal immigrants and US citizens, according to new data released by the state." Calling the situation "one of many, many issues showing we need a crackdown on illegal immigration," state Rep. Stephen Sandstrom "said the data also helps show that illegal immigrants 'are bankrupting our state.' He said more could seek benefits as Arizona's increasingly tough enforcement may send some illegal immigrants who live there to Utah."

SCHUMER TO PROPOSE BORDER SECURITY SPENDING BILL BEFORE SUMMER RECESS. The AP (8/5, Abrams) reports Sen. Charles Schumer will "make another stab at increasing spending for border security before closing down for its monthlong summer recess at the end of this week," with "a bill that provides an additional \$600 million for the border." It is unknown "whether Schumer's proposal will gain the Republican support needed to act on it before the Senate recesses. Republicans have proposed similar legislation but would pay for it by taking unused money from the Obama administration's economic stimulus program, an idea unacceptable to Democrats."

GIFFORDS COMPLAINS ABOUT PACE OF NATIONAL GUARD DEPLOYMENT AT THE BORDER. Capitol Media Services (AZ) (8/5, Fischer) reports that after getting "the go-ahead to leak in May that the president was sending National Guard troops to the border," Rep. Gabrielle Giffords "wants to know where they are." Complaining in a prepared statement Wednesday of "federal foot-dragging," Giffords "said no one in the government can tell her exactly when they will be deployed. But Matthew Chandler, spokesman for the Department of Homeland Security, said the first 140 of the 1,200 soldiers have, in fact, been moved to the 'Southwest border region' for the first stages of their training."

In Brief:

MEETING IN FLORIDA ADDRESSING SEX CRIMES, HUMAN TRAFFICKING. The Palm Beach Post (FL) (8/5, 149K) reports, "The bad news: The sex crimes unit is one of Broward State Attorney Michael Satz's fastest-growing departments. The good news: Detectives and prosecutors are getting together to discuss how to build successful cases." A three-day conference that started Tuesday in Boca Raton "has speakers from the FBI, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and other law enforcement agencies who will discuss sex crimes, human trafficking, Internet investigations and abducted children."

FLORIDA MAN ARRESTED ON CHILD PORN CHARGES. The Treasure Coast Palm (8/5) reports Sebastian man Daniel Anthony Smith "is facing federal child pornography charges after federal agents found the material on his computer, according to a news release from US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Homeland Security Investigations. ICE and the Sebastian Police Department Tuesday arrested and charged" him "with receiving child pornography via the Internet, the release states."

COLORADO MAN SENTENCED ON CHILD PORN CHARGES. The Greeley (CO) Tribune (8/5, 25K) reports Greeley man Anthony Long "was sentenced to 12 years in prison Wednesday" after having been found with "hundreds of child porn images on his computer." He came under investigation in Greeley "in 2009 when local Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agents were alerted to Long's downloading of child pornography from the Internet. After ICE agents contacted the Greeley police about the accusations against Long, police used a search warrant to arrest him at his downtown Greeley apartment." The Denver Post (8/5, Nicholson, 282K) also covers the sentencing.

MAN CHARGED AFTER UNDERAGE SEX STING. The Durango Herald (8/5, Andrews, 9K) reports an internet sting netted Durango man David Gene Peterson "last week on federal child sex charges in New Mexico." He allegedly "traveled to Albuquerque from Durango to have sex with a girl he thought was 13, after communicating online with undercover officers he believed were the girl's pimp." After Peterson was accused of sexual assault, Investigator Tom Cowing with the La Plata County Sheriff's Office "brought on assistance from the Durango Police Department and the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement and spent three weeks tracking Peterson online with the help of the Colorado Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force."

MEXICAN MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO ILLEGAL REENTRY IN NEW YORK. The Mid-Hudson News (8/5) reports Mexican national Javier Salas-Lucero on "Wednesday pled guilty in US District Court in Albany to the felony offense of reentry by a previously removed alien." He "is scheduled for mid-December at which time he will face up to 20 years in federal prison followed by up to three years of parole and a fine of up to \$250,000. ... On January 21, 2010, he was encountered by an Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer at Kingston City Court and determined to be an illegal alien."

TENNESSEE MAN UNDER ICE HOLD FOLLOWING DEADLY CRASH. The Tennessean (8/5, 148K) reports Murfreesboro man Alfonzo Angeles was captured "Tuesday and charged...with vehicular homicide after he tried to elude them by smashing through a plate-glass window and hiding under a Lebanon home." He was charged with "first-degree murder and violation of probation. He has been placed on hold for Wilson County and Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

MAN FACING DRUG CHARGES IN MINNESOTA UNDER ICE HOLD. The West Central Tribune (MN) (8/5, Schlosser, 17K) reports, "Elio Naranjo Infante, 42, and Norma Infante, 47, both of Pennock, made their first court appearances Wednesday on first-degree drug sale charges for possessing 53 grams of cocaine." The Tribune notes that Elio Infante is "under a hold by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement for illegal entry into the country in August 2007."

CAR WASH HELD TO RAISE FUNDS FOR JUSTICE IN 2008 SHOOTING. The Reno (NV) Gazette-Journal (8/5, O'Malley, 52K) reports, "The family of Bryan Coursey is continuing their mission to get justice for his killing through a car wash on Sunday, where proceeds will be added to a reward of \$14,000 to capture the final suspect charged in his 2008 shooting death." The Gazette-Journal notes that Arnulfo Carillo was arrested in January "on the warrant following a Secret Witness tip. He continues to be held on the charge in the Washoe County Jail, along with a hold by Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials."

TWO MARIJUANA SMUGGLING ATTEMPTS STOPPED WITHIN ONE HOUR AT SAN LUIS PORT OF ENTRY. The Yuma Sun (8/5, Gilbert) reports CBP officers at the San Luis port of entry "arrested two people within an hour for attempting to smuggle more than \$1.2 million in marijuana." In one incident Wednesday, a woman was stopped attempting "to smuggle marijuana across the border in the small compact car she was driving." In the second case, a man was stopped attempting "to smuggle marijuana in a small compact car also." The Sun says both "were turned over to Homeland Security Investigations, which was previously known as Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

TWO SMUGGLING ATTEMPTS STOPPED AT CALEXICO PORT OF ENTRY OVER THE WEEKEND. On its website, KXO-AM El Centro, CA (8/5, Gale) reports two narcotics seizures occurred at the Downtown Calexico Port of Entry over the weekend. In one, "a 66 year old male Mexican Citizen was arrested" Saturday "after 23 pounds of methamphetamine was discovered hidden in the vehicle he was driving." In the second seizure a 2007 Audi "was escorted to the secondary inspection area, where Customs and Border Protection Officers found 28 packages of cocaine concealed inside two non-factory compartments in the vehicle's undercarriage." KXO adds that the men arrested in both incidents "were turned over to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agents, along with the vehicles they were driving and the narcotics seized."

CBP STOPS \$2.7 MILLION IN COCAINE AT PHARR-REYNOSA BRIDGE. The San Antonio Express-News (8/5, 210K) reports, "Customs officers in Pharr seized a cocaine load valued at \$2.7 million from a Reynosa, Mexico, man who had just crossed the Pharr-Reynosa International Bridge, Customs and Border Protection said Wednesday." The seizure came Saturday when officers inspecting a 2000 Nissan Xterra that had been referred to a secondary inspection lane "found 37 bricks of cocaine with a total weight of about 87 pounds. The driver, 28, was turned over to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement for further investigation." The Brownsville Herald (8/5, Taylor) offers similar coverage.

Top DHS News:

OBAMA: STATIC KILL A SUCCESS, 75% OF OIL "DISPERSED OR REMOVED." Coverage of the news that the static kill procedure appears to have shut the gulf oil leak permanently, and President Obama's comments on the milestone, is relatively light. All three network newscasts aired segments, but none of them lead with the story. The Administration is portrayed as unreservedly optimistic, but still notably hesitant to "declare victory." This morning's papers present the recent developments as a coda to the more than three-month-long Gulf crisis, but note widespread concerns about lingering pollution problems stemming from the spill and the subsequent use of chemical dispersants.

ABC World News (8/4, story 2, 2:05, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported, "The oil well in the Gulf has been killed by tons of mud one hundred and seven days after the gushing oil leak started. ... It seems this war against this oil is coming to an end." President Obama: "The long battle to stop the leak and contain the oil is finally close to coming to an end. And we are very pleased with that."

NBC Nightly News (8/4, story 3, 3:25, Holt, 8.37M) said the President "delivered some good news." Obama: "A report out today by our scientists show that the vast majority of the spilled oil has been dispersed or removed from the water." NBC added, "So far the heavy mud is holding back the oil, giving Energy Secretary Steven Chu confidence about the well." Chu was shown saying, "What we've seen is consistent with an undamaged well. That's good news."

According to the CBS Evening News (8/4, story 3, 3:35, Couric, 6.1M), "The White House made it clear today it is not declaring mission accomplished in the Gulf of Mexico. There's still a lot of cleaning up to do. But on day 107 of the crisis, President Obama said the battle to stop the leak and contain the oil is finally nearing an end." National Incident Commander Adm. Thad Allen: "We have now equalized the pressure of the sea water with the pressure inside the capping stack that allows us to have high confidence that there will be no oil leaking into the environment."

The AP (8/5, Cappiello) reports Allen "declared" that "no more oil is likely to leak into the Gulf of Mexico now that efforts to plug the blown-out well are succeeding, the government's point man on the spill declared Wednesday. A relieved...Obama said the fight to stop the leak is 'finally close to coming to an end.'" The AP notes that "Obama's team, however, was careful to emphasize that much work remains, from cleanup to damage assessment to help for hurting families." Gibbs "There's a lot of reasons why there's no 'Mission Accomplished' banner."

Politico (8/5, Thrush, 25K), in an article titled, "'Static Kill' Success Lifts W.H. Mood," also says the Administration "avoided any appearance of a victory lap on the 'static kill' shutdown of the BP oil spill -- but the expressions of relief on the faces of President Obama's Gulf gave them away on Wednesday. 'I think it is fairly safe to say that because of the environmental effects of Mother Nature, the warmer waters of the Gulf and the federal response, that many of the doomsday scenarios that we talked about and repeated a lot have not and will not come to fruition,' said...Gibbs, who happily fielded 90 minutes of press questions flanked by" Allen and Browner. The Wall Street Journal (8/5, Chazan, 2.08M) also reports on the apparent success of the static kill.

The Washington Post (8/5, Achenbach, Mufson, 684K) says, "The Obama administration breathed a sigh of relief, holding a midday news conference featuring top officials who claimed credit for guiding BP in getting the well under control. ... Even the cautious" Allen "called the static kill a 'fairly consequential' event and a 'very significant step.'" The Post adds, "This should terminate, once and for all, the more apocalyptic scenarios for the demise of the gulf and the spread of oil to Atlantic shores. There is no sign that the oil is going to ride the Loop Current onto the beaches of South Florida, the Outer Banks, Bermuda, Ireland and so on."

According to USA Today (8/5, Jervis, 2.11M), "Stopping oil from gushing into the Gulf had been the singular goal of BP engineers, Coast Guard officials and the thousands of fishers who were abruptly kept from their harvests this year. Now, there are lingering questions: How much longer will the fishers working on the cleanup be paid by BP? What effect will the nearly 2 million gallons of chemical dispersants sprayed on the spill have on fisheries? How will local tourism rebound?"

NOAA Report's Finding Questioned. ABC World News (8/4, story 2, 2:05, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported, "A new government report says that 75% of that oil has been cleaned up either by man or Mother Nature." Carol Browner, director of the White House Office of Energy and Climate Change Policy: "The vast majority of the oil has been cleaned, skimmed, contained." According to ABC, "The fleet of 800 or so skimmers, only mopped up 3% of the oil. Mother Nature did the lion's share of work. Bacteria gobbled up millions of gallons and as much as a quarter of the oil simply evaporated. That leaves 50 million gallons still unaccounted for, and could linger for years to come."

NBC Nightly News (8/4, story 3, 3:25, Holt, 8.37M) added, "There are plenty of questions about the government's claims about where all that oil went. ... Tonight there's a new controversy over just how much oil is left in the Gulf," and "many of Louisiana's fishermen who still can't fish because of the spill find the government's claims hard to believe." Unidentified speaker: "I think they're jumping the gun way too quick." Unidentified speaker: "They should have never put the dispersant on to begin with. That's why they wanted it to sink. They wanted the oil to sink because you can't see it." Unidentified speaker: "They need to go to Orange Beach, Alabama. It's pouring in." Browner: "We want to be very, very clear that this does not mean there isn't more to be done. There remains a lot to be done."

According to McClatchy (8/5, Bolstad, Schoof, Talev), "Many scientists say they're skeptical of a widely publicized government report Wednesday that concludes much of the oil that gushed from BP's leaking well is gone and poses little threat to the Gulf of Mexico. ... Many scientists...questioned both the rosy White House assessment and the administration's motives, timing and record of estimating how much oil was flowing from the well." McClatchy says the scientists "challenged the government's conclusions" and "warned that painting too rosy a picture could hamper the environmental monitoring and cleanup work that remains to be done in the Gulf."

The AP (8/5, Cappiello) reports Jane Lubchenco, head of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, "said the spill's effect on wildlife will continue for 'years and possibly decades to come' and that assessments of that damage would be ongoing as well. ... Government officials defended the credibility of their report saying about 75 percent of the oil is gone," and "said that description is based on direct measurements of the spill as well as estimates."

AFP (8/5) quotes Lubchenco as saying, "We remain concerned about the long term impact."

Dan Froomkin, in a piece for the Huffington Post (8/4) titled, "Administration Overly Optimistic About Fate Of Spilled Oil," says "much of the dissolved or dispersed oil may still be causing massive environmental damage beneath the surface, even if it can't easily be seen. So along with the 26 percent of the oil that federal scientists still can't fully account for, that means more than half could still be posing a serious and present danger to sea life and Gulf ecosystems."

Administration Accused Of Repeating Controversial Hayward Claims. ABC World News (8/4, story 4, 0:45, Sawyer, 8.2M) noted that "ousted" BP CEO Tony Hayward "infuriated so many people back in May, when he said, 'the Gulf of Mexico is a very big ocean the amount of volume of oil and dispersant we are putting into it is tiny in relation to the total water volume.' President Obama, you may remember, took him to task." Obama: "He wouldn't be working for me. After any of those statements." Dianne Sawyer added: "Well, today, ABC News asked the White House spokesman, was Hayward right?" Unidentified speaker: "Now it appears that Mr. Hayward may in fact have been right. Does the Administration owe him an apology?" Robert Gibbs, White House Press Secretary: "Nobody owes Tony Hayward an apology."

DHS-BACKED REAL ID ALTERNATIVE SEEMS UNLIKELY. The Washington Times (8/5, Waterman, 77K) reports, after failing "to get Congress to revise the tough new security rules for state-issued licenses in the Real ID Act, the Department of Homeland Security says it is working out how to implement the law. But critics fear Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano plans to gut the intent of the legislation's authors." DHS spokeswoman Amy Kudwa notes that the agency is "obligated to continue moving ahead with efforts to improve the standards for state-issued driver's licenses and identification under the REAL ID framework pending any legislative changes by Congress," but the Times adds that officials at the agency "declined to give any details about how they intended to proceed." Secretary Napolitano may again extend the REAL ID implementation deadline, or "could issue a new rule on implementation that addresses state concerns. Both of those possibilities are anathema to the law's backers."

US MARSHALS SERVICE ADMITS TO SAVING BODY SCANNER IMAGES. CNET News (8/5, McCullagh) reports that after years of federal agencies insisting that all images from full-body scanners "will be discarded as soon as they're viewed," it appears "that some police agencies are storing the controversial images after all. The US Marshals Service

admitted this week that it had surreptitiously saved tens of thousands of images recorded with a millimeter wave system at the security checkpoint of a single Florida courthouse." Noting that the Electronic Privacy Information Center has filed a lawsuit over the TSA's body scanning program, CNET adds that agency spokeswoman Sari Koshetz "told CNET on Wednesday that the agency's scanners are delivered to airports with the image recording functions turned off. 'We're not recording them,' she said. 'I'm reiterating that to the public. We are not ever activating those capabilities at the airport.'"

CongressDaily (8/5, Gruenwald) notes EPIC obtained more than 100 images from the US Marshals Service under the Freedom of Information Act. CNN (8/5, Ahlers) reports on its website that EPIC "said the disclosure shows that body imaging machines can store intrusive images of people's bodies and that the federal government will store images in the absence of strong judicial or legislative restraints."

MSNBC (8/5) reports on its website that the development "comes at a tense time. Two weeks ago, when Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano said such scanners would appear in every major airport, privacy advocates such as the Electronic Privacy Information Center in Washington D.C. filed a lawsuit to stop the device rollout."

Implying that the saved images actually came from TSA body scanners, the New York Daily News (8/5, Shahid, 588K) reports that the agency "recently acknowledged that it requires that all checkpoint scanners be able to save images, but said the feature was only for 'testing, training and evaluation purposes.'"

Dan Gillmor writes about the issue on Salon.com (8/5), suggesting that body scans of celebrities will be targeted for distribution, and warning that the scans will become "less and less optional if you want to actually catch your flight."

On its website, KVIA-TV El Paso, TX (8/5, Hunt) reports, "Many of the passengers at El Paso International Airport have no problem with the body scanners, even if they are storing pictures. While others don't like it one bit."

DHS TEAMS TO ASSESS CYBERSECURITY AT US POWER PLANTS. Computerworld (8/5, Vijayan) reports DHS "is quietly creating specialized teams of experts to test industrial control systems at US power plants for cybersecurity weaknesses." An AP report said the agency "has so far created four teams to conduct such assessments, according to Sean McGurk, director of control system security." He "did not immediately respond to a Computerworld request for an interview," but "a DHS spokeswoman this afternoon confirmed the DHS plan as detailed in the Associated Press story."

Also covering the effort, InformationWeek (8/5, Montalbano) reports, "For the past year, the DHS has sent out four special teams -- collectively a part of the Industrial Control System Computer Emergency Readiness Team -- on missions to examine these systems to determine threats and respond to technical-support calls from private-sector partners. However, the department plans to expand the program next year, a move that coincides with the discovery last month of the first worm designed to specifically attack such systems." DHS spokesman Amy Kudwa said Wednesday that the existence of the worm "only solidifies our focus on expanding this program."

EXPERTS SEE LACK OF "HEAD COACH" ON US WMD DEFENSE. Homeland Security Today (8/5, McCarter) reports, "Experts on defenses against weapons of mass destruction (WMD) told senators Wednesday that the United States needs a 'head coach' to call the plays for preventing a WMD terrorist attack." Randall Larsen, CEO of the nonprofit WMD Center, said that, "with about two dozen officials holding some responsibility, the administration has not been able to develop a unified policy and provide Congress with clear lines of oversight." He called on Congress to "solicit information from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) Office of Science and Technology on the Population Threat Assessment, where chemical and biological division chief Beth George could deliver a vital briefing on the nature of the biosecurity threat."

CQ Homeland Security (8/5, Korade) reports leaders of the Senate Judiciary Committee's Terrorism and Homeland Security Subcommittee "expressed dismay Wednesday that several reports found civilian agencies woefully unprepared for attacks using weapons of mass destruction. The latest example: An inspector general's report released in May found that the Justice Department had not put adequate WMD-response plans in place and that the Capitol region remained unable to respond fully to attacks. Deficiencies also exist in federal preparedness for biological terrorism and electromagnetic pulse attacks caused by the detonation of a nuclear weapon in the atmosphere, witnesses told the subcommittee. The administration has not shown the kind of leadership needed to steer multi-agency efforts to successful conclusions, the witnesses said."

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Leading the News:

TORRES ARRESTED IN DOMINICAN REPUBLIC AT US REQUEST. (SAT) The AP (3/19, Lopez) reported, "A fugitive who once acted as the lawyer for a group of U.S. Baptist missionaries accused of kidnapping 33 Haitian children was arrested on human-trafficking charges, authorities said Friday." Jorge Puello "was detained at the United States' request" in Santo Domingo. A judge "has 30 days to meet with Puello, Dominican authorities, and an attorney representing the US government before deciding whether to honor the government's extradition request, he said." A statement from ICE said Puello "is wanted in the US state of Vermont and in Canada for smuggling illegal immigrants, and in the US city of Philadelphia for probation violations related to fraud charges." He is "wanted in El Salvador for crimes against children; sexual exploitation of minors for pornography and prostitution; organized crime; and human trafficking."

AFP (3/20) reported, "US officials said they participated in the investigation and welcomed the cooperation of Interpol and law enforcement agencies of other countries." DHS Assistant Secretary for ICE John Morton said in a statement, "The location and arrest of this fugitive, wanted by three countries on some of the most egregious charges... is an example of top-notch cooperation among law enforcement agencies in all these countries and our colleagues at Interpol."

The Washington Post (3/20, 684K) reported Puello "was detained as he left a McDonald's restaurant Thursday in the Dominican capital." The New York Times (3/20, Lacey, Urbina, 1.09M) reported that Torres, "who used a variety of aliases and falsely described himself as a lawyer, dropped out of sight in February after The New York Times questioned him about trafficking charges in El Salvador against someone with a similar name and a physical likeness. When The Times showed Salvadoran police officials a photograph of Mr. Torres taken in Haiti after the earthquake, the authorities there began an investigation and contacted Interpol, which put out a notice for Mr. Torres's capture."

CNN (3/20) reported on its website that, in addition to the other charges, he faces, "Torres-Puello is also wanted in Vermont on alien smuggling offenses and in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for probation violations for fraud, the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency said. He is also wanted in Canada." FOX News (3/20) reported on its website, "US and international officials are currently working out the final details for Puello's extradition to the United States. It's unclear when he would actually arrive on US soil." The Wall Street Journal (3/20, De Cordoba, Perez, 2.08M) also covered the arrest, as did Canwest News (3/20).

Operational News:

INTERNATIONAL COUNTERFEIT SMUGGLING RING BUSTED. (SAT) AFP (3/20) reported on the US announcement Friday of "charges against nine people over a vast smuggling ring that brought in hundreds of thousands of counterfeit shoes and handbags from China and Malaysia." According to an indictment, the products "included 120,000 pairs of counterfeit Nike shoes, 500,000 fake Coach handbags, 10,000 pairs of counterfeit Coach and Gucci shoes and 500 counterfeit Cartier wrist watches." DHS Assistant Secretary for ICE John Morton said in announcing the arrests, "Criminal organizations that smuggle and sell counterfeit goods in the United States endanger our economy and rob legitimate industries of their business."

The Baltimore Sun (3/20, Bishop, 229K) reports Morton said Friday that the ring "was not a mom-and-pop organization." ... "Millions were made by crooks," Morton said. "Millions were lost by legitimate US companies." The Washington Post (3/19, 684K) ran an AP report on the announcement on its breaking news blog.

Friday's announcement got heavy local TV coverage in the Washington, DC, and Baltimore markets, with many reports featuring footage of Assistant Secretary Morton at the news conference. Morton was shown on WBFF-TV Baltimore (3/19, 10:04 p.m. EDT) saying, "Today we indict a group of alleged criminals making big money in the shady underworld of counterfeiting." WBFF added, "The ongoing fight against counterfeiters has led to the indictment of six foreign nationals and three legal immigrants. They face charges of smuggling more than \$30 million worth of counterfeit goods through the Port of Baltimore."

WJZ-TV Baltimore (3/19, 5:59 p.m. EDT) led its 6:00 p.m. report with the bust, calling it "the biggest counterfeit bust in Maryland history." WJZ continued, "The feds say the counterfeiters unknowingly contacted their undercover ICE agents to arrange for the goods to be taken from Asia to the Port of Baltimore." Investigators later learned that "the group was starting to distribute counterfeit Viagra." Morton was shown saying, "The future of this case was in counterfeit pharmaceuticals, something that no one in their right mind should put in their body at any price." WMAR-TV Baltimore (3/19, 6:05 p.m. EDT) aired a brief report on the announcement.

Morton was shown on WTTG-TV Washington, DC (3/19, 10:18 p.m. EDT) saying, "ICE agents literally around the world,

working with the US Attorney's office here in Baltimore and the City of London police, dismantled an international network of dealers in counterfeit goods."

WRC-TV Washington, DC (3/19, 11:10 p.m. EDT) aired a brief report on the announcement, showing images of ICE officials moving boxes of counterfeit items. WJLA-TV Washington, DC (3/19, 6:10 p.m. EDT) also reported briefly on the announcement.

TWO ARRESTED IN CHICAGO-AREA BANK ROBBERY. (SAT) The AP (3/20) reported Wilmette, Illinois, Police Chief Brian King appeared Friday with ICE and FBI special agents to announce "the arrest of two suspects in last year's \$119,000 robbery of a Fifth Third Bank branch in the northern Chicago suburb." According to King, Sefer Hodzic "was arrested Thursday in Chicago" and Mario Besic "was apprehended Wednesday in Omaha, where he was already in federal custody pending deportation to his native Bosnia-Herzegovina." The Oak Park (IL) Journal (3/21) also covered Friday's announcement, which featured Gary Hartwig, Special Agent-in-Charge of the Chicago office of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

MAN SUSPECTED OF SEXUAL ABUSE ARRESTED AT MIAMI AIRPORT. (SAT) The Stamford Advocate (3/20, Morganteen, 21K) reported Stamford man Isaac Loudior "was arrested Friday at Miami International Airport by federal immigration agents as he tried to flee" the US, where he is suspected in the sexual abuse of a 6-year-old girl. "Stamford police investigators asked federal law enforcement agencies to check databases for Loudior, and agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement confirmed he had a flight booked from Miami to Haiti, leaving at 8:30 a.m. Friday. US marshals also assisted in the investigation."

Policy and Issues News:

ICE, WALMART DEBUNK RAID RUMORS. (SUN) The North County Times (CA) (3/21, Rodriguez, 77K) reported, "Immigrants rights groups, a major retail chain and the nation's homeland security offices are debunking a rumor that has spread throughout the nation regarding immigration raids at Walmart." While rumors have varied in wording, "according to those who have seen or heard the message, it generally is centered on the same falsehood: that Walmart is working with US Immigrations and Customs Enforcement to coordinate raids of its stores in search of illegal immigrants." Noting that both ICE and Walmart have "debunked" the rumors, the Times quotes ICE spokeswoman Virginia Kice as saying that the agency is "focused on smart, effective immigration enforcement that places priority first on those dangerous criminal aliens who present the greatest risk to the security of our communities, not sweeps or raids to target undocumented immigrants."

Raid Rumors Debunked In Florida's Volusia County. The Daytona Beach News-Journal (3/21, Fernandez, 83K) reported, "Many Hispanics in Volusia County have been frightened by rumors of sweeps and raids by immigration enforcement agents, according to activists who worry some people will be too frightened to participate in the US census or a demonstration." However, the agency "has not made any arrests in Volusia County in the past week, spokeswoman Nicole Navas wrote in an e-mail Friday. She also said there had been no sweeps or raids." Navas wrote that "ICE is focused on strategic, effective immigration enforcement that prioritizes dangerous criminal aliens who present the greatest risk to public safety, not sweeps or raids that indiscriminately target undocumented immigrants."

SECURE COMMUNITIES HIGHLIGHTED IN IDENTIFICATION OF THREE MEN IN MISSISSIPPI. (SAT) The Biloxi Sun-Herald (3/20, Fitzgerald) reported on the recent use of Secure Communities in Gulfport, Mississippi, "to identify three men who were later convicted of crimes in the United States and turned up in Mississippi on new criminal charges." Philip Miller, field director for the New Orleans ICE office, said "all sheriff's departments in Mississippi will have this technology" in the future. "The backgrounds of the three men show the need for jails to have access to a system that identifies people who use fake names, officials said."

SONOMA COUNTY SHERIFF SAYS LOCAL OFFICIALS HAD NO CHOICE ON SECURE COMMUNITIES. (SAT) The Santa Rosa Press Democrat (3/20, Espinoza, 71K) reported Sonoma County Sheriff Bill Cogbill "said Friday he wants to clear the air over" Secure Communities, "a key local issue expected to turn out thousands of Latino immigrants and their supporters to a march and rally in downtown Santa Rosa on Sunday." The Sheriff "said Friday the new program is not a local policy, nor is there any official agreement between the county and ICE, an agency of the US Department of Homeland Security." According to Cogbill, local officials "didn't have a choice in it. ... They came to us just to let us know this is happening."

ICE SHIFTS WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY TO AUDITS OVER RAIDS. (MON) The Springfield (IL) State Journal Register (3/22, Dettro, 52K) reports, "The filing of federal criminal charges against six Springfield restaurant employees on March 10," which came after I-9 audits by ICE, "reflects a change in workplace enforcement strategy by the government agency charged with fighting illegal immigration." ICE spokeswoman Gail Montenegro said that since the

agency's "work force enforcement strategy changed in April 2009, we've been focusing more on the audits process as opposed to large operations." The new strategy "is sending a message that the integrity of employment records is just as important as other records,' as well as promoting compliance, Montenegro said."

BILL WOULD MAKE MARYLAND FIRST STATE TO MANDATE 287(G). (MON) The Washington (DC) Examiner (3/22, Peterson, 93K) reports legislation under consideration in Maryland would give State Police the power of ICE officers "to identify, investigate and detain illegal immigrants" by making "Maryland the first state in the nation to mandate 287(g), a federal program that allows local police officers to nab illegal immigrants." The Examiner adds that 287(g) opponents say it "encourages racial profiling and that it's costly compared with newer measures such as Secure Communities -- an ICE initiative that uses detainees' fingerprints to identify illegals."

TOUGH IMMIGRATION BILL RAISES "OUTCRY" IN ARIZONA. (SAT) The Arizona Republic (3/20, Rau, 393K) reported that while lawmakers in Arizona are facing "a slew of illegal-immigration-related bills," a measure that would give the state "the toughest immigration laws in the nation" is raising "an outcry," with critics saying "it will waste law-enforcement resources, drive away taxpaying immigrants needed to fill jobs and force everyone to carry proof of citizenship to avoid arrest."

EXPENSE OF PHONE CALLS TOPS COMPLAINTS OF DETAINEES AT HUDSON COUNTY JAIL. (MON) The Jersey Journal (NJ) (3/22, Hayes, 24K) reports, "New York Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees now being held at the Hudson County Jail have complained about their new accommodations to the American Bar Association - and have threatened a hunger strike. The primary complaint of the detainees is the high cost of phone calls to New York," but detainees have also complained of "poor health care, a desire to have Kosher and Halal food and not having weekend visitation. 'These individuals do not need to resort to a hunger strike to get these issues addressed,' said county spokesman James Kennelly, noting when detainees raised concerns about visitor lists, the jail changed its policy."

CRIME-SUPPRESSION SWEEP ENDS WITH 111 ARRESTS IN MARICOPA COUNTY. (SAT) The Arizona Republic (3/20, Gardiner, McCullough, 393K) reported, "Maricopa County Sheriff's deputies arrested 111 people during a two-day crime-suppression sweep that ended Friday night. Of those arrested, 78 are suspected of being in the US illegally, a spokesman for the Sheriff's Office said." Sheriff Joe Arpaio "said...the majority of those arrested were suspected of having committed felonies," and that undocumented immigrants "not suspected of crimes other than being in the country illegally were turned over to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

ICE OPENING NEW FACILITY AT PHOENIX-MESA GATEWAY AIRPORT. (MON) The East Valley Tribune (3/22, Groff, 53K) reports on the opening of a new ICE processing center at the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport that "will serve as the final point where the immigrants will be in the US before boarding a plane that takes them south." ICE "expects to repatriate 22,000 immigrants this year - double the number from 2006. The surge is the result of increased immigration enforcement that began about four years ago, said Mark Lenox, the deputy assistant director of ICE removal operations."

DALLAS TV STATION FINDS "SYSTEMIC PROBLEM" IN DEPORTATIONS BEFORE TRIAL. (SAT) On its website, WFAA-TV Dallas, TX (3/20, Schechter) reported that after its "investigation forced Dallas area law enforcement to close a loop hole allowing illegal immigrants accused of serious crimes to go free before they ever go to trial," the station "has found the problem stretches far beyond Dallas and with no solution in sight." WFAA added that the case of Joel Guerrero Martinez, a man arrested for drunk driving in Florida and deported to Mexico before he could face trial for the rape of a Dallas woman "highlights a systemic problem uncovered by WFAA. Illegal immigrants charged with violent crimes, like rape and murder, are being deported before going to trial."

ROGERS: DE-EMPHASIS ON WORKSITE ENFORCEMENT CONSTITUTES "VIRTUAL AMNESTY." (MON) Writing for Roll Call (3/22), Rep. Hal Rogers says the Obama Administration has "practically" abandoned "deporting illegal immigrants arrested at work sites in America." Saying the Administration has adopted a new policy of "virtual amnesty," Rogers continues that "ICE has been slowly and systematically de-emphasizing its capture and deportation of illegal immigrants in exchange for other priorities - namely identification and removal of illegal immigrants who are criminals." Rogers says he backs ICE's "emphasis on the removal of criminals," but adds that "performance statistics indicate the agency is no longer enforcing our immigration laws by deporting noncriminal illegal immigrants who pose a threat to American jobs, our rule of law and the obvious way terrorists have exploited our immigration system."

"TENS OF THOUSANDS" RALLY FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM IN DC. (MON) ABC World News (3/21, story 5, 0:20, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported, "There was a preview in Washington" on Sunday "of another major battle looming on the horizon: immigration reform. Tens of thousands of people marched to call attention to giving illegal immigrants a path to legal status -- and in frustration that the Obama Administration has not acted yet."

The AP (3/22, Karush) reports that "supporters traveled from around the country in hopes the rally would re-energize

Congress to take up the volatile issue." President Obama, "who promised to make overhauling the immigration system a top priority in his first year, sought to reassure those at the rally with a video message presented on giant screens at the National Mall. The president said he was committed to working with Congress this year on a comprehensive bill to fix a 'broken immigration system.'"

The New York Times (3/22, Preston, 1.09M) reports that "speaker after speaker rose to demand immigration legislation sooner rather than later, leaving aside any mention of the acrid political environment in Washington in the aftermath of the health care battle." The Los Angeles Times (3/22, Tan, Lee, 776K), however, says that "many lawmakers, analysts and even activists are dubious that any overhaul of the immigration system is imminent. Sunday's march has been overshadowed by the House vote on healthcare overhaul legislation, and other domestic issues, such as the economy, weigh more heavily in the political calculus of this midterm election year." The Washington Times (3/22, Dinan, 77K) and Washington Post (3/22, Aizenman, 684K) run similar stories.

The Orange County Register (3/22, Walsh, 243K) reports that marchers, working as legislators debated "a historic vote on health care reform Sunday...hoped their message would be heard."

Advocates Turn Out For Local Events. The Santa Rosa (CA) Press Democrat (3/22, Rossmann) reports an estimated 5,000 participated in Santa Rosa in "one of a series of marches held...around the country - from Washington, D.C., to Salt Lake City and Salinas - designed to pressure lawmakers to overhaul the nation's immigration system." Organizers of the Santa Rosa event "urged county officials to pull out of a controversial program that uses fingerprints to identify illegal immigrants in the county jail. Last week, Sheriff Bill Cogbill said his department had no input on the federal program, which scans inmates' fingerprints through a database maintained by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

The Denver Daily News (3/22, Marcus, 10K) reports hundreds 'rallied at Confluence Park in Denver yesterday, hoping their voices will encourage lawmakers to pass comprehensive immigration reform this year.'

The Orlando Sentinel (3/21, González, 222K) reported, "Immigrant advocates from all over Florida gathered in Orlando on Saturday for a quick pep rally before heading to Washington, DC, to call on Obama and lawmakers to enact a 'comprehensive immigration reform' that would pave a way for millions of immigrants to stay legally in the US."

The Grand Island (NE) Independent (3/21, Pore, 19K) reported, "'Si se puede' (Yes, we can) was the rally cry Saturday as more than 300 Grand Island residents gathered at St. Mary's Catholic Church in support of immigration reform. ... Many of the signs at the rally sought support from President Barack Obama, who campaigned in support of immigration reform."

Delaware Paper: Fairness To Immigrants Who Have Waited For Legal Entry Important. The Wilmington News Journal (3/22, 101K) editorializes, "It's important to remember that a new bipartisan proposal for immigration reform -- like the many iterations of the former Bush administration plan -- is a framework in progress. But for those who have been legally waiting in line, it must also be a framework for fairness." The News Journal says the reform plan from Sens. Charles Schumer and Lindsey Graham "strikes its toughest chords on the fair play issue: 'These people would be required to pass background checks and be proficient in English before going to the back of the line of prospective immigrants to earn the opportunity to work toward lawful permanent residence.' For those who have been patiently and legally waiting for a chance to pledge allegiance to the flag, this is their nonnegotiable, and earned, right when the haggling resumes."

Analysis: Immigration Raids Defining Line On Reform. The Washington Post (3/22, C1, Montgomery, 684K) reports on appearances at Sunday's DC rally by immigrants who were arrested in recent ICE operations at two Maryland restaurants, saying "they were hailed by cheering thousands on the Mall as the human face of the need for immigration reform." Calling undocumented immigrants "the ambiguous symbol at the heart of the debate," the Post says that "raids, where immigration agents burst into workplaces and arrest suspected illegal immigrants, are the point at which the debate ceases to be abstract." The Post goes on to detail the raids earlier this month at Maryland's Timbuktu and By the Docks restaurants.

The Baltimore Sun (3/21, Fuller, 229K) reported that in the wake of this month's operation, "Anne Arundel County officials targeted several homes near" Timbuktu "where they say illegal workers were living and discovered numerous violations. The county Health Department, along with the permitting and inspections office, found 20 violations at three homes, including unsafe structures and junk and debris." The Sun added that ICE spokeswoman "did not return a call seeking comment on the current status of the case."

Immigration Activists "Frustrated" By Obama's Pace. The New York Times (3/21, Preston, 1.09M) reports, "Immigrant advocates, frustrated with President Obama...called one month ago for a march in Washington that they said would display the strength of their numbers and would give the president the push he needed to get the debate rolling in Congress," but, "the results advocates can expect from the scheduled rally of tens of thousands of their supporters on the

Mall here on Sunday appear to have diminished. Now the question for advocates...is whether it will at least help to keep a conversation about immigration going in Washington between now and the November elections." According to the Times, "After repeated promises last year that he would move an immigration bill in early 2010, the president scaled back last week, saying only that he would work to 'forge a bipartisan consensus' this year. And while advocates are insisting that Mr. Obama must lead the way, he is throwing it back to them."

National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference President Profiled. The Washington Post (3/21, Thompson, 684K) reports Rev. Samuel Rodriguez "wants immigration reform, and believes building bridges across political divides is how to win it. As president of the National Hispanic Christian Leadership Conference, he has made himself at home with secular progressives and right-wing evangelicals, with liberal Democrats and conservative Republicans." The Post adds, "As he and several thousand others from his group prepare to descend on Washington Sunday, his message is this: Stand in the way of an overhaul of immigration policy and we will oppose you -- Democrat or Republican."

Latino Groups Angered By Obama's Immigration Record. The Washington Post (3/20, Aizenman, 684K) reports, "As tens of thousands of immigrants and their supporters prepare to demonstrate in Washington on Sunday in favor of an immigration overhaul, the Obama administration is finding its relationship with this largely Latino community complicated by its mixed and misunderstood record on immigration enforcement." While since Obama took office, federal agencies "officials have substantially cut back on job-site roundups of illegal workers in favor of less controversial measures," the agencies "have not halted work-site roundups altogether, and their other enforcement programs continue to sweep up tens of thousands of non-criminal illegal immigrants. This has fueled a growing sense of betrayal among many Latinos who voted for the president."

Graham Says Healthcare Passage Could Kill Immigration Reform For The Year. The Los Angeles Times (3/20, Nicholas, 776K) reports Sen. Lindsey Graham, "the lone Republican senator inclined to support the Obama administration's bid to pass a major immigration overhaul, said Friday that "if a healthcare bill passes this weekend, the immigration effort is dead for the year." Graham's support for immigration reform "has never been a sure thing. In recent days, he had made it clear that he was unhappy about the procedures Democrats are using to push the healthcare bill to a vote." Graham said Friday, "If the healthcare bill goes through this weekend, that will, in my view, pretty much kill any chance of immigration reform passing the Senate this year." The Hill (3/20, Needham, 21K) also reports on Graham's warning.

The New York Times (3/20, Baker, 1.09M) says the "battle over health care in recent weeks has consumed Mr. Obama's presidency, not to mention the rest of the nation's capital, overshadowing virtually every other issue, foreign and domestic. Although his administration and Congress continue to work in other areas, like immigration, energy and jobs, by and large the nation's leadership has been so fixated on health care that it would be easy to think it is the only issue of real import."

Immigrant Rights Groups Reach Out To Blacks. The Washington Post (3/20, Thompson, 684K) reports, "Organizers of a march for immigrants' rights in Washington on Sunday are reaching out to African Americans, hoping to bring the two communities together around an issue that has been a wedge between them. The campaign includes ads for the march on urban radio stations along the East Coast, asking for listeners to lend their support. 'Everyone has been hurt by the economy, especially African Americans and immigrants. The truth is, together you can demand real change,' the ads state."

More Commentary. The Los Angeles Times (3/20, 776K) editorializes, "Until President Obama gave his State of the Union speech in January, immigration advocates, Latino leaders and millions who voted for him based on his promise to push for comprehensive reform were hopeful that he would soon lead the charge on the issue. They waited while the economic crisis demanded the president's attention, as did the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Then came healthcare reform, and more waiting. But when the best Obama could do was to pay lip service to immigration reform in his speech -- just 36 words making no specific promises, saying only that the country must secure its borders and ensure that 'people who play by the rules can contribute to our economy and enrich our nation' -- advocates decided it was time to change tactics. No more waiting. ... It is time to turn up the heat on the issue. It is time to remind the nation of the economic, political and moral imperative of reforming the immigration system."

CIUDAD JUAREZ KILLINGS HIGHLIGHT PUSH ON MERIDA INITIATIVE. (SAT) Focusing on the Merida Initiative, the Dallas Morning News (3/20, Gillman, Corchado, 350K) reported that drug cartels in Mexico "have expanded their war for control of Mexico faster than the US has been able to pump in aid." Officials in Mexico and the US say the Merida Initiative "has fostered major strides in US-Mexican cooperation, but complaints about the pace of spending were rampant long before last weekend's murders of three people with ties to the US consulate in Ciudad Juarez. Now, policymakers in both countries see an urgent need to expand and improve the aid."

Mexican Ambassador: Spillover Violence A "False Dilemma." The Houston Chronicle (3/20, Dunham, Martin, 427K)

reported Mexican Ambassador Arturo Sarukhan, in an interview Friday, attributed the recent escalation of violence in Ciudad Juarez to desperate attempts by narcotics kingpins to protect their shrinking turf, praised the Obama administration's attempts to clamp down on the smuggling of US weapons to the Mexican cartels and denounced the murders of reporters who cover the Mexican government's bloody war against the nation's powerful drug cartels." He "also disagreed with American politicians who call illegal immigration from Mexico a national security risk akin to 'potential terrorists or transnational organized crime.'" Criticizing a letter Texas Sens. Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn sent to President Obama last week, he called concerns over "spillover" cartel violence in the US "a bit of a false dilemma."

Also covering the "spillover violence" debate, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram (3/20, Montgomery, 203K) reported that "law enforcement officials, municipal leaders, political figures and diplomats disagree on whether it is already showing up in Texas -- and to what extent. It has also emerged as an issue in the governor's race between Republican incumbent Rick Perry and Democratic challenger Bill White." The Star-Telegram added that DHS spokesman Matt Chandler "says there has been no evidence of spillover violence from Mexico, an assessment shared by a number of border mayors."

The McAllen (TX) Monitor (3/22, Taylor, 47K) reports White has "joined officials along the border last week in criticizing Gov. Rick Perry's approach to escalating his contingency plan for spillover violence." White questioned whether local law enforcement had been asked for input on the plan. He also "said he spoke to Napolitano on Thursday, who told him that she had not spoken to Perry in months - but she has received letters from him requesting backup."

Four Arrested In Connection To January House Party Killings In Ciudad Juarez. CNN (3/21, Valencia) reported on its website that Mexican military officials have "arrested four more people connected to the killings of 15 people at a January house party in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico, bringing the total to seven suspects arrested and one killed, according to documents from the Mexican attorney general's office obtained by CNN." Meanwhile, Juarez Mayor Jose Reyes Ferriz told CNN Sunday that "he was looking forward to meeting with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton when she visits Mexico this week. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano also is scheduled to visit Mexico this week."

Pittsburgh Paper Says Federal Response To Cartel Violence Lacking. In an editorial, the Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (3/22, 170K) criticizes the Federal response to the consulate-linked killings in Ciudad Juarez, saying "Napolitano has all but denied Gov. Perry's now year-old request for 1,000 fresh troops along the border, saying 'a lot of technology' already is being deployed. Gov. Perry calls this a 'wait and hope' strategy in dealing with ruthless drug cartels."

In Brief:

LOUISIANA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORN CHARGES. (SAT) The New Orleans Times-Picayune (3/20, 169K) reported Terrytown man Tony Templet "pleaded guilty Friday to downloading 206 graphic videos depicting child pornography from international Websites, according to US Attorney Jim Letten's office." He was found to have "purchased access to child pornography Websites. On Dec. 30, 2008, US Department of Homeland Security, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement agents seized his computer and other electronics from his apartment at 1784 Carol Sue Ave., according to plea documents."

TWO CALIFORNIA CASES BROUGHT UNDER OPERATION PREDATOR. (SAT) SanDiego6 (3/20) reported on its website that San Diego man John Robert Carroll "was sentenced Friday to 2 1/2 years in federal prison and ordered to register as a sex offender" after he admitted to accessing child pornography on the internet. "In another case, El Centro resident and former Border Patrol agent Jarrett Jung, 29, was arraigned in federal court in Los Angeles on a complaint charging the defendant with receipt of images of minors engaged in sexually explicit conduct," according to Assistant US Attorney Alessandra Serano. Both "cases are being brought as part of the Department of Justice Project Safe Childhood and the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement's Operation Predator, according to Serano."

ORLANDO MAN SENTENCED ON CHILD PORN CHARGES. (SAT) The Orlando Sentinel (3/20, Palm, 222K) reported Orlando man Timothy Murphy "has received a sentence of more than two years in federal prison on charges of possessing child pornography." ICE agents "executed a search warrant against an Altamonte Springs home where Murphy lived on Jun 20, 2007, according to the office of US Attorney Brian Albritton." The Sentinel noted that the investigation came as part of Operation Predator.

FLORIDA MAN INDICTED ON CHILD PORN CHARGES. (SAT) The Pensacola (FL) News Journal (3/20, 53K) reported Pensacola man Norman Laurent Morin was indicted by a federal grand jury Friday "on charges that he distributed child pornography." He "is the subject of a two-count indictment that alleges between Feb. 12 and March 9 he distributed and received child pornography." The News Journal added that ICE "and the North Florida Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force participated in the investigation."

MAN ARRESTED AT HIS HOME FOR PRODUCING CHILD PORN. (SAT) The Kansas City Star (3/20, Bormann, 250K)

reported, "Pornographic photos of a 2-year-old girl that had been sent across the globe through the Internet were traced to an Olathe man this week, authorities said. Larry L. Howard, 41, was charged Thursday in U.S. District Court in Kansas City, Kan., with producing child pornography." He was arrested at his home Thursday by ICE cyber crimes investigators and Olathe police.

TWO FACE CHILD PORN CHARGES IN WISCONSIN'S RACINE COUNTY. (SAT) The Racine (WI) Journal-Times (3/20) reported, "Two Racine County men were charged this week in cases involving possession of child pornography, according to criminal complaints." Keith Alan Sinnen "was investigated after being identified by agents of the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement Unit in Los Angeles as having posted numerous images of child pornography in a chatroom in November." In the other case, Paul Joseph Strueder "has been taken into custody for an unrelated event also allegedly involving child pornography."

TWO ARRESTED IN PROSTITUTION RAID AT PENNSYLVANIA MASSAGE PARLOR. (SAT) The Allentown Morning Call (3/20, Gamiz, 104K) reported, "Two prostitutes working at an illegal massage parlor tried running from Berks County detectives during a raid Thursday, authorities said. The women -- Kyung A. Kang, 38, of Wilmington, Del., and Mei Hua Jin, 42, of Flushing, N.Y. -- were arrested before they could make it out the rear door of the Hereford Township parlor, named 'Oriental Spa/Massage Therapy,' authorities said." The Morning Call noted that an ICE agent was part of the raid team. The Reading (PA) Eagle (3/20, Henshaw, 61K) also noted the arrests and ICE's involvement.

IMMIGRATION STATUS OF MAN SUSPECTED IN PENNSYLVANIA CARJACKING UNKNOWN. (SAT) The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (3/20, Crawford, 170K) reported Delmont man Noe Trovar Baltazar "was arrested Thursday night after he allegedly tried to carjack a woman and her 10-year-old daughter in Murrysville, police said." He "was charged with robbery of a motor vehicle, a first-degree felony, as well as disorderly conduct and public drunkenness." Murrysville Police Chief Thomas Seefeld "said that his department informed the Department of Homeland Security about the arrest, because it was not clear whether Baltazar was in the United States legally."

ICE PARTICIPATES IN INVESTIGATION OF MASSACHUSETTS DRUG SMUGGLING OPERATION. (SAT) The North Andover (MA) Eagle Tribune (3/20, Bencks, 42K) reported, "A co-conspirator in a drug smuggling operation that resulted in the death of a woman at a Salem motel has reached a plea bargain with federal prosecutors. Yomaira Arias Cordero, 25, of Lawrence has agreed to plead guilty to smuggling drugs on a flight from Santo Domingo to Boston. Prosecutors have recommended that Cordero be sentenced to 46 months in prison." The Eagle Tribune noted ICE's involvement in the investigation.

FIVE IN NORTH CAROLINA COCAINE BUST ON ICE HOLDS. (SAT) The Gaston County (NC) Gazette (3/20, Ellis, 28K) reported, "Cocaine can still be bought in Gastonia, but vice officers believe they put a dent in the pipeline with a large bust late Thursday night. Narcotics investigators seized about 3 kilograms of cocaine - worth about \$300,000 on the streets - and arrested five people on trafficking charges in an investigation that involved around 20 officers from the city, Gaston County and State Bureau of Investigation." Gastonia Police Sgt. Don Roper "described dogged police work as officers put together a complicated case against the five, all of whom have \$500,000 bonds in addition to holds on their release from Immigration and Customs Enforcement based on questions about their legal status in this country."

Top DHS News:

DALLAS MORNING NEWS: "VIRTUAL FENCE" TROUBLE SHOULDN'T DELAY IMMIGRATION REFORM. (SUN) Calling it the latest evidence that "our immigration problems keep getting worse" in the absence of comprehensive reform, the Dallas Morning News (3/21, 350K) said in an editorial that the "virtual fence" project along the US-Mexico border, "so far, has been a big dud - and an expensive one." The Morning News said "it's time to pursue an alternative" on technology for the border. Meanwhile, "If Congress falls prey to more wait-and-see, the nation won't have to wait long to see more scattershot local efforts, like the ill-advised one being pursued in the Arizona Legislature."

Terry Ross, director of the Yuma Sun's News and Information Center, wrote in an opinion piece for the Yuma Sun (3/21) that while the "virtual fence" concept makes sense, and certain aspects have worked, "it makes sense to step back and reassess the effort. However, I hope the concept is not completely abandoned. The technology might not be up to the job currently, but it could be in the future."

LIBERIANS GET 18-MONTH EXTENSION ON STAY IN US. (SAT) The AP (3/20) reported that President Obama has directed DHS to allow "thousands of Liberians living in the United States to remain in the country for an additional year and a half. A presidential memorandum issued Friday applies to Liberians who fled the country amid years of civil war and who are living in the United States under 'deferred enforced departure status.'" Their status had been set to expire March 31. Sen. Jack Reed praised the move, saying Liberians have become part of the "fabric of communities across the United States."

CAO ATTENDS HEALTHCARE MEETING AFTER URGING FROM NAPOLITANO. (MON) As part of the massive coverage of Sunday night's House approval of healthcare legislation, the New Orleans Times-Picayune (3/22, Tilove, 169K) notes that Rep. Anh 'Joseph' Cao, "who was the only Republican in either house of Congress to vote for the overhaul in November, joined the rest of his party in opposition, citing concerns that it would lead to federal funding of abortion." He did meet "Saturday night with Nancy-Ann DeParle, the White House health care czar, and several White House attorneys trying to hammer out language in an executive order the president could issue to allay their concerns," saying "he agreed to attend the session after receiving a pleading phone call earlier in the day to keep his mind open on the bill from Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano, who has forged a good relationship with Cao on recovery issues."

TUCSON SECTOR BORDER PATROL CHIEF DOESN'T EXPECT CARTELS TO TARGET AGENTS. (SUN) The Arizona Daily Star (3/21, McCombs, 110K) reported Victor M. Manjarrez Jr., the Border Patrol's new Tucson Sector chief "will make sure his agents are aware of the raging violence in Mexico - but he doesn't expect the cartels to target them." He "was previously the chief of the El Paso Sector, which covers the border north of the deadliest city along the US-Mexico border, Ciudad Juarez." Manjarrez said drug cartels know attacks on Border Patrol agents would be "a very bad step on their part because then the wrath of the government comes."

FORMER DHS PORT OFFICIALS TESTIFIES IN UNDOCUMENTED HOUSEKEEPER CASE. (SAT) The Boston Globe (3/20, Murphy, 325K) reported former DHS official Lorraine Henderson testified Friday "that she did not question her Brazilian housekeeper about her immigration status, despite a colleague's warning that the immigrant was in the country illegally." Stating that she "didn't think we had the authority to ask her if she was legal," Henderson, "who was suspended without pay from her job as Boston area port director for Customs and Border Protection after her arrest 15 months ago on the charge, told jurors that she did not believe she had done anything wrong." The Globe added that in cross-examination, "Assistant US Attorney Diane C. Freniere noted that Homeland Security guidelines prohibit employees from knowingly associating with illegal immigrants, yet Henderson continued to let" Fabiana Bitencourt work for her for years after being warned of her status.

The Boston Herald (3/20, Crimaldi, 139K) reported Henderson "acknowledged she did not fire her house cleaner after learning she was an illegal immigrant but denied encouraging the Brazilian woman to stay in the country." The Herald added that "Freniere pressed Henderson to explain how an 'exceptionally rated' DHS official such as herself didn't fire Bitencourt after she learned she was an illegal alien in 2008."

SPRING BREAK TRAVELERS SET TO ENCOUNTER NEW AIRPORT SECURITY MEASURES. (MON) Warning air travelers in the US to "be prepared to be scanned, swabbed or thoroughly patted down," the AP (3/22, Weber) reports, "Many spring break travelers are about to have their first encounter with airport security measures stepped up after Christmas, when a man was accused of trying to blow up a US jetliner using explosives hidden in his underwear. As the extra measures are rolled out and travel demand picks up, security lines are expected to grow. Airlines, meanwhile, worry the government will require them to pay to maintain the beefed-up security checkpoints."

The Daytona Beach News-Journal (3/20, Parente, 83K) reported on the swabbing by roving explosive detection units at Daytona Beach International Airport. The units are some of the visible security efforts that "are among 20 layers of security, including intelligence gathering, checking passenger manifests and watch lists, random canine searches and some other measures 'invisible' to the public to help keep TSA ahead of terrorist activity," according to TSA spokeswoman Sari Koshetz. The News-Journal quoted one traveler, John Yanchus, who said that if the explosive detection units make "us safer to fly, I am all for it." Taking off his flip-flops was more of an imposition, he joked."

RESEARCH GROUP PROTESTS BILL FOR INFORMATION FROM CIS. (SAT) The Fort Payne (AL) Times Journal (3/20, 6K) reported that CIS "wants to charge at least \$111,930 to say what's inside one of its databases about citizenship applications." The Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse "is protesting," saying "they routinely get similar types of information from other government agencies for free. 'We cannot recall ever being asked to pay a fee since producing a copy of the list of data items is typically such a simple matter,' they said in a letter to the agency."

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US MISSIONARIES ACCUSED OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN HAITI. (MON) ABC World News (1/31, lead story, 3:20, Harris, 8.2M) reported, "Haitian officials have charged ten Americans, church missionaries, with human trafficking. These Americans are accused of trying to kidnap 33 Haitian children and whisk them out of the country. The Americans insist it is all a misunderstanding that it was a well intentioned rescue mission but clearly the Haitian government is taking this very seriously." Missionary Laura Silsby was shown saying, "I believe we've been wrongly accused of something. I believe it's even trafficking which is completely, completely not the truth." Wright: "Haitian prime minister begs to differ." Jean-Max

Bellerive, prime minister: "Look, Americans were arrested. It was kidnappers that were arrested."

NBC Nightly News (1/31, lead story, 3:50, Holt, 8.37M) also led with the story, reporting that "it may have been just a misguided but well-intentioned bid to help the children of earthquake-ravaged Haiti, but Haitian officials...suspect something worse, an illicit adoption scheme." NBC (Kosinski) added that "in Idaho, officials with the Central Valley Baptist Church said their team had done everything they knew to do right." Clint Henry, the church's pastor, was shown saying, "Our reason for going there right now was to try to provide relief to children who had been displaced and children who needed medical attention. So we were trying to help that situation." The AP (2/1) notes that Henry also "condemned child trafficking as a 'wicked and evil practice,' and told church members Sunday the Americans were trying to rescue children from an orphanage in the Haitian capital."

Work Continues To Bring Orphans In The Adoption Process To US. The Minneapolis Star Tribune (1/30, Von Sternberg) reported on the stories of two Minnesota couples – one that has been united with two boys they've adopted from Haiti and another still working to bring 6-year-old Roxanne to the US – who "embody the anguish and vexing difficulties that come with trying to navigate a dense labyrinth of paperwork and the vast bureaucratic breakdown after the earthquake that has shattered Haiti. They are among about 20 families being assisted by the office of Sen. Al Franken, D-Minn., who met with them Saturday at his St. Paul office." Greg Buhr, Franken's constituent services director, said DHS and the State Department "have been doing an admirable job, but there's a need for a little diplomacy because the Haitian government felt things were moving a little too quickly."

The East Valley (AZ) Tribune (2/1, Ringle) reports on an Arizona family being united with 7-year-old Haitian orphan Evens Paul, which came after Secretary Napolitano's Jan. 18 announcement of "a humanitarian parole policy allowing orphaned children from Haiti to enter the United States."

Operational News:

STAFFING AGENCY HIGHLIGHTED IN CASE OF STOPPED GUATEMALANS. (SUN) Covering the ongoing case surrounding Guatemalan immigrants who were stopped Jan. 6 by ICE agents as they headed to Gillette Stadium to shovel snow, the Providence Journal (1/31, Ziner) reported that those workers have described "a word-of-mouth, 'ask no questions,' cash-only network that led them from Rhode Island to Gillette." The Journal goes on to highlight the involvement of Legal Pro-Temps, an agency that Patriots spokesman Stacey James said the team had severed a contract with following the stop." Meanwhile, "the single room that Legal Pro-Temps maintained within a second-floor accountant's office was cleared a week or so after US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents stopped the workers on Jan. 6 in their 'targeted' search for specific deportable immigrants."

COCAINE DISCOVERED AT ELIZABETH SEAPORT. (MON) The Newark Star-Ledger (2/1, Abdou) reports on the seizure of "nearly 250 pounds of cocaine concealed in a shipping container at Elizabeth Seaport." The cocaine, "worth some \$8 million in street value," according to CBP and ICE, "was intercepted as part of an ongoing investigation into an international drug trafficking organization originating in Panama." In a statement Friday, Peter Edge, special agent in charge of ICE's Office of Investigations in Newark, "said the seizure illustrates the teamwork between the two agencies in anti-drug trafficking efforts." ICE spokesman Harold Ort said the seizure represented a "significant amount," while CBP spokesman John Saleh said agents have located hidden narcotics "no matter how cunning the method."

ICE PARTICIPATES IN SEIZURE OF 200 POUNDS OF COCAINE IN BOSTON. (SAT) The Boston Globe (1/30, Ellement) reports on its "Metro Desk" blog that ICE agents have joined Massachusetts State Police in making "one of the larger seizures of illicit drugs in Massachusetts in recent years," with the recovery of "200 pounds of cocaine from a passenger aircraft after it landed Wednesday at Logan International Airport." AA spokesman Tim Smith said the open investigation limited what he could say, but that the airline's corporate security department was "working closely with local law enforcement authorities to investigate this incident."

TEXAS "PROJECT BIG FREEZE ARRESTS NOTED." (THURS) The AP (1/28) reported on ICE's arrest of 43 gang members and associates in Texas as part of its "Project Big Freeze," which "targeted transnational gangs with links to international drug cartels. There were 476 total arrests around the country." Arrests came "in San Antonio, Harlingen and Laredo and 80 other cities around the country."

Policy and Issues News:

TWO CHARGED IN DROWNING DEATHS OF TWO ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. (SAT) The AP (1/29) reports, "Two men have been charged with causing the deaths of two illegal immigrants who drowned when a boat capsized as it tried to reach a San Diego beach. A federal grand jury on Thursday indicted 50-year-old Fernando Figueroa-Rodriguez and 45-

year-old Javier Jimenez-Yucupicio. The 30-count indictment charges them with smuggling illegal immigrants resulting in death." ICE spokeswoman Lauren Mack "says as many as 10 others on the boat escaped."

The New York Times (1/30, A14, Archibold, 1.09M) identifies the defendant's as Mexican nationals. Figueroa-Rodriguez and Jimenez-Yucupicio, "whom survivors identified as the crew of the boat, were among 16 people from Mexico and Guatemala found by law enforcement officials after a small boat known as a panga overturned...on Jan. 16.

IMMIGRATION REFORM ADVOCATES REMAIN HOPEFUL FOR PROGRESS ON SENATE BILL. (MON) The Washington Post (2/1, Hsu, 684K) reports as President Obama "vows to refocus Democrats' attention on jobs and the economy, advocates for overhauling the nation's immigration laws say they are still gearing up for a battle in the Senate in coming weeks, despite fading hopes for victory." The Post notes "Washington's drawn-out health-care debate badly damaged prospects for an immigration bill this winter," and "advocates' frustration peaked last week when Obama devoted a single sentence in his 71-minute State of the Union address to a topic he ranked as a top legislative priority last summer, after health care and an energy bill." However, Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid (D-Nev.) and Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-N.Y.), "who has taken the lead in drafting a Senate bill, rushed to reassure immigrant advocates and Latino groups that they were still working with Sen. Lindsey O. Graham (R-S.C.) to find Republican backers for a bipartisan bill, while shying away from setting a timetable."

Little Said To Be Known About How 1986 Immigration Reform Impacted US. The Contra Costa Times (1/31, O'Brien) compared to current debate over immigration reform to the one that led to the 1986 Immigration Reform and Control Act. With her discussion of "three-legged stool" approach, the Times said Secretary Napolitano "has echoed the language of the Reagan administration, which argued for a "three-pronged" approach when it negotiated the 1986 act that legalized illegal immigrants, made it illegal for employers to hire them in the future and set up a penalty system for employers who broke the law. Yet scholars say very little is known about how roughly 2.7 million immigrants who earned an unprecedented path to citizenship in the late 1980s have fared since then, or how their legalization -- commonly called amnesty -- affected the economy or society as a whole."

CALIFORNIA BOARD VOTES TO END JOB TRAINING FOR INMATES UNDER ICE HOLDS. (SAT) The Fresno Bee (1/30, Van Oot) reported the California Prisons Industry Board "has voted to stop allowing undocumented immigrant inmates set for deportation to participate." The Bee added that around 427 of the 5,700 inmates now participating in the certification program "are under an Immigration and Customs Enforcement hold and will be deported once their sentence is completed."

RESIDENTS IN WASHINGTON COMMUNITY TO GET HEARING ON PLANS FOR ICE FACILITY. (SAT) The Yakima (WA) Herald-Republic (1/30) reported, "Opponents of a proposed federal office building that would temporarily hold immigration detainees will get a chance to sound off next month" at a public hearing scheduled for Feb. 25. "City planners said they would continue to collect comments and complaints about the project until Feb. 18. Previously submitted comments will also be forwarded to City Hearing Examiner Gary Cuillier." The Herald-Republic added that an ICE spokeswoman "has said detainees might be held there for several hours before being transferred either to the Yakima County jail or a federal detention center in Tacoma."

POLICE CHIEF SAYS SANTA MARIA NOT A SANCTUARY CITY. (SAT) Santa Maria Chief of Police Danny Macagni wrote to the Santa Maria (CA) Times (1/30) responding to recent letters that his "is not a sanctuary city, and any reference to Santa Maria being labeled a sanctuary city is blatantly erroneous." He added that his "department has partnered with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to conduct gang enforcement sweeps in our city. These sweeps have resulted in undocumented felons with warrants being arrested, then ICE processes them for deportation."

In Brief:

MARIJUANA SMUGGLING ATTEMPT STOPPED AT DOUGLAS PORT OF ENTRY. (SAT) On its website, KSAZ-TV Phoenix (1/30) reported on the stop of a marijuana smuggling attempt at the Douglas port of entry when CBP officers aided by a K-9 team "seized about 119 pounds of marijuana, about \$267,000 worth, concealed in the doors of the vehicle." The woman, identified as Agua Prieta, of Sonora, Mexico, "was turned over to ICE." KOLD-TV Tucson, AZ (2/1) also covers the seizure on its website.

SEVEN POUNDS OF HEROIN SEIZED AT BWI AIRPORT. (SAT) The Annapolis Capital (1/30, Bourg) reported CBP inspectors working at BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport made one of the largest drug seizures in airport history "Tuesday when they found nearly 7 pounds of heroin hidden in a Baltimore man's suitcase. Suleiman Zakaria, 26, was arrested and charged with importation, distribution and possession of a controlled substance, said John Peters, chief of customs and border protection at BWI." The Capital added that he was taken into custody by ICE.

MARIJUANA FOUND IN LAUNDRY BASKET AT DOUGLAS PORT OF ENTRY. (SAT) The Arizona Daily Star (1/30, Houser) reported on the CBP seizure of "25 pounds of marijuana hidden in a laundry basket of wet clothes at the Douglas Port of Entry on Wednesday." Suspicious agents searching a vehicle "found two baskets of wet laundry in the back seat of the car, one of which contained the marijuana." The woman driving "was turned over to Immigration and Customs Enforcement." KOLD-TV Tucson, AZ (1/30) covered the incident on its website.

MAN ARRESTED ON BLOCK ISLAND FACES DEPORTATION. (SAT) The Block Island (RI) Times (1/30, Voskamp) reported, "Officials from the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement took Willy Grullon into custody on Block Island early last Thursday morning to begin a deportation process. ... A native of the Dominican Republic, Grullon was arrested on Block Island in 2005 for drug trafficking and spent nearly three years in prison." Though he had been a resident alien prior to his conviction, "according to Paula Grenier of the ICE office in Boston, Grullon's 'criminal history' vacated his resident status."

MAN UNDER ICE HOLD SENTENCED IN STABBING CASE. (SAT) The Longview (WA) Daily News (1/30, Slake) reported, "Judge James Stonier sentenced Alex Rodriguez Gonzalez, 32, to 12 1/4 years in prison for the Oct. 11 stabbing of Amet Asencio Marquez, 37, in West Longview." The Daily News noted that Defense attorney Richard Suryan "argued for a minimum sentence of close to 10 years, noting that the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement had a hold on his client and would likely be deporting him."

ICE CALLED IN CASE OF STABBING OVER TV. (SUN) The Treasure Coast Palm (1/31) reported Fort Pierce man Francisco Yanez-Mejia "is accused of attacking a relative with a knife because the relative had turned off the TV, according to a St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office arrest affidavit." He "remained in the county jail Sunday with a \$5,000 bail. US Immigration and Customs Enforcement also had been called."

Top DHS News:

US TO RESUME MEDICAL EVACUATION FLIGHTS FROM HAITI. (MON) McClatchy (2/1, Clark) reports, "Medical evacuation flights from Haiti are scheduled to resume early Monday, almost a week after they were suspended amid finger-pointing among state and federal officials and the military." White House spokesman Tommy Vietor said last night, "Patients are being identified for transfer, doctors are making sure that it is safe for them to fly, and we are preparing specific in-flight pediatric care aboard the aircraft where needed." Vietor added that "the flights would resume by 5 a.m. Monday." The Washington Post (2/1, A10, Slevin, 684K) notes that Monday's flight was to transport "six patients considered to be in critical condition," according to "Nery Yncian, a spokeswoman for the University of Miami's Medishare project."

The New York Times (2/1, A1, Baker, Berger, 1.09M) reports that "the flights were halted on Wednesday after Florida officials complained that their hospitals were overwhelmed and that they needed a plan for reimbursement for the care they were providing. Federal and state officials worked through the weekend to address the concerns, leading to the White House announcement."

The Miami Herald (2/1, Clark, Wyss, Samuels) reports the announcement came with no news of "which government agencies would foot the victims' ever-growing medical costs or how hospitals might deal with a potential overflow of patients." Florida Gov. Charlie Crist told the paper Sunday "that he had been in talks with federal officials throughout the weekend. He said he expected some final decisions after he meets Monday afternoon with Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano in Miami."

Amid Growing Role, US Seen As "Struggling To Contain" High Expectations. Under the front-page headline "As Food Distribution Improves, Haitians Want US To 'Take Over,'" the Washington Post (2/1, A1, Slevin, 684K) reports that "even as food-aid workers enjoyed their most successful day since the Jan. 12 earthquake" yesterday, the "increasingly prominent role of US troops and civilians in the capital is creating high expectations that the Obama administration is struggling to contain." US officials in Haiti, however, "make it clear that the American government is not responsible for rebuilding the ravaged country." In fact, "Administration officials, including Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, describe virtually every activity here as 'Haiti-led,' although the government is barely functioning." Still, they are "doing what they can to bolster the stature" of President Rene Prével and Prime Minister Jean-Max Bellerive.

The New York Times (2/1, A5, Thompson, Lacey, 1.09M), meanwhile, reports under the headline "In Quake's Wake, Haiti Faces Leadership Void," on what it calls the "leadership crisis taking hold in Haiti as it faces the task of rebuilding almost every corner of Port-au-Prince." Since the quake, Prével, it says, "has seemed incapable of pulling himself together, much less this deeply divided society." And while international organizations publicly "emphasize at almost every turn that they are working under Mr. Prével's direction," in private UN and American officials "said they did not believe he was up to the task."

Some Pushing For Use Of FEMA Trailers Left Over From Katrina In Haiti. The AP (2/1, Everson) reports, "The trailer industry and lawmakers are pressing the government to send Haiti thousands of potentially formaldehyde-laced trailers left over from Hurricane Katrina -- an idea denounced by some as a crass and self-serving attempt to dump inferior American products on the poor." The AP adds that "the 100,000 trailers became a symbol of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's bungled response to Katrina," and USAID "has expressed no interest in sending the trailers to the earthquake-stricken country. FEMA spokesman Clark Stevens declined to comment."

To Combat Chaos At Food Distribution Sites, UN Issuing Coupons To Women. The AP (2/1, Fox) reports that "under a new targeted approach to aid," Haitian women "no longer have to battle with men at food handouts that in recent days have been chaotic and dangerous scums." The UN World Food Program and its partners are now distributing coupons -- "mainly to women, the elderly and the disabled" -- to be redeemed for bags of rice sites across the city. Officials said they decided to target women "because they are primary caregivers in most households and are less likely to be aggressive in aid lines."

The New York Times (2/1, A5, Cave, Thompson, 1.09M) reports that "thousands of women happily lugged heavy sacks of rice through the streets" Sunday as the new system got under way. "Compared with past giveaways, there was more order, especially at locations with a heavy American military presence," and WFP spokesman Marcus Prior "said that there were no major incidents reported Sunday, but that food was handed out at only 9 of the 16 locations planned for the new program."

NYTimes Calls For Renewed Global Effort To Help Haiti. The New York Times (2/1, A18, 1.09M) editorializes that "there are reasons for optimism in the rubble. Well before the quake, experts like Paul Collier, an Oxford economist who was a special adviser on Haiti to the United Nations, were disseminating sensible proposals for rebuilding Haiti. The quake altered the landscape but not the validity of these ideas." Those ideas ("Promote Self-Sufficiency ... Open Up The Countryside ... Rebuild (And Maintain) Infrastructure" and "Tap The Diaspora") will "take a lot of money, creativity, and vigilance and sustained commitment to rebuild Haiti -- from Haitians and from the world."

DHS MEETING FEATURED DISCUSSION OF PROFILING, RADICALIZATION. (SAT) The Detroit Free Press (1/30) reported advocates said a meeting Thursday in which Secretary Napolitano met "with representatives of about a dozen Muslim, Arab-American and other groups" included discussion of "concerns about profiling and Muslim radicalization." According to participants, "Napolitano said she was committed to meeting quarterly with them and taking their concerns seriously. She also said she wanted community participation in a task force to look at the issue of extremism, participants said."

SCREENING FOR MAJOR SPORTS EVENTS TIGHTENED IN LIGHT OF RECENT BREACHES. (MON) The AP (2/1, Fendrich) reports sports and government officials say "recent breaches," including a failed airline bombing attempt and the presence of party crashers at a White House state dinner, "are leading to increased screening efforts" for the Super Bowl and Winter Olympic Games. Milt Ahlerich, the NFL's vice president of security, said that part of the \$6 million the league pays on security has gone to 'several hours of extra training' for screeners by the Secret Service and the Transportation Security Administration. He wouldn't say whether any additional screening equipment was added in response to the failed Dec. 25 attack on a flight from Amsterdam to Detroit."

In a separate article, focused on Super Bowl security, the AP (2/1) reports Coast Guard Rear Admiral Steven Branham, who is coordinating Federal Super Bowl security, said the stadium and environs will be thoroughly screened for bombs and other threats well before anyone is allowed inside. He said a robust and thorough screening procedure will be used for people entering the stadium, and he said fans can play a role as well."

Additional Staffing For Border Lanes Planned Ahead Of Olympics. The Bellingham (WA) Herald (1/31, Stark) reported that while construction on the Peace Arch port of entry on Interstate 5 will not be complete until December, "federal officials say they have taken steps to make sure that nothing disrupts the flow of traffic during the Vancouver Winter Olympics." CBP spokesman Tom Schreiber said officials "hope the Olympics is a story about peaceful international competition, not about the border." The Herald added that CBP "is poised to keep 10 lanes open and staffed during the Olympics' February run. That means adding four temporary booths to the six normally available now."

DECISION TO READ MIRANDA RIGHTS TO ABDULMUTALLAB MADE AFTER TELECONFERENCE. (MON) The Los Angeles Times (2/1, Serrano, Savage, 776K) reports, "The decision to advise" Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab of his Miranda rights "was made after teleconferences" involving personnel from the Justice and State Departments, the FBI, and the CIA "and only after" he "had stopped talking to authorities, according to knowledgeable law enforcement officials." Agents from the FBI "questioned him...for just under an hour," during which time, he is said to have "suggested that other terrorism attempts were in the works." But "the questioning stopped when doctors said they needed to sedate Abdulmutallab to

treat his injuries." The Times says it is "unclear who gave the go-ahead to read him the Miranda warning," noting that DNI Dennis Blair has said it was "made by the FBI team agent in charge on the scene," while FBI Director Robert Mueller has said that he was "not fully familiar with who talked to whom on the afternoon."

Alexander Says Holder Should "Perhaps" Resign Over Abdulmutallab Case. The Hill (2/1, Hooper, 21K) reports, "GOP Conference Chairman Sen. Lamar Alexander (Tenn.) said on 'Fox News Sunday' that the embattled Holder likely made the decision to read Miranda rights to accused underpants bomber, Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, after 50 minutes of interrogation by the FBI." Said Alexander, "Perhaps he should step down," adding that "(Holder's) doing a better job of interrogating CIA employees than he is of interrogating terrorists, and he's not making a distinction between enemy combatants and terrorists flying into Detroit trying to blow up planes and American citizens who are committing a crime."

REPORTER: AWLAKI MET WITH ABDULMUTALLAB, DENIES ROLE IN FAILED ATTACK. (MON) The New York Times (2/1, A7, Worth, 1.09M) reports radical cleric Anwar al-Awlaki "acknowledged for the first time that he met with" Umar Farou, Abdulmutallab, "though he denied any role" in the failed Christmas day attack, "according to a Yemeni journalist who said he met with him." Awlaki told journalist Abdulelah Hider Sha'ea that "he had met and spoken with" Abdulmutallab "in Yemen last fall," according to a digital recording of the cleric's comments. The Times notes that "although the authenticity of the tape from an interview last week could not be independently verified, the voice resembled that on other recordings" by Awlaki. On the recording, Awlaki said, "I did not tell him to do this operation, but I support it."

HOUSE HOMELAND SECURITY PANELS TO EXAMINE EXECUTIVE SPENDING. (SAT) CQ Homeland Security (1/30, Korade) reported that with the Administration's fiscal 2011 budget request approaching, two House Homeland Security subcommittees are set this week to "examine how the executive branch should be spending its money." On Monday, the Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight will call on DHS officials "to explain the department's policies for spending on conferences and retreats." In a roundtable discussion Tuesday, the Subcommittee on Contracting Oversight will seek "to gain business perspectives on the US Agency for International Development's reconstruction contracts in Afghanistan."

SCHUMER WANTS DHS IG TO INVESTIGATE NYC-AREA AIRPORTS. (MON) KOLR-TV Springfield, Missouri (2/1) reports on its website that Sen. Chuck Schumer is calling on the DHS IG "to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of Transportation Security Administration operations at the three New York City area airports." He "says" recent security incidents at each of the airports "raise serious questions about the TSA's operational abilities at the New York City area airports and their ability to stop a would-be terrorist."

Rhode Island Paper Says Global Aviation Security Improvements Are Key. The Providence Journal (2/1) says in an editorial that improving US airport security is a laudable goal, but that improvements "here at home would not have prevented Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab's alleged attempt to bring down a Detroit-bound airliner on Christmas Day." The Journal goes on to praise Secretary Napolitano's recent trips abroad to push for global improvements in aviation security, but says "she must be vigilant to ensure that all the words of cooperation are now followed up by action." The Journal adds that "President Obama should promptly find a tough, qualified replacement" for Erroll Southers, who has withdrawn as nominee to head the TSA, and "Congress should move quickly to confirm."

KAYYEM TO DISCUSS COUNTERTERRORISM STRATEGY IN FLORIDA. (SAT) The Florida Times-Union (1/30, Kerr) reported on a planned lecture in Jacksonville Tuesday from DHS Assistant Secretary for the Office of Governmental Affairs Juliette Kayyem, who will give a discussion called "Counter Terrorism and Keeping the Homeland Safe."

WHITE HOUSE: LOCAL OPPOSITION TO HOLDING 9/11 TRIALS IN NYC WILL BE CONSIDERED. (MON) The Washington Post /AP (2/1, A4, Daniel) reports, "The Obama administration said Sunday it would consider local opposition when deciding where to hold Sept. 11 trials and pledged to seek swift justice for the professed mastermind of the attacks." Appearing on CNN's "State of the Union," White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said, "Khalid Sheikh Mohammed is going to meet justice and he's going to meet his maker." The AP notes that "New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and other city officials have changed their minds after initially supporting the decision for trials in the city," and adds that senior White House adviser David Axelrod said on NBC's "Meet the Press," "The president believes that we need to take into consideration what the local authorities are saying."

NBC Nightly News (1/31, story 3, 2:10, Holt, 8.37M) reported that "the Obama Administration continued to back away from its plan to put accused terrorist Khalid Shaikh Mohammed on trial...in New York City," and added (Viquiera) that "Republicans again charged that the President is soft on terror." Sen. Mitch McConnell was shown saying, "They ought to be tried in these military commissions. They also ought to be detained at Guantanamo." NBC continued, "Democrats call that a double standard, pointing to Bush administration policy." Axelrod was shown saying, "When we tried Richard Reid, the shoe bomber, in the civilian courts for his crime, when we tried the 20th bomber, 9/11 conspirator, Moussaoui in Virginia for his crime, nobody said anything." However, "on the politics of security, experts say that Democrats are fighting

a long-held public perception."

Asked, on NBC's Meet The Press (1/31, Gregory), "Has the administration reversed its stance and decided not to transfer [KSM] to New York for trial," Axelrod said, "We've made no decisions on that," and added that "the Bush Administration tried 190 or more terrorists in that [Federal] system."

On CNN's State of the Union (1/31, King), Gibbs said, "Richard Reid, who tried to blow up an airliner, a story not dissimilar to what we've seen -- again, a plot mastermind by Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, was tried in Boston, Massachusetts. Zacarias Moussaoui, the 20th hijacker, was tried about 10 miles from here. Testifying at that hearing: Rudy Giuliani, who raised it up as the hallmark of the American justice system. I hope you will ask Mitch McConnell and others why trying those terrorists in our courts during the Bush Administration was fine. We never heard anybody object to that."

The Wall Street Journal (2/1, A5, Bendavid, Bravin, 2.08M) notes that GOP Sen. Lindsey Graham is expected to unveil a bill tomorrow that would eliminate funding for trying the alleged 9/11 conspirators in Federal courts. While the Senate voted down a similar bill in November, says the Journal, the politics of the issue may have changed since then.

AFP (2/1) also notes that Axelrod "said the White House was still deliberating the trial venue issue," while The Hill (2/1, Johnson, 21K) reports that Gibbs, "pressed about the location of the trial," said "Attorney General Eric Holder felt that the 'best place' to try 9/11 suspects would be in an 'American courtroom.'"

The Washington Post (2/1, 684K) editorializes, "The Justice Department made a judgment call that it had enough solid evidence to win a conviction in federal court. We have, for now, no reason to question that decision. It would have been ideal for the court to have been in Manhattan, site of the death and destruction that Mr. Mohammed and his cohorts are accused of plotting. But it is not necessary."

Experts Say Moussaoui Case Offers Lessons For Future Trials. USA Today (2/1, Johnson, 2.11M) reports that as "the Obama administration considers looking for other locations outside Manhattan to try accused 9/11 mastermind Khalid Sheikh Mohammed and four alleged conspirators," legal analysts "say federal officials should recall what has happened" in Alexandria, VA, where in 2006, Zacarias Moussaoui "was tried and convicted without incident in a federal courthouse on the edge of this Washington suburb." Former Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty, "who oversaw the 2006 prosecution, says that trial showed 'these cases take much longer than we would like.'" Without saying "whether he favored trying the 9/11 defendants in civilian court," McNulty told USA Today "that there are ways to handle classified information and security. 'But the criminal justice process is not designed to guarantee any particular outcome. If that option (civilian court) is followed, we have to accept that it is unpredictable.'"

McConnell Threatens To Block Funding For Closing Gitmo, Holding Trials In US Courts. The Washington Times (2/1, 77K) reports, "Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell on Sunday threatened to try to cut off the cash the Obama administration will need to shut down the detention facility at Guantanamo Bay and hold terrorism trials in US courts," one day "after the White House abruptly changed course and said it was reconsidering its decision to hold a terrorism trial in downtown New York." Said McConnell, "The only time this administration ever cites the previous administration for a precedent is to mention that there was some terrorists tried in US courts. We now know that was a mistake. That was a mistake by the previous administration."

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NAPOLITANO TOUTS ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS TO CURTAIL ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. (SUN) Newsweek (8/1, Conant, 2.65M) interviews DHS Secretary Janet Napolitano this week, reporting that "by some measures, President Obama has turned out to be tougher on illegal immigration than his predecessor," yet "they've challenged a new law in Arizona that takes an aggressive approach by employing law enforcement to finger people who could potentially be in the country without papers." Napolitano said of her enforcement efforts, "Numbers against employers are going up. Numbers against felony fugitives are, I believe, going up. The one number that has gone down somewhat are administrative removals of workers, and we have not given amnesty to workers. But you are right, we have set priorities and we have set priorities putting criminal aliens first." Moves against illegal immigration, added Napolitano, are being undertaken "from a prosecutorial perspective based on results, not what media may choose to cover."

Full Deployment Of National Guard Troops To Border Weeks Away. The New York Times (8/2, A9, Lacey, 1.09M) reports that though Administration officials had said earlier that National Guard troops "would turn out en masse along the United States-Mexico border over the weekend for sentry duty," it appears "it will take weeks longer to select, screen and train the 1,200 National Guard troops the Obama administration had said would be deployed on Aug. 1 along the border from California to Texas." Among the officials explaining "that the announced date was always a starting point," Secretary Napolitano "said in an interview" that "it won't be 100 percent showing up all of a sudden." The Times adds, meanwhile, that "there is a political dimension to the deployment, which comes as the Obama administration faces fierce criticism, particularly in Arizona, for not doing enough to seal off the borders from illegal immigrants and drug smugglers."

In a report focused on drug cartel violence in Mexico, the CBS Evening News (8/1, story 4, 2:50, Mitchell, 6.1M) noted that "troops began getting into place" Sunday. CBS (Doane) added that Thursday saw the arrests of 62 police officers in Tijuana "with alleged links to organized crime and drug cartels, the biggest such roundup in years. And on the same day, a major Mexican drug trafficker was reportedly killed in an army raid." However, "Eric Olson of the Mexico Institute says it's hardly a turn around. More than 24,000 people have been killed since Mexican President Felipe Calderon began a crackdown on drug cartels in 2006." Olson called the troop deployment "an acknowledgment that the border, despite all the fences and the increase in border patrol agents, still is a pretty porous place."

The Dallas Morning News (8/1, Solis, Corchado, 350K) reported that troops arrived Sunday "at a border that is no longer so porous for migrants but is exploding with narcotics-related violence across the Rio Grande. Border arrests of migrants have been falling, and Border Patrol staffing is at an all-time high. It is in the US interior, in cities like Dallas, Fort Worth, Carrollton and Irving, that deportations of illegal immigrants have risen to new levels." However, the troop arrival "comes as the US Consulate in Ciudad Juarez, a city where the Mexican military combats drug cartels, was shut down after a bomb threat. Some activists suggested that the added muscle was simply symbolic."

AFP (8/1, Pineda) examines Mexicans' attempts to cross over into the US as 1,200 National Guard troops are due to begin patrols Sunday "to help the Mexican government's crackdown on smuggling and drug trafficking." In addition to troops, the US has ordered "six aircraft...to join a fleet of helicopters, planes and drones already monitoring the region." AFP adds that many Mexicans "are still determined to cross their northern border to try to better their lives."

On the front of its Week in Review section, the New York Times (8/1, WK1, Lacey, 1.09M) examines the culture of the border between the US and Mexico, and how a place traditionally tinged with a sense of exotic escape "is at its ugliest right now, with violence, tensions and temperatures all on high." The Times adds, "In towns from the Pacific to the Gulf of Mexico, drug gangs brutalize each other, tourists risk getting caught in the cross-fire, and Mexican laborers crossing the desert northward brave both the bullets and the heat." The Times points out that "National Guard troops are preparing to fill in as border sentries."

Those With Family In Mexico Fear Ransom Call From Cartel. The New York Times (8/1, A27A, Knight, 1.09M) examines the reach of La Familia Michoacana into the US, where people with families in Mexico fear getting a call for ransom from the drug cartel. The Times adds, "The cartel is known for its rapid rise to power in Mexico's drug war and the bloody enforcement of its authority with beheadings and notes of terror attached to its victims." It uses "sophisticated intelligence" to target its victims and their families, and it uses the money from kidnapping to help "fuel...deadly operations in Mexico" as well as "its drug distribution in this country."

Mexico Rescues Two Kidnapped Journalists. Bloomberg News (8/1, Levin) reports that Mexico rescued two kidnapped TV cameramen in a raid early Saturday, ending an incident that the government said was "an attempt by billionaire

Joaquin 'Chapo' Guzman's drug cartel to exert power in the media." The kidnappers escaped during the raid. Also Saturday, a bomb exploded at the Televisa TV station in Nuevo Laredo on the US border. Bloomberg News points out that "reporter Oscar Solis of newspaper El Vespertino also disappeared this week," but Mexican Public Safety Minister Garcia Luna "said Solis's case was separate, and police had no information on his whereabouts."

The Los Angeles Times (8/1, Ellingwood, 776K) reports that "case highlighted the dangers faced by journalists in Mexico, where criminal gangs often seek to silence news coverage or slant it in their favor. The captors had demanded the airing of homemade videos that linked a rival gang to corrupt police in the states of Durango and Coahuila."

US Investigating Threats That Closed Consulate In Juarez. The AP (7/31, Torres) reports that the US decision to indefinitely close its consulate in Juarez, Mexico, was prompted by threats that came amid "the intensifying violence on the Mexican border" and is "the most drastic step to date" that the State Department has taken there. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said, "There is some threat information that we received that we are evaluating. It is hard to know or judge whether the threat is related to the broad area where the consulate is or to the consulate itself." The consulate handles all immigrant visas in Mexico, and on Friday, "hundreds with appointments for visa applications and other services stood outside the shuttered office wondering what to do." Chihuahua Gov. Jose Reyes Baeza "noted in statement that the Mexican Army, by bilateral agreement, can respond to security requests from the consulate" and "offered security help."

The Washington Post (7/31, Miroff, 684K) reports that the US gave "no indication when the building might reopen," as "a car bombing in the city on July 15 that killed three has raised fears that new explosions could occur anytime, and that even the city's most well-guarded structures are vulnerable." The Post notes that the State Department "did not mention the bomb incident" or a subsequent threat of another bomb, "but officials said they had received credible threats of attacks planned against the consulate. The facility was also closed temporarily in March after an employee, her husband and another employee's husband were gunned down by cartel assassins."

Mexico Guns Down Cartel Figure, But Feelings Of Safety May Prove Elusive AFP (7/31) reports that "Mexican soldiers gunned down a top drug lord in a rare victory against the country's brutal cartels, as the US consulate in the blood-soaked border region closed Friday for security reasons." Ignacio "Nacho" Coronel "was shot dead Thursday after opening fire on troops and killing one soldier and wounding another." Both the US and Mexico had arrest warrants for him, with the US offering "a five-million-dollar reward for information leading to his capture." AFP adds that US Ambassador to Mexico Carlos Pascual "congratulated Mexican authorities for the 'highly successful' operation in a statement Friday." According to AFP, "Coronel's death marks the sharpest blow against the Sinaloa drug gang" in roughly three and a half years.

According to the New York Times (7/31, A5, Malkin, 1.09M), the death of the man, who the Times identifies as Ignacio Coronel Villarreal, "is a step towards" ridding Mexico of such notorious drug figures, "but it will do nothing to make Mexicans feel any safer, analysts said Friday." They instead suggested that cartels remain strong and could respond violently to the killing. The Times adds that the closure of the consulate in Juarez is "a sign of just how dangerous parts of Mexico continue to be."

The AP (7/31, Olson) also focuses on the potential for "more violence as factions fight for the cocaine and methamphetamine empire...left behind." A DEA official, however, said that the death means that the cartel "will require time to rebuild." Coronel was "considered one of the founders of Mexico's methamphetamine trade, building clandestine laboratories in the country and smuggling the drug into the United States. He controlled meth and cocaine trafficking routes that extended from Mexico's Pacific coast and inland up to Arizona."

The Wall Street Journal (7/31, De Córdoba, Casey, 2.08M) reports the story in a similar vein, noting that the death of the man considered to be the third most powerful member of the Sinaloa cartel could produce a violent spasm in Mexico as other cartel members try to replace him.

FBI Data Shows Border "One Of The Nation's Safest Corridors." Time (7/31, Padgett, 3.37M) reports that "if the main impetus behind the controversial legislation was, as...Brewer said when she signed it in April, 'border-related violence and crime due to illegal immigration,' then "the fact is, despite the murderous mayhem raging across the border in Mexico, the US side, from San Diego to Brownsville, Texas, is one of the nation's safest corridors." Adds time, "According to the FBI, the four large US cities (with populations of at least 500,000) with the lowest violent crime rates -- San Diego, Phoenix and the Texas cities of El Paso and Austin -- are all in border states."

Drug Cartels In Mexico Exercising Control Over Media. The Washington Post (8/2, A1, Booth, 684K) reports on its front page that as the war with drug cartels in Mexico rages, journalists afraid "for their lives and the safety of their families...are adhering to a near-complete news blackout, under strict orders of drug smuggling organizations and their

enforcers, who dictate -- via daily telephone calls, e-mails and news releases -- what can and cannot be printed or aired." The Post describes a situation in which Mexican news professionals insisted that interviews regarding the situation "take place away from their offices, at back tables in empty bars." The Post says that "along the South Texas border, millions of Mexicans live without news of the spectacular violence swirling around them."

Operational News:

WIKILEAKS DEVELOPER QUESTIONED BY ICE. (MON) AFP (8/2) reports, "Defense Secretary Robert Gates on Sunday pronounced the Wikileaks website 'guilty' on moral grounds for releasing secret US documents on the Afghan war, saying the move was reckless." The Washington Times (8/2, Lengell, 77K), among other news outlets, also reports Gates' comments this morning. The New York Times (8/2, Schmitt, Sanger, 1.09M) reports, meanwhile, "As the authorities continued their investigation into the source of the leaks, a Seattle-based software developer who has volunteered for WikiLeaks said he was detained at Newark Liberty International Airport on Thursday and questioned for three hours. The developer, Jacob Appelbaum, 27, said in an interview that as he was returning from an overseas trip, agents from Immigration and Customs Enforcement and from the Army's criminal investigation division asked him about Mr. Assange."

CNET News (8/2) reports the ICE and Army officials told Appelbaum "he was not under arrest but was being detained," according to sources. "They asked questions about Wikileaks, asked for his opinions about the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and asked where Wikileaks founder Julian Assange is, but he declined to comment without a lawyer present, according to the sources. He was not permitted to make a phone call, they said. After about three hours, Appelbaum was given his laptop back but the agents kept his three mobile phones, sources said."

SIX TURNED OVER TO ICE FOLLOWING MARICOPA COUNTY SWEEP. (SAT) The AP (7/31, Myers) reported, "The Maricopa County Sheriff's Office arrested 36 people in a crime and immigration sweep Thursday and Friday, and six are suspected to be illegal immigrants. Everyone arrested was stopped for traffic violations." The suspected undocumented immigrants "were arrested on charges of failure to provide identification and will be turned over to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement to be deported."

SOUTH CAROLINA RESTAURATEUR PLEADS GUILTY FOLLOWING ICE OPERATIONS. (SAT) The Hilton Head Island Packet (7/31, 19K) reported, "The owner of the Jade Garden restaurants in Beaufort and greater Bluffton has pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting the transporting of illegal immigrants, according to a US Attorney's Office news release Friday. Zilen Wang, also known as Zi Tong Wang, 34, of Beaufort is an illegal immigrant and one of the owners and operators of the Chinese restaurants, the release said." Indictments in May for "Wang and five other Chinese nationals in Beaufort County who own or operate the Jade Garden restaurants" came after "raids by US Immigrations and Customs Enforcement agents in March of the two restaurants and several residences. Fifteen, including Wang, were charged March 24 with being in the US illegally. Wang already was considered an ICE fugitive after failing to comply with a 1998 voluntary departure order issued by a federal judge."

ILLINOIS MAN FACES HUMAN SMUGGLING CHARGES AFTER FACING NEWSPAPER AD. (SAT) The AP (7/31, Korte) reported Illinois man Jaroslaw Kowalczyk "faces human smuggling charges after investigators say he placed an ad in a Chicago-area Polish language newspaper, offering to drive illegal immigrants to New Mexico to take advantage of the state's lax driver's license rules." He "is accused of driving two Polish immigrants from Chicago to Albuquerque this month, charging them \$1,000 each and trying to help them get driver's licenses, according to a criminal complaint filed in US District Court in Albuquerque." According to the complaint, ICE agents "recently have reported 'a significant number' of fraud arrests in Albuquerque involving undocumented citizens of Mexico, Poland, Brazil, Ecuador, El Salvador and Guatemala seeking New Mexico licenses."

WOMAN REFERRED TO ICE FOLLOWING PROSTITUTION CHARGES IN CHICAGO SUBURBS. (SAT) The Chicago Daily Herald (7/31, Naqvi, 130K) reported on charges that customers at East West Healing Touch massage parlors in the Chicago suburbs of Hampshire and Crystal Lake "have been getting more than just a massage." Two women "were charged with prostitution Thursday after an undercover operation revealed they were offering their clients sexual acts, according to police." One of the women, Mengyi Guan, "is on an expired work visa from China and has been referred to the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement office in Chicago for possible action."

MEXICAN MIGRANT ON MOST-WANTED LIST ARRESTED BY ICE. (SAT) The Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram (7/31, Jones) reported, "A 35-year-old Mexican immigrant, who was on Denton County's list of most-wanted fugitives, was arrested last week by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents. Enrique Arias Idelfonso was arrested on a warrant from the Denton County Sheriff's office that accused him of felony drug possession, ICE officials said in a press release." He "was booked into the Denton County Jail where he is scheduled to face the drug charge, ICE officials said."

KHAT SHIPMENT DISCOVERED IN GARY, INDIANA. (SAT) The Gary (IN) Post-Tribune (7/31, Caldwell, 64K) reported, "The tip from Honolulu police led Gary detectives to a shipment of a green leafy substance unlike any they'd seen before. One that federal officials say may be providing cash for terrorist activities in the Middle East." Twenty-seven pounds of khat "had been intercepted in Hawaii as it made its way around the world, on its way to Gary, then Grand Rapids, Mich." The Post-Tribune noted that DHS "is interested in the shipments of khat in the belief the profits are used by terrorists."

MORE THAN \$2 MILLION IN PILLS DISCOVERED IN CANADA-US SMUGGLING ATTEMPT. (SAT) On its website, CTV Canada (7/31, Nixon) reported, "The first sign that something was wrong came well ahead of the story about the Hells Angels sending ecstasy shipments from Canada to the US on Jet Skis. Suspicions were first raised when the US Coast Guard patrollers heard that 'this was just a dry run.'" After being stopped on a boat in Bellingham Bay last summer, John Walters and Eric Ivary "were hauled in for questioning. The Coast Guard officers had the right idea -- that the boat was tied to drug smuggling -- but they had reeled in their catch on the wrong day." Walters was released and "quickly put under surveillance by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement." Ultimately, Walters was caught carrying out an operation in which ICE agents discovered "100,000 MDMA (ecstasy) and BZP pills, worth more than \$2 million on the street."

SEATTLE MAN ARRESTED IN CHILD SEX CASE. (SAT) The Seattle Times (7/31, De Leon) reported Seattle man has Gary Lee Waffle "been arrested for allegedly traveling from Seattle to Parker, Colo., to have sex with a 6-year-old girl and the child's 14-year-old babysitter." He "didn't know was that the child's mother and the babysitter -- both of whom he met in an Internet chat room -- were fictitious characters both played by a Parker, Colo., police detective working as part of a child-sex Internet task force." The Times notes that Waffle's "case was investigated jointly by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement and the Parker Police Department."

KOMO-TV Seattle (8/1) reported on its website that Waffle's "arrest was announced by Kumar Kibble, special agent in charge of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office of Homeland Security Investigations. 'This case shows how important it is for law enforcement agencies to work together to identify, arrest and prosecute brazen predators who would travel across state lines to have sex with a small child,' Kibble said."

Policy and Issues News:

AP RIDES ALONG FOR ICE DEPORTATION FLIGHT. (SAT) The AP (8/1, Tareen) reported on its ride along with an ICE deportation flight for 53 undocumented immigrants -- the type that "leave from some 40 US cities, sometimes on a daily basis. In the last year, more than 350,000 illegal immigrants have been deported - about 220,000 by plane. The number of immigrants sent back to their homelands has more than tripled in the last decade and is expected to continue soaring." Some of those deported "will be back, perhaps soon. Authorities at ICE say they must carry out the law, even when that means returning the same people repeatedly at an average cost of \$650 per person for the one-way flight." ICE's chief of flight operations Craig Charles said, "It's a fact of life. They're the border crossers, that's what they do... They live there. They come across, and they'll get caught. It is a revolving door." AP adds, "Later this year, the agency is set to start a tactic aimed at deterring immediate re-crossings. Flights will be taken to the interior of Mexico, which will make it harder for immigrants to return right away."

RITTER STILL CONSIDERING WHETHER COLORADO SHOULD JOIN SECURE COMMUNITIES. (SUN) The Denver Post (8/1, Hoover, 282K) reported, "More than a year after a special panel recommended the state adopt a federal system to weed out illegal immigrants among people booked into jail, Colorado Gov. Bill Ritter is still considering whether to join" ICE's Secure Communities program. His "uncertainty...comes even as the city of Denver has been preparing to implement the system in the event the state signs on," and El Paso and Arapahoe counties favor its implementation. "At an appearance in Denver on Friday, the Democratic governor gave little indication about whether he would sign an agreement with ICE to use the system. 'I'm doing my work, which is investigating - both listening to the input from people who are critical of it but also having discussions with ICE about whether we can have a meeting of the minds,' Ritter said, 'and I have no more to say right now and have made no decision.'"

NEW ICE HEAD OF DETENTIONS AND DEPORTATIONS IN FLORIDA WILL CONTINUE REFORMS. (MON) The South Florida Sun-Sentinel (8/2, Campbell, 212K) profiles Marc Moore, who took over last week as ICE's new head of immigration detentions and deportations in Florida. He "says he will continue reforms to the detention system, which has long been criticized by immigrant advocates as harsh and unfair." He said ICE is "going after violent criminals first." The Sun-Sentinel adds that while the reforms at ICE "are welcomed by immigration attorneys, many of whom were consulted for the final plan, they worry whether Moore will implement the plan, said Cheryl Little, executive director of the Florida Immigrant Advocacy Center. 'Huge numbers of immigrants are still being detained who have not broken any law,' said Little, who met with ICE officials as they drafted the reforms."

MORE UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS BEING IDENTIFIED AT INDIANA JAIL. (MON) Referring to Indiana's St.

Joseph County Jail as "ground zero for detecting illegal immigrants," the South Bend (IN) Tribune (8/2, Malone, 68K) reports that officials there "are discovering an increasing number of inmates that are undocumented, records show. This year, the jail is on track to double the number of illegals in its cells from last year. Currently, there are 14 men in the jail wanted by the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), records show. ... Suspects brought to the jail who cannot provide identification or who are foreign-born are checked for citizenship through ICE, according to Assistant Chief William Redman. 'These people are brought in on criminal charges; we aren't hunting them down,' Redman said. 'And as a result of that they're being checked.'"

EFFORTS TO IDENTIFY UNDOCUMENTED INMATES IN TENNESSEE'S SHELBY COUNTY NOTED. (SUN) Noting participation of Tennessee's Shelby County Jail in the Criminal Alien Program and the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program, the Memphis Commercial Appeal (8/1, Goetz, 187K) reported that each person booked into the jail since 2008 have been asked three questions: "What country were you born in? In what country do you claim citizenship? Do you claim citizenship from any other country?" Noting the controversy over Arizona's SB 1070 immigration law, Commercial Appeal added that "communities across the United States have, for years, identified illegal immigrants and alerted federal authorities. In fact, the practice is promoted by a slew of federal programs that connect local law enforcement agencies' community knowledge with federal expertise."

IMMIGRANT ADVOCATES IN SANTA CRUZ CRITICIZING SECURE COMMUNITIES. (SAT) The San Jose Mercury News (7/31, Jones, 224K) reported "a recently formed coalition of immigrant advocates is scrutinizing" ICE's "controversial" Secure Communities program, which "is scheduled to be deployed in Santa Cruz County in August. The program represents a 'dramatic shift in immigration enforcement,' and it's being implemented quietly without community input, said Isaac Menashe, an analyst with the California Immigrant Policy Center's Oakland office." He said that "while officials stress catching violent criminals, the program is casting a wider net and 'through the criminal justice system more and more people are entering the immigration system.'"

SYSTEM TO AID IN LOCATION OF IMMIGRANT DETAINEES. (SAT) KPBS-TV San Diego, CA (7/31, Isackson) reported on its website that ICE officials "have launched a new online system to help relatives and attorneys find people who are in immigration lock-ups. In the past, locating people was sometimes impossible." ICE spokeswoman Lauren Mack "says the new online system is designed to help. 'It's all part of the announcement that ICE made last year that it was undertaking sweeping reforms of the immigration detention system to improve the conditions of confinement, including medical care, mental health care, and to also continue to have the oversight we need,' said Mack."

The San Bernardino (CA) Sun (8/2, Koren, 50K) reports, "When Freddy, an illegal immigrant and day laborer, was arrested by immigration officers in San Bernardino, it took his family nearly a week to find out where he'd been taken. Socorro Qui ones of Central City Lutheran Mission in San Bernardino said several organizations were looking for Freddy before they learned he was in an Immigration and Customs Enforcement facility in New Mexico." The Sun adds, meanwhile, that "on July 23, a few days after Freddy's arrest, ICE officials - who have said they want the agency to be more transparent and humane - launched a new online system to let families track the location of loved ones who have been detained. ICE spokeswoman Gillian Brigham says detainees should be in the system within 20 minutes of being booked, but that wasn't the case for Freddy, and immigration advocates say it's not the case for most ICE detainees."

ICE WORKING TO IMPROVE DETAINEE CARE. (SAT) The Tacoma (WA) News-Tribune (7/31, Pihl) reported, "Mario Guzman is one of thousands of illegal immigrants with a chronic health condition who is being held in federal custody while facing possible deportation. ... ICE spokeswoman Lorie Dankers did not have a figure available for his care, but she said Guzman is medically stable and has a doctor overseeing his care who specializes in kidneys. ICE provided Guzman with the medications he needed quickly and had him to his first dialysis appointment the morning after he arrived at the center, Dankers said. Medical care for immigrants in federal custody has become more of a priority since newspaper reports in recent years of detainees dying while in custody because of poor care. John Morton, who leads ICE as an assistant secretary of Homeland Security, has said improved detainee health care is a top priority."

OKLAHOMA RAPID REPATRIATION PROGRAM SAVING STATE MILLIONS. (MON) The Oklahoman (8/2, Brown, 170K) reports Oklahoma's year-old Criminal Alien Rapid Repatriation Act "is saving Oklahomans millions of dollars by deporting illegal immigrant criminals back to their home countries." The Oklahoman says much of Oklahoma's "law mirrors language written by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials for the federal rapid repatriation program. A federal version of the program began in 2007 and five states have agreements with federal immigration officials to identify and repatriate incarcerated criminals. Oklahoma's program is a state-run program and not a part of the federal rapid repatriation program."

FUNDING COMING INTO INDIANA THROUGH SCAAP. (MON) The Courier Press (Evansville, IN) (8/2) reports, "A grant program intended to encourage states and localities to report to the federal government illegal immigrants who are incarcerated might not do much to change how Indiana law enforcement officials operate, but it does provide an infusion

of cash that can be spent on housing those inmates. Though Vanderburgh County is not receiving any State Criminal Alien Assistance Program money, the state's prison system is. ... Doug Garrison, a spokesman for the Indiana Department of Correction, said the money does not affect who the state chooses to arrest and charge with crimes. It simply adds to the budget to run prisons."

KYL, GRAHAM SHOW GOP TAKING TOUGH STANCE ON IMMIGRATION. (MON) The Hill (8/2, Bolton, 21K) reports Sen. Jon Kyl's statement on CBS's Face the Nation backing Sen. Lindsey Graham's recent suggestion that lawmakers look into whether to grant citizenship to children of undocumented immigrants born in the US, along with Graham's call for "all Americans to carry a biometric identification card to prove to employers they are eligible to work legally," indicate "that the GOP is striking a tougher rhetorical posture on illegal immigration before the November elections." On Sunday, Kyl "cited the costs illegal immigrants pose to state governments, which must pay for their education and medical care." Graham said on CNN's State of the Union that "every American should carry a biometric ID card with a finger print that must be presented to employers."

End To Birthright Citizenship Could Be Immigration Debate's "Next Front." Under the headline "The Next Front On Immigration," Newsweek (8/1, Conant, 2.65M) reports, "Arizona's tough immigration law is just the beginning of the conservative battle to clamp down on illegal immigrants. A broader fight is coming-possibly even to change the US Constitution." GOP Sen. Lindsey Graham "made headlines last week, telling Fox News he's considering a constitutional change to revise the right, enshrined in the 14th Amendment, that grants automatic citizenship to any child born in the United States." While "Graham wasn't the first to call for such a measure...his voice could add credibility to what had been a fringe idea."

BACKERS OF STATE IMMIGRATION CRACKDOWNS CONSIDER ARIZONA RULING. (MON) Politico (8/2, Gerstein, 25K) reports that backers of Arizona-style immigration laws across the country say last week's ruling blocking key portions of SB 1070 "won't dissuade them from pressing on with their campaign to assert local governments' rights to manage the issue." And while Wednesday's ruling from Judge Susan Bolton "in the closely watched dispute may have influence in other states, it applies only in Arizona."

Conversely, USA Today (8/2, Gomez, 2.11M) reports that legislators in other states pushing Arizona-style efforts "are changing course after" Wednesday's ruling. "Courtney Combs, a Republican state representative in Ohio, was planning to file a nearly identical bill this week but says he will remove the parts Bolton blocked to avert the possibility of a lawsuit." Likewise, "Robert Geddes, the Idaho state Senate's highest-ranking Republican, says his colleagues had planned to file an S.B. 1070 replica but are making changes."

Syndicated by more than 180 media outlets, The AP (7/31, Davenport, Billeaud) reports, "In the days since US District Judge Susan Bolton put the most controversial parts of [Arizona's immigration] law on hold, hundreds of e-mails and phone calls -- including some threats -- have poured into the courthouse. Seventy people have been arrested in demonstrations." In an order late Friday, the 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals said that it will "hold a hearing in the first week of November on Arizona's challenge. ... Earlier Friday, [Gov. Brewer said] that she'd consider changes to 'tweak' the law to respond to the parts Bolton faulted."

Bloomberg News (7/30, McQuillen) adds that Arizona sought an expedited hearing before the US Court of Appeals in San Francisco "in a bid to reinstate provisions of a law requiring police to determine the immigration status of people stopped for questioning. If the appeals court grants the request, it would hear arguments over the law in mid-September, according to a request submitted yesterday by Gov. Brewer. The appeal should be sped up because the barred provisions 'were critical to address serious criminal, environmental, and economic problems Arizona has been suffering as a consequence of illegal immigration and the lack of effective enforcement activity by the federal government,' Arizona said in a copy of the request provided by the state."

Kneedler Considered "Savvy" Choice To Argue Suit Against Immigration Law. The Washington Post (7/31, Markon, 684K) profiles Edwin Kneedler, the deputy solicitor general who leads the government's lawsuit over Arizona's new immigration law. Several years ago, he "argued his 100th case before the US Supreme Court, a benchmark shared by fewer than 10 attorneys in US history. ... As the government's lead attorney, Kneedler must fight a law that President Obama has strongly condemned while not alienating Arizonans who fervently support it, all in the context of a national struggle over the divisive issue of immigration. ... He is no stranger to politically charged cases: More than a decade ago, he argued the government's position on whether young Cuban refugee Elian Gonzalez should be sent home to his father, and he worked on briefs about whether Paula Jones's sexual harassment case against President Bill Clinton should proceed with Clinton in office."

Navarrette: Arizona-Style Immigration Laws Make Even Less Sense In Texas. In his Washington Post (7/31, 684K) column, Ruben Navarrette writes, "Like the saying goes, common sense isn't always common -- even in Texas," where

state Rep. Berman (R) "is drafting an Arizona-style bill for Texas and plans to introduce it next session. ... Texas Republicans also want to deny citizenship to the US-born children of illegal immigrants, ban day-labor work centers, limit bilingual education to three years, and deny non-US citizens access to state or federal financial assistance for college." Navarrette notes that Latinos in Texas will make up nearly 80% of the state's population growth over the next 30 years. "What the Texas GOP drafted was a pact with the devil. All of which leads me to ask my friends in the Lone Star State the same question my mom used to ask me growing up: 'If all the other kids jumped off a cliff, would you do the same?' Apparently they would," says Navarrette.

Arizona Was Recently A Welcoming State For Immigrants. The Los Angeles Times (8/2, Gorman, Riccardi, 776K) reports that while Arizona is gaining widespread attention for having "the harshest policies against illegal immigration," it was recently "among the nation's most welcoming of illegal immigrants. Back then, its two Republican US senators and one of its congressmen were among the strongest advocates of legalizing millions of illegal residents in the country." To account for the rapid turnaround, Mesa Mayor Scott Smith referred to a "perfect storm" involving "a combination of demographic changes, the introduction of a criminal element that didn't used to be here and the drop in the economy, which has put everyone on edge."

Analysts: Arizona Law Boosting Brewer, Having Little Impact Elsewhere. US News and World Report (8/1, Kim) reports, "Arizona's immigration debate increased pressure on Congress to act on immigration reform, but produced little political impact for the midterm elections outside of the Grand Canyon State." Adds USNews, "The real political winner in Arizona's immigration debate is Gov. Jan Brewer, who is also up for re-election. Since she signed the immigration law in April, her poll numbers against Democratic state Attorney General Terry Goddard have skyrocketed." However, "analysts doubt the Arizona controversy will make much of a political splash in elections farther from Mexico's border."

Arizona Immigration Law A "Provocation" Rather Than A Policy Move. Roberto Suro, a professor at the University of Southern California's Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism, writes in a Washington Post (8/1, B1, 684K) op-ed that Arizona's SB 1070 immigration law "is more of a provocation than an attempt to enact policy, and as a protest against Washington's failure to fix a broken immigration system, it resonates." Suggesting that the case is likely to end up in the Supreme Court, Suro says that if "Arizona ultimately wins in court, states could end up obliged to fashion their own immigration controls. If the federal government wins, President Obama could find himself running for reelection on a devilish issue he has done his best to avoid."

Arizona Law Sparked Few Arrests In Aftermath Of Signing. Time's Elizabeth Dias (7/31) writes that for all of Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Maricopa County's "hype...the day the law went into effect, he and his deputies arrested only three undocumented people. By contrast, on Wednesday nearly 90 illegal immigrants were arrested in a two-part sweep in Virginia and Washington, DC." In addition to the fact key provisions were struck down by a judge, "there may have been other reasons the numbers were low." For example, "some officers said the desert monsoon weather dampened the operation. Another factor may well have been Lydia Guzman, a prominent Hispanic activist, who, along with a group called CopWatch, designed a detailed messaging system to warn the Phoenix Valley of immigration sweeps."

Lawmakers Weigh In On Arizona Law. GOP Rep. Trent Franks (AZ) writes in US News and World Report (8/1), "Opposition to Arizona's new immigration law...is grounded, at best, in ignorance of the bill and, at worst, in intentional misrepresentations of the law. Unfortunately, I believe the latter describes the administration," which has "said the law promotes racial profiling, yet the law specifically prohibits racial profiling. The president has suggested the law requires noncitizens to carry 'papers' that they otherwise wouldn't have to. But federal law has required noncitizens to carry identification for over 50 years." Adds Franks, "The executive branch (i.e., the Obama administration) exists to enforce the law, not subvert it or apply only what it finds agreeable."

Democratic Rep. Luis Gutierrez, in US News and World Report (8/1) writes that "while much has been made of the law's popularity in the polls, that same polling shows that those who support the Arizona law also support a comprehensive federal immigration solution." Both Democrats and Republicans "agree on most of a unified, politically viable, and workable immigration reform package. ... The problem is that Democrats and Republicans cannot agree on what to do with the estimated 10.8 million illegal immigrants already here." Obama and the Justice Department, meanwhile, "are right to sue Arizona. Immigration policy should be set and enforced federally."

Palin Blasts Obama's Handling Of Illegal Immigration. The Washington Post (8/2, Delong, 684K) reports that on Fox News Sunday yesterday, former Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin (R) said that Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer (R) has "the cojones" that President Obama "does not have" on illegal immigration. Palin, the Post adds, "blasted Obama over the Justice Department's lawsuit to block Arizona's controversial new law and attacked him in particular for not addressing 'sanctuary cities' -- where local law enforcement is prohibited from asking people about their immigration status. Arizona's law bans sanctuary cities."

LOWER PRICED COUNTERFEIT GOODS COMING FROM CHINA. (SUN) The New York Times (8/1, Clifford, 1.09M) reports on the growth of counterfeit products among mid-price goods which is said to be a result of idle capacity in Chinese factories. Counterfeiters are "pricing the counterfeits close to retail prices" to "entice unsuspecting buyers." The Times adds that "the total value of counterfeit goods seized by United States customs officials increased by more than 25 percent each year from 2005 to 2008, using the government's fiscal calendar. In fiscal 2009, as imports over all dropped by 25 percent, the value of counterfeit products seized dropped by only 4 percent to \$260.7 million."

AGENCY CONSIDERS SKIRTING CONGRESS ON IMMIGRATION. (SAT) The AP (7/31, Davis) says the Obama administration, "unable to push an immigration overhaul through Congress, is considering ways it could go around lawmakers to let undocumented immigrants stay in the United States, according to an agency memo. The internal draft written by officials at US Citizenship and Immigration Services outlines ways the government could provide 'relief' to illegal immigrants -- including delaying deportation for some, perhaps indefinitely, or granting green cards to others -- in the absence of legislation revamping the system." The memo, written in April to the agency's director, "says: 'This memorandum offers administrative relief options to promote family unity, foster economic growth, achieve significant process improvements and reduce the threat of removal for certain individuals present in the United States without authorization.'"

The Los Angeles Times (7/31, Watanabe, 776K) adds, "Republicans denounced the memo as proof that the Obama administration is aiming to bypass Congress to legalize millions of illegal immigrants. Since June, Grassley and other Republican senators have sent two letters to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano asking for a response to reports of plans for a 'large-scale, de facto amnesty.' ... Immigrant advocates, who have pressed the administration for months to use executive actions given congressional delays in pushing forward a broad immigration system overhaul, praised the memo as a creative way to bring relief to suffering migrants."

CNN.com (7/30, Meserve) says the memo "lays out how to reduce the threat of removal for many illegal immigrants through administrative and regulatory changes, characterizing one as 'a non-legislative version of amnesty.' Citizenship and Immigration Services says it was merely a brainstorming memo. In a statement, the department said, 'Internal memos do not and should not be equated with official action of policy of the Department. ... DHS will not grant deferred action or humanitarian parole to the nation's entire illegal immigrant population.'"

NYTIMES SAYS ALL IMMIGRATION DETAINEES DESERVE A FAIR HEARING. (SAT) The New York Times (7/31) editorializes, "The Department of Homeland Security has been working to clean up the immigration-justice system it inherited from the Bush administration, a sprawling detention-and-deportation operation plagued by overcrowding, mistreatment and shocking medical neglect. Ongoing scrutiny from legal experts and human-rights advocates shows how much work remains. A new report from Human Rights Watch and the American Civil Liberties Union lays out in unsettling detail the burdens faced by a particularly vulnerable group: immigrants with mental disabilities. The immigration-justice system is notoriously unjust and difficult to navigate. Noncitizens have no right to an appointed lawyer, for example, and most end up fending for themselves in immigration court. ... Noncitizens must overcome a high bar to prove their right to stay in the United States. But all deserve a fair hearing, particularly those least able to make the case for themselves."

In Brief:

IMMIGRATION DETAINER PLACED ON MAN ACCUSED OF BITING GIRLFRIEND'S FINGER. (MON) The Lakeland (FL) Ledger (8/2) reports Apoleinar Guerro "was arrested early Sunday after he bit off the tip of his girlfriend's finger during an argument at a party, according to the Polk County Sheriff's Office." He "was charged with felony battery and was held without bail at the Polk County Jail on Sunday. An immigration detainer was placed on Guerro by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, according to federal documents. Guerro had been at a party with his girlfriend when the two argued. He grabbed her head and bit her finger, an arrest affidavit said."

BAKERSFIELD MAN FACES RAPE CHARGES FOLLOWING ICE INVESTIGATION. (SAT) KBFX-TV Bakersfield (CA) (7/31) reported on its website that Bakersfield man and registered sex offender German Baeza "is facing a litany of charges as the suspect in a recent rape and attempted rape." He "allegedly raped a 15-year-old girl in an orchard east of the city. The girl told the Kern County Sheriff's Office that she met the suspect at a fast-food restaurant after initially meeting him online. ... As a result of the investigation conducted by the sheriff's office and U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, which routinely works on Internet-based crimes against children, Baeza faces" numerous charges.

MEXICAN NATIONALS IN CHICAGO SUBURB UNDER ICE HOLDS. (SAT) The Chicago Daily Herald (7/31, Fuller) reported, "Two Mexican nationals were arrested and charged with delivering nearly 1 kilogram of methamphetamine to an undercover officer in Elgin this week, according to information released by the FBI Friday evening. Miguel Sanchez, 23 of Kansas City, Kan. and his brother, Fidel Sanchez, 30, of the 1000 block Sixth Street in Harvard, were arrested without incident late Monday." The Daily Herald noted that ICE "placed detainees on the men for possible deportation. If

convicted, the Sanchez brothers face up to 10 years in prison." The Courier (IL) News (8/1, McFarlan) also covered the case.

CALIFORNIA MAN SENTENCED ON CHILD PORN CHARGES. (SAT) The Sacramento Bee (7/31) reported Ceres man Ronald Wayne Martin "has been sentenced to 15 years in federal prison after he was convicted of telling an undercover investigator posing as a single mother he wanted to molest her children, according to federal prosecutors." He "was convicted of attempted sexual exploitation of a minor in federal court. The prosecutors said he has been in custody since Sept. 24." The Bee noted that ICE "began investigating Martin when agents spotted child pornographic images posted on a Web site."

SEATTLE MAN SENTENCED ON CHILD PORN CHARGES. (SUN) The Seattle Post Intelligencer (8/1, Sunde) reported Seattle man Clyde Dale Loshbaugh "was sentenced to 14 years in prison Friday and a lifetime of supervised release for possession of child pornography. ... A repair technician saw the photographs of naked young girls and alerted authorities. Police confiscated the computer. Officers and federal agents with Immigration and Customs Enforcement discovered the more than 2,000 images of child pornography."

DETAINEES PLACED ON MEN ARRESTED IN VIRGINIA MURDER. (SAT) The News & Messenger (VA) (7/31, Stewart) reported Manassas man Jose Antonio Ontiveros "was sentenced to serve two years and two months in prison Thursday for a 2008 homicide near the Grant Avenue Shopping Center in Manassas." He "is the third man to be convicted and sentenced for the May 31, 2008, shooting death of Omar Florencio Vazquez. ... Jose Ontiveros, Santos Ontiveros and Cortez-Hernandez are also being held on Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainers and will likely be deported after serving their sentences, authorities said."

Top DHS News:

BP PREPARING TO LAUNCH "STATIC KILL" AS EARLY AS TONIGHT. (MON) The AP (8/2) reports, "The only thing keeping millions more gallons of oil out of the Gulf of Mexico right now is a rush job: an experimental cap that has held for more than two weeks but was never meant to be permanent. As soon as this week, crews will be pumping in some insurance." Now "engineers are preparing to launch a so-called static kill as early as Monday evening, shoving mud and perhaps cement into the blown-out well to make it easier to plug the gusher up forever and end the Summer of the Spill." While "the effort carries no certainty," BP's "engineers and petroleum experts say it's the clearest path yet to choke the blown-out well and make it even easier for the crews drilling the relief well to ensure oil can never again erupt from the deep-sea well."

The Washington Post (8/2, Achenbach, 684K) reports, "If all goes perfectly, the one-two mud punch will literally be overkill. The static kill will terminate Macondo, and the bottom kill will be more like a confirmation test, akin to poking the body to make sure it's dead." However, "optimism has been a dangerous attitude throughout the oil spill disaster, and the federal point man for the spill response, retired Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen, has warned against complacency."

Local Officials Urge BP Not To Dismantle Clean-Up Operation Yet. The Wall Street Journal (8/2, Gonzalez, 2.08M) reports that amid high expectation for BP's "static kill" procedure, local officials are calling on the company not to remove its equipment or workforce from the area until the full extent of the spill's damage can be fully assessed.

Congressional Panel Says Too Much Dispersant Used To Break Up Spilled Oil. The CBS Evening News (8/1, lead story, 2:40, Teague, 6.1M) reported in its lead story, "There are lingering questions about the safety of using so much chemical dispersant to break up the oil in the Gulf." According to "a congressional subcommittee...documents show Coast Guard officials allowed BP to use much more dispersant than previously reported, despite an order by the EPA to use it rarely." Rep. Edward Markey was shown saying, "There has been an unprecedented underwater scientific experiment going on for months, where toxic chemicals have been shot into toxic oil." CBS continued, "BP officials say the company did cut back on dispersant used after the government order and has worked closely with federal agencies since."

ABC World News (8/1, lead story, 2:50, Kofman, 8.2M) also reported that "there is concern about what happened to" to the oil, "in particular, the use of more than 1 million gallons of chemical dispersants to break it up." Doug Suttles, BP COO, was shown saying, "We did what we felt was the appropriate amount." The Wall Street Journal (8/2, Ball, 2.08M) also reports the story under the headline "Congress Questions Oil-Dispersant Usage."

UPROAR OVER IMMIGRATION NOT DETERRING ILLEGAL BORDER CROSSERS. (SAT) AFP (7/31, Pineda) reported, "Neither US Border Patrol agents nor drug traffickers deterred Mario Guerrero from attempting, with his pregnant wife and young son, to cross illegally from Mexico to Arizona, where a new immigration law also awaited them." AFP added that "a deployment of 1,200 National Guard troops to the US side of the border is due to start Sunday to help the Mexican government's crackdown on smuggling and drug trafficking." Despite the debate over immigration that has been

kicked up by Arizona's immigration law, "many are still determined to cross their northern border to try to better their lives."

BORDER PATROL IN MARFA SECTOR BOTHERS SOME LONGTIME RESIDENTS. (MON) The El Paso Times (8/2, Garcia-Ditta, 73K) reports, "Since 2006, thousands of additional agents have been assigned to the Border Patrol's sprawling Marfa sector, which covers 165,000 square miles, including 510 miles of border. The Border Patrol has massively stepped up its recruitment efforts in the past four years, upping the number of agents nationwide from 12,000 to 20,000, says Marfa sector spokesman Bill Brooks." And though "many residents in the area feel safer with more agents scanning for drug traffickers," some "who have lived for decades in these isolated areas see all the added security as overkill in what is a relatively safe region."

PASCUA YAQUI TRIBE ISSUES WHTI-COMPLIANT ID CARDS. (SUN) The AP (8/1) reported the Pascua Yaqui Tribe in southern Arizona "has become the first to issue identification cards with enhanced federal security features to its members." The cards will allow members of the tribe "to enter the United States by land or through a sea port of entry. They were developed after more than a year of consultation with the US Department of Homeland Security." They "meet the requirements of what's known as the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative - a post Sept. 11, 2001 effort to strengthen US border security. The cards have radio frequency identification technology and allow for the electronic verification of tribal membership, identity and US citizenship."

ALL PASSENGER PLANE CARGO SCREENED AS OF SUNDAY. (SUN) The AP (8/1, Koenig) reported that airlines were "buying giant X-ray machines and other machinery to meet an Aug. 1 deadline to begin screening all cargo that goes on passenger planes. Federal officials say the new rules will close a large security gap. Just four years ago, only half of all cargo was inspected." The AP added that "about half of all domestic cargo is being screened at more than 800 facilities run by companies certified by the Transportation Security Administration. The TSA relies on those operators to ensure that cargo isn't opened before reaching the airport."

The Reno (NV) Gazette-Journal (7/31, LaPoint, 52K) reported that TSA spokesman Dwayne Baird "said air cargo screening was formerly required on all cargo on domestic flights on narrow body, single-aisle aircraft but not all aircraft. Single-aisle aircraft made up about 95 percent of all domestic flights, Baird said. Individual air carriers are now responsible for having all cargo screened, whether independently or through a Certified Cargo Screening Program (CCSP) facilitated by the TSA and created to lighten the load on airlines and minimize costs and cargo delays."

MORE CITIES TRAINING POSTAL WORKERS TO DISTRIBUTE DRUGS AFTER TERRORIST ATTACK. (MON) Noting that Minneapolis-St. Paul is "the only metropolitan area" so far where US "letter carriers have been trained to dispense medication" in the wake of a bioterrorism attack, USA Today (8/2, Hall, 2.11M) reports, "Six years after the government began exploring the idea of using postal workers as rapid-response medicine dispensers and eight months after President Obama ordered government agencies to develop a plan to do so, efforts are underway in six cities to train workers to deliver the drugs needed to counter anthrax or other potentially deadly agents, the White House says. The White House won't name the six cities, and Department of Homeland Security spokeswoman Amy Kudwa says she can't talk about whether more cities are interested in the voluntary program." However, White House spokesman Nick Shapiro says "many cities have expressed interest" in the program, especially now that there is a successful model to follow in Minneapolis."

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Leading the News:

FBI, ICE ARREST THREE IN RAIDS FOCUSED ON SHAHZAD FUNDING. FBI and ICE agents arrested three men on immigration charges during a series of northeast raids Thursday morning in the Faisal Shahzad probe. The arrests are generating heavy press coverage, including stories on all three network broadcasts – the lead story on two. Media reports

prominently note that yesterday's operation resulted from Shahzad's ongoing cooperation with investigators, and news stories emphasize that yesterday's action focused on the hawala money transfer system, through which Shahzad reportedly has said he received funds for the plot.

ABC World News (5/13, lead story, 2:55, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported, "The sun had barely come up this morning when FBI agents fanned out across the northeast, banging on doors and arresting people as part of their terrorism sweep." ABC (Ross) added that the "raids and arrests are a result of what has been a ten-day confessional by" Shahzad. Attorney General Holder was shown saying, "These are people who are connected with Mr. Shahzad. We are still trying to determine what the nature of that connection was. There is at least a base to believe that one of the things that they did was to provide him with funds."

The CBS Evening News (5/13, lead story, 2:55, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "Ever since Faisal Shahzad was arrested...one big question has been where did he get the money to finance the operation?" CBS (Orr) added, "FBI agents converged on multiple locations chasing the money trail," although "investigators caution it's not clear if the three" arrested yesterday "knew about Shahzad's plot and say it's possible they helped him unwittingly," and Holder "says the arrests and the searches single no new danger." Holder: "The searches are the product of evidence that has been gathered in the investigation since the attempted Times Square bombing, and do not relate to any known immediate threat to the public or active plot against the United States." Orr: "Holder also repeated his earlier claim, linking Shahzad's attack to the Pakistani Taliban."

NBC Nightly News (5/13, story 3, 1:25, B. Williams, 8.37M) reported that as a result of Thursday's raids, investigators "say they have more information, clues about the money trail," and NBC (P. Williams) also reported that the "searches follow up on what officials say Faisal Shahzad has told the FBI in detail, that he received money sent to him from Pakistan through cash exchanges, and couriers in the US." Holder: "There is at least a basis to believe one of the things they did was to provide him with funds. So we are trying to trace back to see what exactly was the nature of those transactions? What was the purpose of the sharing of those monies."

USA Today (5/14, Johnson, 2.11M) also notes, "Holder said the searches are not in response to any immediate threat or active plot against the United States." Meanwhile, New York FBI spokesman Richard Kolko "said agents carried out searches Thursday in Long Island," and Newark FBI spokesman J.J. Klaver "said investigators seized undisclosed items at a home in Cherry Hill and a business in Camden." Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesman Brian Hale said that an arrest in Maine "is connected to the Times Square case, but he declined to provide further details."

The AP (5/14, Pratt, Johnson) adds that Hale said that "all three arrests are administrative and not criminal," and the AP notes that the men "were not charged with any terrorism-related crimes." The New York Post (5/14, Crowley, Morgelli, Weiss, 505K) reports ICE spokeswoman Kelly Nantel said, "These searches are the product of evidence that has been gathered in the investigation subsequent to the attempted Times Square bombing and do not relate to any known immediate threat to the public or active plot against the United States." Bloomberg News (5/14, Green, Moroney) mentions Nantel's comments.

The Boston Globe (5/14, Saltzman, Murphy, Guilfoil, 325K) reports that the Massachusetts "men arrested were Pir Khan, 43, a taxi driver, and Aftab Khan, a gas station attendant in his 20s." They "are distant relatives, a co-worker of one of the men said," and "had been under surveillance for an unspecified period as a result of evidence gathered by the office of Preet Bharara...according to Massachusetts State Police Colonel Marian McGovern." One of them was witnessed, in handcuffs, being put into a car, which was drove off, by an ICE agent.

The Boston Globe (5/14, Valencia, 325K) reported separately on local residents' concerns about the raids, under the headline "Gravity Of FBI Operation Unsettles A Community."

The Cherry Hill (NJ, 21K) Courier Post (5/14, Mast, Roh, Walsh) reports, "The threat of terror touched South Jersey on Thursday with FBI raids at a Cherry Hill home and a Camden business." Agents "made no arrests, but said they collected physical evidence and questioned people at a home at the Park Place condominiums in Cherry Hill. The residence...is occupied by two Pakistani men described as brothers -- Muhammad Fiaz and Iqbal Hinhara," and it was Hinhara's business, Prompt Printing Press Inc., which was searched.

The Boston Herald (5/14, Sweet, Johnson, Crimaldi, 139K) reports, "Federal agents are scrambling today to determine whether a Boston cab driver and Brookline gas station attendant arrested yesterday in a massive sweep knew whether their money was provided to" Shahzad. However, Naseer Khan, "a friend of one of those arrested," told the Herald, "We have nothing to do with the Taliban," and Fida Muhammed, "a brother-in-law of one of the men nabbed," added, "It's all a misunderstanding - 100 percent."

The Boston Herald (5/14, Sweet, 139K) reports separately that Vincent Lacerra of Watertown videotaped the raid in his city, and the Boston Herald (5/14, Van Sack, 139K) reports in a third story, "Gov. Deval Patrick sought to reassure worried Bay State residents," saying in a statement on Thursday that "according to the FBI, there is no immediate threat to the people of Massachusetts."

The New York Times (5/14, Rashbaum, Shane, 1.09M) reports that "Holder said it was unclear if the men knew that the funds they provided were going to be used for an act of terrorism," and "people briefed on the case" told the Times that they "could not say whether the person who provided that money was one of the men taken into custody." The Times notes US Attorney Preet Bharara, "who was conducting a news conference in White Plains on an unrelated case," said yesterday, "Faisal Shahzad is still cooperating and still being interviewed by agents." It also noted that one of the suspects was taken away by ICE agents.

Newsday (5/14, Chang, Stickler, 371K) interviews Mohammad Iqbal of Shirley, New York, whose home was searched by the FBI in Thursday's raids. Iqbal told Newsday that two agents "searched his home and questioned him for more than five hours about whether he was involved" in the Shahzad plot. Iqbal "said the investigators were especially interested in talking about his connection to Muhammad Younis, a Centereach man who FBI agents also were seen talking to Thursday. Iqbal said he told the agents he knows Younis...and that he 'doesn't see anything' about Younis that could link him to terrorism." Meanwhile, "at the Centereach home where Younis rents an apartment, landlord Ashim Chakraborty told Newsday" that "FBI agents had searched that apartment Thursday morning, he said."

The Washington Post (5/14, Markon, Tate, 684K) reports, "Senior Obama administration officials have blamed the Pakistani Taliban for the May 1 attempted bombing," but "it was unclear if the people arrested had ties to the Pakistani Taliban or other militant groups, a subject that officials indicated they are exploring as they interrogate the three arrested Thursday." One "federal law enforcement official" told the Post, "That's the \$50,000 question. To what degree they are involved, are they tied to an organization or to a specific individual, I don't know the answer to that." ICE "agents arrested at least two of the three people in a raid in Watertown," who "are believed to have overstayed their visas in the United States, officials said."

The Chicago Tribune (5/14, Serrano, 534K) reports that "one law enforcement official familiar with the arrests" said, "These people were certainly targets of the warrants. They weren't collateral arrests." The Tribune adds that Holder, testifying Thursday before the House Judiciary Committee, said, "We are continuing to pursue leads and gather intelligence relating to this attempted terrorist attack. We will continue to use all available tools whenever possible against suspected terrorists." He "also said that Department of Justice officials were studying the possibility of revoking Shahzad's citizenship."

CNN's Newsroom (5/13), Fox News' Live Desk with Martha and Trace, the Wall Street Journal (5/14, Barrett, 2.08M), NPR's All Things Considered (5/13, Temple-Raston), , Reuters (5/14, Trotta, Herbst-Bayliss), AFP (5/14), WCAU-TV Philadelphia (5/13, Lattanzio), WPVI-TV Philadelphia (5/13, Henry, Pradelli), WCBS-TV New York (5/13, Hennessey), Needham, Massachusetts' Daily News Tribune (5/14, Morton) and the Quincy (MA) Patriot Ledger (5/14, 48K) also were among the numerous media outlets reporting on Thursday's raids and arrests.

Pakistan Arrests Man With Militant Ties For Aiding Shawzad. The Washington Post (5/14, Miller, 684K) reports that the Pakistani government "has arrested a suspect with connections to a Pakistani militant group who said he acted as an accomplice to the man accused of trying to bomb Times Square, US officials said. The suspect, whose arrest has not been previously disclosed, provided an "independent stream" of evidence that the Pakistani Taliban were behind the attempt and has admitted helping Faisal Shahzad, the main suspect, travel into Pakistan's tribal belt for bomb training."

Holder Pledges To Pursue Suspects Abroad, Defends Anti-Terror Tactics. The Washington Post (5/14, 4:39 PM, Branigin, 684K) reports that Attorney General Eric Holder "told a House panel Thursday that federal authorities continue to believe the Pakistani Taliban was behind a May 1 attempted car bomb attack in Times Square, and he vowed that the administration would use all available resources to bring those responsible to justice, whether they are in the United States or overseas." Holder's "told the House Judiciary Committee that 'several individuals encountered during those searches' were taken into federal custody for alleged immigration violations. He did not immediately provide further details of the arrests. 'These searches are the product of evidence that has been gathered in the investigation since the attempted Times Square bombing and do not relate to any known immediate threat to the public or active plot against the United States,' Holder said."

The Hill (5/14, Crabtree, 21K) reports that Holder "defended the use of the criminal justice system to apprehend and try would-be terrorists and pledged to track down and punish those responsible for the attempted car bombing in Times Square." The Hill adds, "Despite a torrent of criticism from Republicans about trying suspected terrorists, including Shahzad, in federal criminal court, Holder on Thursday again defended his decision to do so. 'As one of the

counterterrorism tools available to us, the criminal justice system has proven its strength in both incapacitating terrorists and gathering valuable intelligence - most recently in the case of Faisal Shahzad,' he said."

The AP (5/14) reports that Holder "Holder brought a newsy trump card Thursday to what has become a Capitol Hill ritual -- facing criticism from Republicans for battling terrorism from within the criminal justice system. Holder gladly shared breaking developments from that system with the House Judiciary Committee, telling both critics and allies that investigators had just executed search warrants connected with the Times Square bomb attempt investigation, taking several people into custody. Using the latest development to underscore his rebuttal, Holder said that protecting the American people is the government's top priority. 'We are on the right path,'" Holder said, adding that "the criminal justice system has proven its strength."

Shahzad's Father "Depressed" Over Son's Arrest. The Washington Post (5/14, Constable, Khan, 684K) reports on Shahzad's father, Bahar ul-Haq, 70, "a retired vice air marshal in Pakistan's air force," who "is hiding in humiliation and shock, secluded somewhere in the northwestern city of Peshawar. Haq 'is very, very depressed. He is an honorable, patriotic man who worked hard to rise in the air force and raise his children cleanly. Now his family's reputation has been destroyed,' said Hajji Sherzada, a retired importer who is a lifelong friend of Haq's and said he has spoken to him by phone several times since the son's arrest last week. Haq has not made any statements and has not been seen in the past week. Provincial authorities said Sunday that he was in 'protective custody,' but relatives said he and his wife are in seclusion to avoid publicity."

Feinstein Asks Clinton To Label Pakistan Taliban, Haqqari As Terrorists. AFP (5/14) reports that Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA) "urged Secretary of State Hillary Clinton Thursday to blacklist Pakistan's Taliban and the Haqqani network fighting US forces in Afghanistan as foreign terrorist organizations." Feinstein, who chairs the Senate Intelligence Committee, "wrote to Clinton that the label can be affixed to groups that are foreign, engage in terrorism, and that their acts threaten US citizens and national security."

Revocation Of Terror Suspects' Citizenship Supported. In an op-ed for the Wall Street Journal (5/14, 2.08M), Yale Law School professor Peter H. Schuck, argues in favor of revoking the citizenship of suspected terrorists, and provides legal support for the proposal.

Krauthammer Supports Changes To Miranda. In his column for the Washington Post (5/14, 684K), Charles Krauthammer writes, "It's not often that I agree with Attorney General Eric Holder. In last week's column, I suggested that the 1984 'public safety' exception to issuing Miranda warnings be significantly modified for terrorists such as confessed Times Square bomber Faisal Shahzad. Rather than just allowing pre-Miranda questioning about any immediate danger, the public safety exception should be expanded to allow full interrogation of the outer limits of that attack and any others being plotted." Krauthammer adds, "It is remarkable how base-pleasing civil-libertarian rhetoric, so easily deployed when in opposition, becomes chastened when one is entrusted with the safety of the American people. Modernizing Miranda would garner widespread public support as well as bipartisan congressional majorities. Go for it, Mr. Attorney General."

More Commentary. In an op-ed for the Washington Post (5/14, 684K), Benjamin Wittes, a senior fellow in governance studies at the Brookings Institution and a member of the Hoover Institution's Task Force on National Security and Law, writes, "It is a pincer action against the presidency -- a bipartisan, cross-ideological effort to make it as difficult as possible to handle domestic national security emergencies. If the president plays by the rules of law enforcement, we criticize him for endangering America and insist he should have played by the rules of warfare. If, by contrast, he plays by warfare rules, we cry that he has undermined the rule of law and should have stuck with law enforcement norms." Wittes argues that the "presidency badly needs more political and legal latitude when authorities capture a suspect in an ongoing plot. And Attorney General Eric Holder is right to seek relief from the pincer."

Operational News:

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT STUDENT TO TURN SELF IN. The Atlanta Journal Constitution (5/14, Cook, Simmons) reports that Kennesaw State University student Jessica Colotti "is preparing to surrender to the Cobb County Sheriff's Office, which says she gave a false address when she was arrested in March as an illegal immigrant." Her lawyer, Chris Taylor, said, "It is obvious from all the documents that I've seen that she has done nothing wrong and has given her proper address to Cobb County and immigration officials." When arrested for driving without a license, she was "handed over to immigration authorities under" a 287(g) program agreement, but ICE "gave her a year's reprieve so she could complete her degree." According to ICE spokesman Ivan Ortiz, she "was granted 'deferred action' status, which did not change her immigration status but effectively delays her deportation." He added that "ICE is waiting to assess the new charge before any decisions are made."

Case Said To Highlight Immigration Issues. The Atlanta Journal-Constitution (5/14, Pickel, 292K) reports that Colotti's

"case highlights what many activists say is a counterproductive attitude toward young illegal immigrants." While some "argue that giving illegal immigrants a right to state-subsidized higher education is an abuse of tax dollars," others believe "that public higher education, including in-state tuition, should be open to all who have the smarts," contending "it's better for the economy."

NEW YORK MAN ARRESTED AFTER ICE FINDS UNREGISTERED GUN. The Saratogian (NY) (5/13, Nicosia, 8K) reports, "Officials with the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agency are conducting an investigation at" the home of Kenneth L. Kay, who was arrested Friday and charged with fourth-degree criminal possession of a weapon. "A spokesperson at the Saratoga County Sheriff's Office said Wednesday that ICE officials discovered an unregistered .22 caliber pistol in Kay's home during the course of their investigation and called deputies to assist them with the arrest." ICE spokesman Harold Ort "confirmed that the location is part of an ongoing investigation but would not elaborate," although he did say that "ICE investigations run the gamut from money laundering to transnational gangs."

ICE OFFERING TRAINING IN SEATTLE TO SPOT FAKE DOCUMENTS. The AP (5/14) reports, "Immigration and Customs Enforcement is holding a seminar in Seattle on Friday in which the agency will recruit employers to join a program called Mutual Agreement between Government and Employers," under which "employers are trained by ICE to detect fraudulent or stolen identity documents." The employer also learns "lessons in federal hiring laws and how to use screening tools. ICE also conducts an audit of the employer's I-9 forms."

ICE, IRS RAID CALIFORNIA COMPANY HEAD. On its website, KRMB-TV San Diego (5/13) reports, that ICE and IRS agents "raided the home and business of Jurek Kedzierski," the founder and president of a Kearny Mesa dental ceramics company.

COVERAGE OF ARTIFACTS RETURNED TO EL SALVADOR CONTINUES. Coverage of the cultural artifacts ICE returned to El Salvador continued with a segment in Spanish on CNN en Espanol (5/13).

Policy and Issues News:

NEW ALBUQUERQUE PRISONER-PROCESSING FACILITY HAS ICE STATION INSIDE. The AP (5/13) reports, "A new prisoner-processing facility will check the immigration status of every person arrested in" Albuquerque. "The biggest difference between the current booking facility and the new 5,000-square-foot site is that US Immigrations and Customs Enforcement agents have a station inside, where they can check any prisoner's immigration status," which Police Chief Ray Schultz believes is a first. "Bill Jepsen, assistant director of ICE's office for New Mexico and West Texas, said the facility will make work easier for agents because they'll maintain a 24-hour presence."

KOB-TV Albuquerque (5/13, Antonio) reports, "ICE agents will fingerprint and interview suspects to determine their legal status." KRQE-TV Albuquerque (5/13, Schwartz) reports, "In the past some criminals here illegally would slip through the cracks because federal ICE agents did not have a constant presence at the Metropolitan Detention Center." KOAT-TV Albuquerque (5/13) also covers this story.

US-MEXICO BORDER HASN'T SEEN INCREASE IN CRIME. The Los Angeles Times (5/17, Riccardi, 776K) reports, "Despite the drug war that has claimed thousands of lives in Mexico, communities along the US side of the 2,000-mile southern border have shown virtually no increase in crime for several years," according to a review of crime statistics and interviews with law enforcement officials. Officials have asserted this, with Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano saying at a Senate hearing last month that "the border was 'as secure now as it has ever been,'" and Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Alan Bersin saying at a forum in San Diego that "politicians and the media exaggerated the dangers along the border." The Times asserts that drug "cartels have an interest in the peace and quiet of the US side of the border - sometimes they use it as a safe zone for their operations."

MAN ARRESTED AT DULLES AIRPORT FOR FAKE PAPERS. On its "Breaking News Blog," the Washington Post (5/13, Aratani, 684K) reports Juan Condori Sejas, from Bolivia, "was arrested Thursday at Dulles International Airport for allegedly posing as a US citizen, said officials with US Customs and Border Protection." He was trying "to use a Puerto Rican birth certificate and a US Social Security card to acquire a customs seal on his Reagan National Airport employee ID," which would allow him access to restricted security areas. "Condori Sejas allegedly claimed to have crossed the US border from Mexico in 2006 without inspection and said that he purchased the birth certificate and Social Security card from a human trafficker." The News & Messenger (VA) (5/13) also covers this story.

ROVE CRITICIZES NAPOLITANO FOR LACK OF RESPONSIVENESS ON ARIZONA BORDER. Fox News Channel's On The Record (5/13, 10:16 p.m., Van Susteren) broadcast, "The federal government won't do anything" about closing the borders. Karl Rove responded, "It does a lot, but you're right. ... I thought it was interesting Governor Napolitano when there was a Republican in the White House was constantly saying 'we are not getting enough from Washington.' Now

she's Secretary Napolitano in a Democratic Administration she has been seemingly unresponsive to Arizona officials and their requests for additional support." Rove later added, "Why didn't Secretary Napolitano, who is from Arizona, pick up the phone when this started and call the governor of Arizona and say 'what do you need that can help us provide additional assurances along the border?'"

Columnist Criticizes Lack Of Action On Border Security. In a column in the New York Post (5/14, 505K), Abby Wisse Schachter writes, "A war is raging in Mexico, yet Washington still refuses to make securing the border a priority: It's more interested in bashing Arizona's immigration-enforcement law." Schachter asserts, "the violence is getting closer" and "the feds can't even promise to secure the border. At a recent Senate hearing, the best Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Alan Bersin could say was, 'We are geared to deter the impact of the increased violence in Mexico.'" She adds that border-security "benchmarks" aren't about actually lowering the number of illegal crossings, or measuring how well border-control efforts work" but "instead...focus on raising the number of employees at the Department of Homeland Security and Customs and Border Protection. In other words, 'success' comes from adding to the government payroll, not from controlling the border."

RESEARCHER CALLS FOR END TO "OPERATION STREAMLINE." In an op-ed in the Los Angeles Times (5/14, 776K), author Joanna Lydgate, a fellow with the Warren Institute at the UC Berkeley School of Law, writes that she performed a study of "Operation Streamline, a costly initiative aimed at criminally prosecuting and imprisoning every immigrant who crosses the US-Mexico border unlawfully," and found that it "forces federal prosecutors to spend their time and resources on people with no criminal history...instead of focusing on the drug cartels responsible for the recent surge in border violence." Judges have called it "assembly-line justice." Meanwhile, "there is no convincing proof that Operation Streamline reduces undocumented immigration." Lydgate calls for the end of the program and replacing it with a system modeled on federal prosecutors' discretion in California, where they can "focus on the border crossers they believe are most likely to cause violence in US cities" instead of "clogging the courts with petty immigration cases."

HOLDER CONCEDES HE HAS NOT READ ARIZONA LAW. The Washington Times (5/14, Dinan, 77K) reports that Attorney General Holder, "who has been critical of Arizona's new immigration law, said Thursday he hasn't yet read the law and is going by what he's read in newspapers or seen on television." Holder "is conducting a review of the law, at President Obama's request, to see if the federal government should challenge it in court. He said he expects he will read the law by the time his staff briefs him on their conclusions. 'I've just expressed concerns on the basis of what I've heard about the law. But I'm not in a position to say at this point, not having read the law, not having had the chance to interact with people are doing the review, exactly what my position is,' Mr. Holder told the House Judiciary Committee." Holder "said he expects the Justice and Homeland Security departments will finish their review of the Arizona law soon."

Polls Find Hispanics, Others At Odds Over Illegal Immigrants. The AP (5/14, Fram) reports that an Associated Press-Unionvision Poll conducted by GfK Roper Public Affairs & Media of landline and cell phone interviews with 901 Hispanic adults during May 7-12 (+/- 5.3%) found that "74 percent of Hispanics said the country's estimated 12 million illegal immigrants mostly contribute to society." However, another GfK Roper poll of cell and landline interviews with 1,002 people from the general population conducted May 7-11 (+/-4.3%) found that "60 percent say illegal immigrants are largely a drain," underscoring "sharp contrasts between the views of Hispanics and others." Still, "about two-thirds of both groups consider illegal immigration a serious problem, only a quarter of each think the Arizona law will ease the state's troubles and the largest portion of both populations think current limits on legal immigration should be left alone."

McCain: Obama Spreading "False" Information About State Law. Politico (5/14, Barr, 25K) reports that Sen. John McCain says President Barack Obama "is spreading 'false' information about the Arizona immigration bill." McCain was rebutting a recent statement by the president "about the law that grants police in the state the ability to ask anyone they suspect of being an illegal immigrant for documentation proving their citizenship," Politico adds. "But I know it's outrageous," McCain said of the president's statement.

Arizona Boycott Spreading. The CBS Evening News (5/13, story 4, 2:10, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "The uproar continues over Arizona's new immigration law," as "the boycott of Arizona is spreading." CBS (Whitaker) added that the Los Angeles "City Council voted yesterday to ban city travel to Arizona, ban future contracts with Arizona businesses, and to check whether \$58 million in existing contracts can be broken legally." Whitaker continued, "A growing number of states and municipalities are boycotting or considering boycotting Arizona, push the state to repeal the law. ... Arizona's tourism board estimates it's losing \$90 million to boycotts already." However, "a majority of Americans, 59%, according to a Pew Poll out this week, support the Arizona law," and "16 states are considering legislation similar to Arizona's."

USA Today (5/14, Wagner, 2.11M) says Arizona officials are concerned that a tourist boycott of the state following the tough immigration law could lead to a huge loss of revenue. "We have an image and public relations problem of what might be unprecedented proportions," said David Krietor, a Phoenix deputy city manager.

Arizona Religious Leaders Lobby Congress For Immigration Reform. The Los Angeles Times (5/14, Tan, 776K) reports, "Framing the Arizona immigration situation as a 'moral crisis,' a group of seven Arizona religious leaders...descended Thursday on Capitol Hill in an 'emergency' visit to lobby for comprehensive immigration reform." They met with officials from the White House and the Justice and Homeland Security departments. "The group planned to ask Justice Department officials to, at the very least, try to delay the July implementation of the Arizona immigration law to give Congress more time to act on comprehensive changes."

Politico (5/14, Hunt, 25K) reports, "The religious leaders' lobbying efforts fell on deaf ears" in the case of Sen. John McCain, who "has embraced the tough-guy routine." This "reflects the tough political environment this election cycle in Arizona." In the "Swampland" blog of Time (5/13, 3.37M), Katy Steinmetz also covers this story.

Evangelical Leaders Call For Immigration Reform. The AP (5/14) reports, "Evangelical leaders calling for comprehensive immigration reform say their pastors see firsthand the difficulties faced by immigrants who fear arrest and deportation." In a telephone news conference, "the Rev. Leith Anderson, President of the National Association of Evangelicals, was joined by the Rev. Richard Land of the Southern Baptist Convention and other Christian leaders" in saying that "reform should secure the US border while offering illegal immigrants an earned path to citizenship that could involve paying a fine."

Gerson: GOP Alienation Of Hispanics Would Be "Political Suicide." In his column for the Washington Post (5/14, 684K), Michael Gerson writes that while it is "overbroad" to call the GOP anti-immigrant, "it would be absurd to deny that the Republican ideological coalition includes elements that are anti-immigrant." The GOP "sent three clear signals to Hispanic voters" with California's Proposition 187, the immigration debate of 2006, and the Arizona immigration law. Gerson calls this "political suicide," due to the growing numbers of Hispanics, as "the vocal faction of anti-immigrant Republicans...will eventually make it impossible for anyone else in that coalition to succeed at the national level." While the GOP just needs "a competitive minority" of the Hispanic vote, "even this modest goal is impossible if Hispanic voters feel targeted rather than courted."

American Immigration Policy Criticized. In an op-ed in the Washington Times (5/14, 77K), Ivan Kanneally, an assistant professor of political science at the Rochester Institute of Technology, writes, Kanneally asserts that not having a border control plan or "sanely" addressing the issue "can only be attributed to a lack of political will in the face of the demands of political correctness." He adds that the heart of the matter is what "it means to be an American citizen," and "our present system, or lack thereof, is neither based on a clear understanding of what our interests as Americans are or what it means to be an American" in that Kanneally asserts it doesn't forward the national interest, assimilation, meet labor demands, and "often makes illegal immigration seem more attractive than the available legal avenues."

Columnist Argues Any ID Requirement Should Apply To All Americans. In a column in Newsweek (5/13, 2.65M), Christopher Dickey writes if any American has to carry their papers "everywhere and all the time," then all of them should. "If ever there were a license for corrupt local government officials and crazed citizens to intimidate a community, Arizona's new laws fit the bill," with the text of the law being "xenophobic populism gone plum loco." With anonymous tips and the ability to sue the police for not being vigilant enough, Dickey asserts Arizona is "building a hodgepodge system of local vigilantism based on fear and prejudice, then trying to force the federal government to be complicit."

Arizona Ends Ethnic Studies In Tucson Schools. The New York Times (5/14, Lewin, 1.09M) says Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer signed a bill to end ethnic studies in Tucson schools. "Governor Brewer signed the bill because she believes, and the legislation states, that public school students should be taught to treat and value each other as individuals and not be taught to resent or hate other races or classes of people," said Paul Senseman, a spokesman for the governor.

In a column in the Washington Post (5/14, Robinson, 684K), Eugene Robinson says the state's new law to end ethnic studies is all part of a plan to put "Latinos in their place," citing the relatively older tough immigration law in place in the state. "Arizona's passing of that mean-spirited immigration law wasn't about high-minded principle or the need to maintain public order," he writes.

TENNESSEE LEGISLATURE CONSIDERING BILL TO REQUIRE PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP FROM ARRESTEES. The Tennessean (5/14, Sisk, 148K) reports that Tennessee's senate is considering a bill that would require "jailers to notify Immigration and Customs Enforcement about anyone who cannot prove they are in the country legally when they are arrested." However, "a coalition of sheriffs and immigration groups are pushing back, saying the law will be costly, ineffective and likely to lead to wrongfully reporting citizens and lawful residents." Unlike 287(g) programs, "the bill makes no provisions for training officers in how to read immigration documents or give them access to immigration databases." Opponents also argue that "the law might lead law enforcement to report citizens and legal residents who just did not happen to have a passport, birth certificate or other identification on them when they are arrested."

IRAQI REFUGEES POSE CHALLENGES TO METRO DETROIT. The Detroit Free Press (5/14, Anstett, Neavling, 287K) reports that around 5,300 Iraqi refugees moved metro Detroit since 2007, "when the US government, under pressure to protect Iraq's minority Christian Chaldean community, eased visa restrictions," and the state's refugee director said that "another 7,000 Iraqi refugees are expected by the end of 2011." Over half settle in Macomb County. "The refugees face an uncertain life in a state with a recession, few jobs and usually no more than eight months of benefits," and they are "a major challenge to the patchwork of social service agencies, churches and Chaldean volunteer groups that provide tutoring, job readiness, health, counseling and other services."

SURVEY FINDS DHS EMPLOYEES LIKE THE WORK, BUT NOT THEIR BOSSES. In the "Federal Diary" column of the Washington Post (5/14, 684K), Joe Davidson writes that the 2009 annual employee survey of DHS found that the employees "like the work they do, but they aren't too pleased with their bosses." Although "91 percent said the work they do is important and 83 percent said they like their jobs," only "forty percent of the respondents gave a favorable rating to senior leaders on creating an environment of trust." Also, only "24 percent said pay raises depend on how well employees perform and only 29 percent said promotions in their units are based on merit." Davidson adds, "when it comes to organizational culture and leadership, DHS gets failing grades."

In Brief:

ICE INVOLVED IN INVESTIGATION OF BUS BOMB SCARE. The AP (5/14) reports, "At least one person faces criminal charges after a bomb scare on a Greyhound bus led to a daylong standoff with a foreigner who was too frightened to get off the vehicle." According a person with knowledge of the investigation, "the bomb scare was sparked by another passenger who called 911 believing a non-English-speaking rider had mentioned a bomb," adding that "the passenger is unlikely to face criminal charges." Meanwhile, "Immigration and Customs Enforcement spokesman Harold Ort said only that there was an 'ongoing issue' and that ICE was helping the investigation."

TWO MEN HELD FOR ICE IN TEXAS. The Jacksonville (TX) Daily Progress (5/13, Straus, 4K) reports, "Two men were held for Immigrations and Customs Enforcement of the US Department of Homeland Security." Jacksonville Police Department Detective Sgt. Daniel Franklin said Jorge Antonio Moli Garcia was in a traffic stop and Edgar Omar Tello "was charged with public intoxication, failure to appear in Cherokee County, failure to identify and traffic violations."

FEDERAL PROTECTIVE SERVICE MAKES SURPRISE INSPECTIONS OF BUILDINGS' SECURITY. The Washington Times (5/14, Conery, 77K) reports that under "Operation Shield," agents of the Federal Protective Service, which the Times asserts is "an agency within US Immigration and Customs Enforcement," make "surprise visits at the federal buildings" in the capital region the agency protects, for "inspecting the security measures...and providing a visible law enforcement presence." FPS Director Gary W. Schenkel described "the recent D.C. operation as the best way to monitor, test and improve the counterterrorism measures put into place at high-profile federal facilities." Patrick Moses, director of the FPS' national capital region, "said the importance of tightening security at the buildings under his watch have increased in the wake of June's shooting rampage at the US Holocaust Memorial Museum and a" GAO report "that was extremely critical of the FPS."

SUSPECT BOOKED ON DRUG CHARGES IS ON ICE HOLD. The St. George (UT) Spectrum (5/13, Jenkins, 22K) reports that Efren Eduardo Palazuelos-Moya "was booked on drug charges Wednesday following an investigation into a March traffic stop in which cocaine was allegedly located in his vehicle." He "is also being held on charges of driving under the influence, driving on a denied license and an Immigrations and Customs Enforcement hold pending possible deportation."

Top DHS News:

OBAMA VISITS NYPD ANTI-TERRORISM CENTER. NBC Nightly News (12/6, story 5, :20, P. Williams, 8.37M) reported, "President Obama was in New York today praising the first responders who found the bomb in Times Square and evacuated the area he called it a model for the country, a source of national pride. And he said he wanted to make certain the city gets the federal support they need." The CBS Evening News (12/6, story 5, :10, Couric, 6.1M) also briefly noted the President's NYC stop and praise for the city's first responders.

The New York Times (5/14, Stolberg, 1.09M) reports that the President, along with Mayor Bloomberg and Police Commissioner Ray Kelly, toured the NYPD's Real Time Crime Center, "the technological information hub established in 2005 that was instrumental in the recent Times Square terror investigation."

The AP (5/14, Long) quotes Obama as saying, "Look, I know folks are busy, but I just wanted to come by and say thank you. The work that NYPD does in coordination with state, local, federal officials when it comes to counterterrorism is a

model. It has been for some time ... I don't think I need to tell you that given the potential for attack everywhere in the country, we've got a lot to learn from what is taking place here."

SCHUMER AMONG THOSE CRITICAL OF NYC ANTITERRORISM FUNDING CUTS. *NBC Nightly News* (5/13, story 4, 0:40, P. Williams, 8.37M) reported that "New York's members of Congress were fuming over the latest round of Homeland Security grants, and one of them unloaded today on Attorney General Holder." Rep. Anthony Weiner: "I have to tell you as the chief law enforcement officer of this country, some of the funding decisions made by this Administration have been mind-numbingly, insanely wrong." According to NBC, "New York's share of grant money for beefing up rail and port security was cut from about \$200 million last year to \$145 million this year, but the Obama Administration says New York got an extra \$100 million for rail and port security in economic stimulus money bringing the total above last year."

Politico (5/13, Haberman, 25K) notes that word of the cuts comes "less than two weeks after cops helped thwart and attempted car bombing in Times Square. ... It 'just makes no sense at all, particularly in light of recent events,' Sen. Charles Schumer told cable station NY1's 'Inside City Hall.' 'The worst nightmare we probably face is some kind nuclear device placed in a container in the ship in the harbor and exploding....we need all the help we can get.'" Schumer "criticized the cut, but didn't blast the president -- saying Obama understands the need for the funds and blaming Washington bean-counters."

Ron Scherer, writing for the *Christian Science Monitor* (5/14, 48K), says Rep. Peter King "termed the apparent decrease a 'slap in the face,'" while Rick Lazio, "the front-runner for the Republican nomination in the New York governor's race, lashed out at Andrew Cuomo, the state attorney general and likely Democratic candidate for governor, for not saying anything." Mayor Michael Bloomberg, "who frequently says that New York does not get its fair share of antiterrorism funds, refused to point a finger," although he did call White House chief of staff Rahm Emanuel "to remind him of New York's pressing needs."

The *New York Daily News* (5/13, McAuliff, 588K) reports that Schumer is "blaming clueless bureaucrats for doling out anti-terror funds that New Yorkers deem woefully insufficient," not Obama. He added, "Folks at OMB and at Homeland Security...should have seen this and caught it." The *AP* (5/13), *Newsday* (5/13, Cassese, 371K) also cover this story.

Rep King Tweeted He Met With Napolitano On New York City Funds. The "Twitter Room" blog of *The Hill* (5/13, Fabian, 21K) reports that New York Rep. Pete King (R) tweeted that he met with "Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano about proposed cuts to anti-terror funds for New York City."

Administration Says NYC Getting More Money Than 2009, Didn't Spend Last Year's Funds. the "Blog Briefing Room" of *The Hill* (5/13, Fabian, 21K) reports, "The White House rejected criticism of cuts to some New York City anti-terror programs Thursday, saying that overall funding for the city is higher than it was under President George W. Bush." The Hill calls the response "a full-throated defense of its plan."

CQ Homeland Security (5/13, Korade) reports that White House spokesman Nick Shapiro said that "between the stimulus money and Congress' fiscal 2010 appropriation, New York City received \$245 million - \$47 million more than the previous fiscal year's budget." Additionally, "the administration contends, much of that money has not been spent." According to a federal official, "the city has drawn down only about \$4,500 of the \$49 million it received in fiscal 2009 port security grants, and none of the \$147 million in transit security grants from that year." The *New York Daily News* (5/13, McAuliff, 588K) also covers this story.

Study Suggests New York Should Have Gotten More DHS Money In 2009. The *New York Daily News* (5/13, Siemaszko, 588K) reports, "A Northwestern University study released Thursday suggests" that New York City "should be getting anywhere from \$15 million to \$92 million MORE than the \$145 million New York got in 2009." To get the figure, the "researchers analyzed the Homeland Security budget allocations for the 10 top US urban areas from 2005 through 2009 - and factored in things like the likelihood of being a target, and how much damage and disruption a terrorism attack would cause."

Commentary. The *New York Post* (5/14, 505K) editorialized that with the fund cuts, the Administration told the city "Drop dead," and part of the cause is that the state's congressional delegation "have been such lapdogs for President Obama."

In an editorial, the *New York Daily News* (5/14, 588K) writes that New York City has "a sense of betrayal," and the Obama's message was "One nation under God - except for you, New York." The Post argues that "the battle...keeps coming to your country's largest city, the battle that is growing exponentially more dangerous," but Obama doesn't provide sufficient money. "Attempts to deny the truth by White House functionaries and aides to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, she of man-caused disasters and one-off terror attacks, are repugnant."

CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION QUESTIONED ON NOT FILLING OUT FORMS ON HOUSEHOLD

EMPLOYEES. The Washington Post (5/14, O'Keefe, 684K) reports, "Customs and Border Protection Commissioner Alan D. Bersin said Thursday he didn't know he's required by law to file paperwork verifying that his household employees were authorized to work in the United States," adding, "No employee ineligible to work in the United States has ever worked in our household." A memo by the Senate Finance Committee says that failed to complete I-9 forms for the 10 household employees he's employed since 1993. "Chairman Max Baucus (D-Mont.) told Bersin that his failure to file the paperwork was 'unacceptable,'" adding, "To credibly enforce the law, you must first follow the law." Before his appointment, Bersin "served as Obama's US-Mexico border czar, advising Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano on border security matters."

CQ Homeland Security (5/13, Margetta) reports that Baucus said, "I just find it incredible that you didn't know about the I-9 requirement," adding, "That just doesn't pass the credibility test." Bersin's "twofold explanation for the failing to provide the proper documentation" was that he didn't know about the I-9 requirement and "had collected other papers to prove the work eligibility of all of the employees," which he said "showed that he at least had the intention of verifying his employees' status." Additionally, committee members "expressed a general concern that CBP's mission to facilitate international trade has taken a back seat to its security role."

Government Executive (5/13, Strohm) reports, "After a long exchange with Bersin, Baucus said at the end of the hearing he still remained concerned, adding that the failure to complete I-9 forms 'goes to the heart' of the duties that Bersin has as commissioner of CBP." The AP (5813, Gamboa) and the Washington Times (5/14, 77K) also covers this story.

AS BP TRIES TO CONTROL LEAK, CEO ADMITS COMPANY "COULD HAVE BEEN BETTER PREPARED." NBC Nightly News (5/13, lead story, 3:50, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "The owner of the rig asked the government today to cap the amount they will have to pay, and the CEO of BP admitted they could have been better prepared for this." NBC added, "Transocean, the owner of the oil rig that exploded and killed 11 workers today asked a federal court in Houston to limit its legal liability in this case to just \$27 million, igniting a new round of outrage. ... Meanwhile, BP postponed putting the top hat containment dome over the biggest leak while it also considers using an insertion tube to control the spill."

The CBS Evening News (5/13, story 2, 2:40, Couric, 6.1M) explained, "There's a new possible fix by BP to talk about tonight, a threaded tube into the underground leaking pipe and suck the oil to the surface, the equivalent of a mile-long straw. It could be here by tonight...and in place as soon as tomorrow." CBS added that the "top hat plan" was "still out there...In fact a BP official just told us the company hasn't decided what to try next, the tube or the top hat which is already on the sea floor, just has to be moved into place. The top hat, the same basic principle-it is a containment botch, you trap the oil on the surface, funnels it up to a surface ship. What's happening here...is they're throwing a lot of different fixes at this thing hoping one of them is going to work."

ABC World News (5/13, story 2, 2:25, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported, "BP has estimated 200,000 gallons of oil a day are pouring into the sea. ... Even if they could stop the leak today, there are still millions of gallons of oil just off the coast," and "the forecast for the weekend shows a strong south wind, pushing it perilously close to the shore." ABC added, "We calculate that so far, the company has spent about \$450 million fighting the spill. So, we did some math. In the first three months of this year, BP made a profit of \$5.6 billion, or \$62 million per day. So, the cost to the company so far of cleaning up, seven days' profit."

Oil Leak Estimates Called Into Question. However, the New York Times (5/14, A1, Gillis, 1.09M) reports on the front page, the government "put out a round estimate of the size of the oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico" two weeks ago, saying that "5,000 barrels a day" were escaping from the well. "Repeated endlessly in news reports, it has become conventional wisdom." But "scientists and environmental groups are raising sharp questions about that estimate, declaring that the leak must be far larger," and also criticizing "BP for refusing to use well-known scientific techniques that would give a more precise figure." Ian R. MacDonald, an oceanographer at Florida State University who is an expert in the analysis of oil slicks, "said he had made his own rough calculations using satellite imagery," that suggest "that the leak could 'easily be four or five times' the government estimate."

And the Washington Post (5/14, Achenbach, 684K) reports that "experts say emphatically that anyone who makes an estimate of the leak by looking at the video is simply arm-waving. There are too many variables. The stuff coming out of the pipe isn't just oil, for example, but a frothing cocktail of oil, gas, brine and sediment from miles below the sea bottom." According to scientists at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, BP "could try to measure the flow directly with off-the-shelf instruments routinely used in research on deep-sea hydrothermal vents and cold hydrocarbon seeps," which would involve "devices that can essentially take a sonogram of the plume could be strapped to one of the robotic submarines that BP has deployed around the damaged well." But while "BP representatives have spoken extensively with Woods Hole scientists about using scientific instruments to measure the flow." BP spokesman David Nicholas "said the company has decided to focus on stopping the leak rather than measuring it."

Relationship Between Administration, BP Examined. The Washington Post (5/14, Eilperin, 684K) reports that as the disaster unfolded in the Gulf of Mexico, and the "US government launched an urgent and carefully managed response to demonstrate its control of the emerging disaster," the Administration "probably had no idea that it would find itself in many ways dependent on a foreign oil company -- both foe and needed friend in the response." The relationship between the White House and BP "stands in contrast to the arm's-length distance that the US government kept from Exxon after the Valdez spill in 1989," because, according to the Post, "the success or failure of the Obama administration's response...depends largely on BP's expertise and technology." Although Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano "has tried to distance the administration from BP, saying, 'I wouldn't characterize them as our partner. I would characterize them as the responsible party.'" And Interior Secretary Ken Salazar said early on, "Our job is basically to keep the boot on the neck of British Petroleum."

Records Show MMS Approved Drilling Without Proper Permits. According to a front page story in the New York Times (5/14, A1, Urbina, 1.09M), the Minerals Management Service "gave permission to BP and dozens of other oil companies to drill in the Gulf of Mexico without first getting required permits from another agency that assesses threats to endangered species -- and despite strong warnings from that agency about the impact the drilling was likely to have on the gulf." Federal records show that those approvals "include one for the well drilled by the Deepwater Horizon rig." MMS "also routinely overruled its staff biologists and engineers who raised concerns about the safety and the environmental impact of certain drilling proposals in the gulf and in Alaska, according to a half-dozen current and former agency scientists," who "said they were also regularly pressured by agency officials to change the findings of their internal studies if they predicted that an accident was likely to occur or if wildlife might be harmed."

Meanwhile, the AP (5/14, Daly) reports, Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced Thursday "he has named two high-level officials to oversee a restructuring" of the MMS, which would split the agency in two, with one agency "inspecting oil rigs, investigating oil companies and enforcing safety regulations, while the other would oversee leases for drilling and collection of billions of dollars in royalties." The plan is in response to critics' charges that the agency's two core responsibilities "are diametrically opposed -- making money off the industry, while also cracking down on it in ways that may affect the industry's bottom line." Salazar announced that "Rhea Suh, assistant Interior Secretary for policy, management and budget, and Chris Henderson, a senior adviser to Salazar, will oversee the MMS restructuring." Also on Thursday, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, chairwoman of the Senate Appropriations Interior subcommittee, said "she will convene a hearing on the restructuring plan."

Senators Continue To Respond To Gulf Disaster With Legislation. The New York Times (5/14, A12, Krauss, 1.09M) reports, "The political ripples from the Gulf of Mexico oil disaster spread in the capital on Thursday as six West Coast senators," all Democrats, "proposed a permanent ban on drilling in the Pacific and another group tried to raise oil company liability in a spill to \$10 billion from the current \$75 million." However, "the move by senators from California, Oregon and Washington, all Democrats, was largely symbolic because there are no plans at present to open the West Coast to drilling," since California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger "withdrew a modest plan for new offshore drilling shortly after the gulf accident." Meanwhile, Sens. Frank R. Lautenberg, Robert Menendez, and Bill Nelson continued to push the liability measure, but Sen. Lisa Murkowski, "a strong proponent of offshore drilling, blocked their bill, saying it would discourage all oil exploration."

Federal Court Rejects Attempt To Stop Drilling Off Alaskan Coast. The New York Times (5/14, A12, Yardley, 1.09M) reports the US Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit on Thursday "rejected an effort by environmental and Native American groups to stop exploratory oil drilling off the coast of Alaska that could begin this summer," including a claim "that the [MMS] did not adequately consider the possibility that the project could cause a large oil spill in the remote Arctic." However, the project, led by Shell Oil, "which paid \$2.1 billion in 2008 for rights to drill in the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas," could still be delayed, as Secretary Salazar last week "ordered a halt to all new offshore projects while his department reviewed safety measures for the work in light of the spill in the Gulf of Mexico." As part of the review, MMS "asked Shell to explain ways it could improve its ability to prevent and respond to a spill."

The Los Angeles Times (5/14, 776K) editorializes that "oil exploration in the environmentally sensitive waters of the Arctic never made sense," and "today, the dangers of such exploratory drilling are compellingly obvious to everyone." Those dangers are "especially true in the Chukchi" where drilling "would take place in a region where rough seas, ice floes and frigid weather can create hazards to drilling as well as hamper emergency efforts. In addition, the region lacks the infrastructure, such as onshore docks at the nearest village, to support a massive response to an oil spill." Also, the MMS "never fully studied the effects a full blowout would have because it figured the chances of such a catastrophe were minimal. We now know the dangers of that kind of thinking; the agency made the same calculation with the Deepwater Horizon lease."

NAPOLITANO TO ATTEND CANDLELIGHT VIGIL AT THE NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

MEMORIAL. The AP (5/13) reports that Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano and Attorney General Eric Holder will "attend the annual candlelight vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington," where "the names of another 208 officers who died in past decades...will be dedicated on the memorial's walls."

Over 50 local television newscast segments covered the ceremony, often mentioning a local officer to be honored. An example: KSEE-TV Fresno, California, (5/13, 3:01 p.m. EDT) broadcast, "116 officers who died in the line of duty in 2009 will be honored tonight. Attorney General Eric Holder and Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano will lead the 22nd Annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. More than 20,000 people are expected to attend."

NAPOLITANO TO SPEAK AT COLLEGE COMMENCEMENT. The Inland Valley Daily Bulletin (5/14, Woods) reports, "Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, the former governor of Arizona, will speak at 10 a.m. at the Pomona College" commencement ceremony. "Pomona College spokeswoman Cynthia Peters said Napolitano was selected by a committee of about 14 people that included a junior and future senior class president, faculty, trustees, the campus president and vice president."

NAPOLITANO EXPLAINS CONTINUED SPENDING ON WAR ON DRUGS. The AP (5/13, Mendoza) reports that after 40 years of the war on drugs, "drug use is rampant and violence even more brutal and widespread." Meanwhile, the Administration "has increased spending on interdiction and law enforcement to record levels both in dollars and in percentage terms; this year, they account for \$10 billion of his \$15.5 billion drug-control budget." However, Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, in an interview at the US Embassy in Mexico City, explained, "This is something that is worth fighting for because drug addiction is about fighting for somebody's life, a young child's life, a teenager's life, their ability to be a successful and productive adult. If you think about it in those terms, that they are fighting for lives - and in Mexico they are literally fighting for lives as well from the violence standpoint - you realize the stakes are too high to let go."

CBP TO HOLD HEARING ON VERMONT BORDER STATION UPGRADE. The AP (5/13) reports that Customs and Border Protection spokesman Ted Woo says there will be "a hearing later this month on a plan to build a new border station at the tiny Vermont crossing with Quebec known as Moses Line," although "the details have yet to be worked out." The agency "is planning to upgrade the port of entry facilities at the little-used Moses Line, but a local dairy farmer says the plan will take too much of a valuable hayfield."

OVER \$1 MILLION IN COUNTERFEIT ELECTRONIC SEIZED AT O'HARE. The website of WGN-TV Chicago (5/13) reports, "Customs and Border Protection officers seized \$1.2 million worth of counterfeit electronics at O'Hare International Airport earlier this month." Originating in China, the shipment to Florida "contained counterfeit cell phones, head phones and gaming systems" bearing names such as Sony, LG, BlackBerry and Nintendo. "Officers became suspicious of the documentation included with the cargo and selected it for inspection."

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APPROPRIATORS DIVERGE ON ICE ENFORCEMENT PRIORITIES. CongressDaily (3/19, Kivlan) DHS Assistant Secretary for ICE John Morton "pledged Thursday to ratchet up enforcement against noncriminal illegal immigrants after a top Republican on the House Appropriations Committee accused ICE of adopting a policy of virtual amnesty." Morton told Rep. Hal Rogers his agency is "going to do better." However, he denied Rogers' charge that the agency appears to be "trapped in a poorly veiled effort at so-called 'immigration reform,'" stating that ICE's congressionally mandated priority is to focus on undocumented immigrants with criminal records.

Also noting Rogers' criticism, CQ Homeland Security (3/19, Margetta) reports that subcommittee Chairman David E. Price, meanwhile, "praised the agency for removing criminal illegal immigrants, which his panel has encouraged. ICE increased these deportations by 7 percent annually between 2002 and 2007, but the numbers jumped by 12 percent in 2008 and 19 percent in 2009, he said." Price did express concern regarding efforts to improve medical care at detention facilities, saying that "many of the promised solutions to this issue, such as a new electronic medical-records system, are still years away from implementation."

Operational News:

WOMAN RELEASED, DEPORTED AFTER 23 YEARS IN JAIL FOR DEADLY ARSON FIRE. The parole and immediate deportation Thursday of Los Angeles clothing store owner Maria Rosa "Rosie" Sanchez, after she spent 23 years in jail for a deadly arson fire, has received local print coverage and wire distribution across the US. In an article published in some form by more than 100 news sources, the AP (3/19, Dillon) reports that "ICE spokeswoman Virginia Kice said Sanchez is a convicted felon with no lawful status in the US. 'She was made aware of her rights and the process was explained to her,'" Kice said. Sanchez, who "always maintained her innocence," received help from a law clinic for women at the University of Southern California Law School in getting "the state parole board to recommend her release."

The Los Angeles Times (3/19, Esquivel) reports Sanchez "was convicted of setting a 1985 fire to a competitor's business in downtown Los Angeles that killed a man. Prosecutors argued she did it because she needed money, but she maintained her innocence." She "believed she had legal status when she was arrested, her daughter said. But ICE agents determined she did not, said ICE spokeswoman Virginia Kice." The Contra Costa Times (3/19) reports that while Sanchez's "attorneys believed she had been in the country legally before her arrest, Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents determined that was not the case," according to Kice.

The Orange County Register (3/19, Hardesty) reports Sanchez's children "joined a legal team at USC to announce that they would be asking Schwarzenegger to pardon the crime. Despite Sanchez being sent back to Mexico, they will continue to seek the pardon." KABC-TV Los Angeles (3/19) reports on its website, "The USC law school team that helped her parole said the news was unfortunate and that they intend to pursue a pardon from Gov. Schwarzenegger based on factual innocence."

COLORADO COMPANY CHARGED WITH VIOLATING MILITARY EXPORT LAWS. The Denver Post (3/19, Cardona) reports Lafayette, Colorado's, Rocky Mountain Instrument Co. "was charged Wednesday with exporting military optical prisms and technical data to Turkey, South Korea, China and Russia without authorization from the State Department, according to the Colorado US Attorney." The items allegedly exported are "on the United States Munitions List of military defense products that companies are not allowed to export to foreign countries. 'US export laws help protect this country from others who would use our own technology against us,'" said Kumar Kibble, special agent in charge of Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Denver.

SEVENTEEN INDICTED FOLLOWING FREMONT OPERATION. The Omaha World-Herald (3/19, Reed) reports, "A federal grand jury has indicted 17 people who were arrested last week by immigration authorities at a Fremont packing plant. US Attorney Deborah Gilg said Thursday that the 17 face charges such as document fraud, Social Security fraud, making false claims of US citizenship and aggravated identity theft." Noting that a Fremont City Council rejection of "an ordinance to ban local residents from hiring or renting living quarters to illegal immigrants" was followed by "a petition drive to put the proposal on the ballot," the World-Herald adds that ICE spokeswoman Leticia Zamarripa "said the arrests at Fremont Beef Co. were unrelated to the town's illegal immigration disputes."

ICE ARRESTS FLORIDA MAN WHO POSED AS IMMIGRATION OFFICIAL. BNO News (3/18) reported, Florida man

Parasharm Maharaj, aka Paris Maharaj, "was arrested for allegedly posing as an immigration official, prosecutors said Wednesday." He "was purporting to be a US immigration official, allegedly defrauding illegal immigrants residing in South Florida out of approximately \$4,000 each." He was arrested by ICE special agents "on March 15, 2010 as he now faces a maximum term of imprisonment of 20 years on each mail fraud charge, 10 years on each charge of presenting a false immigration application, 10 years on each charge of encouraging illegal aliens to remain in the United States, and 3 years on the charge of impersonating a federal employee." The Trinidad and Tobago Guardian (3/18) reports an "indictment alleges that Maharaj received more than US\$60,000 from the illegal immigrants he defrauded."

ICE ARRESTS UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANT OPERATING BOGUS DENTIST'S OFFICE. WCAU-TV Philadelphia (3/18, 4:15 p.m. EDT) aired a report on the case of an undocumented immigrant from Brazil who not only opened a bogus dentist's office in Philadelphia, "sources say he continued to operate it even after city officials were tipped off. But when the feds got tipped off, they stepped in and they took him out of business." Deputy Special Agent in Charge of ICE in Philadelphia Andrew McLees was shown saying, "As a public safety risk, it's something we would prioritize, so we put everything else aside and we went out to find this guy." After WCAU showed photos released by ICE, McLees was shown later describing the makeshift office that the man operated out of as "a bit of a mess." WCAU-TV Philadelphia (3/18) also covered the case on its website.

ICE CONDUCTS OPERATION AT WOMEN'S BOUTIQUE IN BAKERSFIELD, CALIFORNIA. The Bakersfield Californian (3/19, Cox) reports ICE agents "raided" a downtown Bakersfield women's boutique Thursday "as part of what a government spokeswoman called an ongoing criminal investigation." Spokeswoman Lori Haley said agents were "executing search warrants relating to an ongoing criminal investigation." Haley "declined further comment."

EL BALAZO RESTAURANTS RESUME OPERATIONS. The Contra Costa Times (3/19, Louie) reports, "A Bay Area Mexican restaurant chain that recently closed many of its locations has apparently returned to business. El Balazo, which has restaurants throughout the East Bay, abruptly closed several of its remaining locations March 10. A former employee said he had been told tax issues were the reason for the closure." Noting that 63 workers were arrested in ICE operations at El Balazo branches in 2008, the Times adds that an ICE spokeswoman "said last week that the investigation is continuing, but her agency was not involved in the closures."

ICE CONDUCTING INSPECTIONS AT 180 BUSINESSES IN SOUTHERN STATES. The Montgomery (AL) Advertiser (3/19, Ricks) reports ICE "has put 180 businesses in five Southern states on notice that their hiring records are going to be inspected. The agency issued notices of inspection to businesses in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee at the beginning of this month that it will be inspecting records to determine whether they are complying with 'employment eligibility verification laws and regulations,' according to a news release from the agency." Raymond R. Farmer Jr., acting special agent in charge of the ICE Office of Investigations in New Orleans, in a news release that the agency "is committed to establishing a meaningful I-9 inspection program to promote compliance with the law."

Policy and Issues News:

FAIRFAX COUNTY ATTRIBUTES INCREASE IN ICE TRANSFERS TO SECURE COMMUNITIES. The AP (3/19) reports, "Fairfax County is attributing a rise in the number of suspected illegal immigrants it turned over to federal officials" to ICE's Secure Communities program, which "lets the county check the fingerprints of anyone processed at the jail against an immigration database to see if officials have noted they should be deported."

NEW YORK FAMILY ACCUSED OF SCHEME IN WHICH MAN PLAYED ROLE OF ICE AGENT. The New York Times (3/19, A20, Semple) reports three members of the Ramsundar "family in Richmond Hill, Queens, have been indicted on charges that they stole \$1.75 million from 19 fellow West Indian immigrants by falsely promising to help them obtain green cards and bargain deals on federally seized property in New York City and Florida, the Queens district attorney announced on Thursday." One of the defendants, Shane Ramsundar, allegedly "masqueraded as an agent from Immigration and Customs Enforcement on loan to the FBI, carrying an air gun, a phony badge and a false ID card." According to authorities, he, his wife, Gomatee Ramsundar, and their daughter Shantal Ramsundar "had told their victims that the government allowed its special agents first option to buy the properties seized from tax evaders and drug dealers before offering them at a public auction."

HOUSEKEEPER TESTIFIES IN HENDERSON TRIAL. The Boston Globe (3/19, Murphy) reports Fabiana Bitencourt, the Brazilian housekeeper in the case of former DHS official Lorraine Henderson, testified Thursday that, after being confronted by ICE, "she agreed to cooperate, to secretly record conversations, and to gather evidence that led to Henderson's indictment. Bitencourt, who speaks some English, testified in Portuguese as an interpreter translated into English for jurors during the fourth day of Henderson's trial in US District Court in Boston on a charge that she encouraged an illegal alien to remain in the country."

The Boston Herald (3/19, Sweet) reports that after a CBP officer "to whom Henderson had referred Bitencourt confronted the maid in 2005 about her immigration status and she was fired, Bitencourt was approached by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement in May 2008 and agreed to wear a wire to record conversations with Henderson. On Sept. 9, 2008, with the feds listening in, Bitencourt came clean about her immigration status and asked for Henderson's help getting passports for her and her son."

FALSE INFORMANT SENTENCED TO SEVEN YEARS IN PRISON. The Cincinnati (OH) Enquirer (3/19, Coolidge) reports, "After his arrest on a host of minor theft charges last year, Ricky Lackey spun an elaborate tale about how he could help federal agents foil an assassination plot against an US immigration official." However, his deception was found out, "and Hamilton County Common Pleas Judge Pat DeWine on Thursday sentenced Lackey, 28, of Bond Hill, to seven years in prison - the maximum sentence allowed on charges of receiving stolen property and two counts each of misuse of credit cards and theft." The "lie sparked an investigation that involved 150 officers from Cincinnati police, the Department of Homeland Security and Immigration and Customs Enforcement to Detroit and New Jersey."

RUMORS OF IMMIGRATION RAIDS SPREAD IN ESCONDIDO. The North County Times (CA) (3/19, Sifuentes) reports, "Rumors spreading like wildfire in Escondido that immigration authorities are conducting large-scale operations in local Latino supermarkets and Wal-Mart stores are false, say authorities and community activists." The rumors, spreading via text message, seem "to have started earlier this month when fictitious text messages began circulating that Wal-Mart had agreed to give immigration agents access to their stores to arrest illegal immigrant shoppers." Escondido Police Chief Jim Maher said the department had "been hearing for a few days now about the text messages warning them that the police department and ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) are working together doing immigration sweeps. ... We're fighting this constant blanket of lies."

ARPAIO SAYS NEW OPERATION WILL FOCUS ON HUMAN SMUGGLING. The Arizona Republic (3/19, Hensley, McCullough) reports, "Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio said that his latest 'crime-suppression operation' will focus on human smuggling and drug trafficking. Arpaio said that the operation, which is the 14th since the controversial measures to root out illegal immigrants began two years ago, will differ from past sweeps by focusing more on human smuggling." The Republic adds that since ICE "in October stripped Arpaio of an agreement that authorized deputies to perform street-level immigration screenings, the crime-suppression operations have relied on a pair of state laws that target illegal immigrants."

The AP (3/19, Billeaud) reports that in Arpaio's "sweeps, deputies flood an area of a city - in some cases heavily Latino areas - to seek out traffic violators and arrest other alleged lawbreakers. Critics say Arpaio's deputies have racially profiled Hispanics. The sheriff says deputies approach people only when they have probable cause to believe people have committed crimes."

NEW YORK GOV. CALLS ON RESIDENTS TO REPORT UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS TO ICE. The New York Daily News (3/19, Blain) reports New York Gov. David Paterson, in "a bizarre appearance on 'The John Gambling Show' on Thursday, said he was the original tipster who alerted the media he'd contacted domestic violence accuser Sherr-una Booker." In another "curious" comment, Paterson lashed "out at illegal immigrants - a minefield in New York's Democratic circles. He said illegals 'obviously shouldn't be here' and urged listeners to contact immigration authorities if they knew of any. 'The important thing is to report it to [Immigration and Customs Enforcement] and let's get moving so that we reduce that number,'" Paterson said.

NEW ICE FACILITY COMING TO PHOENIX-MESA GATEWAY AIRPORT. KSAZ-TV Phoenix, AZ (3/19) reports on its website that ICE "is getting ready to open a new facility that will be used as a holding area before sending illegal immigrants back to Central America. The facility is located at the Phoenix-Mesa Gateway Airport." ICE Assistant Field Office Director Eduardo Preciado discussed the new center with the station..

OBAMA ENDORSES SCHUMER-GRAHAM IMMIGRATION REFORM OUTLINE. The AP (3/19, Gamboa) reports, "President Barack Obama, facing criticism from advocates of immigration reform, pledged Thursday 'to do everything in my power' to get immigration legislation moving in Congress this year." The President "said work on an immigration bill should move forward based on an outline released Thursday by Sens. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C." The senators "outline calls for illegal immigrants to admit they broke the law, pay a fine and back taxes, and perform community service if they want to get on a pathway to legal status."

The Los Angeles Times (3/19, Gorman) notes that Obama said in a statement that the plan by Schumer and Graham "thoughtfully addresses the need to shore up our borders...and demands accountability from both workers who are here illegally and employers who game the system." Noting the Administration's work on immigration reform since taking office, the Times adds that Secretary Napolitano "has held dozens of meetings with Senate and House members and has held round table sessions with state and local politicians and labor, business and faith groups throughout the nation, including

in Seattle, San Francisco and Las Vegas."

Schumer and Graham, writing in the Washington Post (3/18), say their plan "has four pillars: requiring biometric Social Security cards to ensure that illegal workers cannot get jobs; fulfilling and strengthening our commitments on border security and interior enforcement; creating a process for admitting temporary workers; and implementing a tough but fair path to legalization for those already here. ... The American people deserve more than empty rhetoric and impractical calls for mass deportation. We urge the public and our colleagues to join our bipartisan efforts in enacting these reforms."

The Washington Post (3/19, Hsu) reports that "advocates set an April deadline, but that would require additional Republican support," and "Schumer and Graham asked Obama at a Tuesday meeting to help in coming days, according to a source familiar with talks." The Post adds, "Opponents noted that Congress failed in 2006 and 2007 to pass similar legislation backed by President George W. Bush that proposed tougher enforcement at the border and at US workplaces, a program to bring in guest workers for US employers, and a path to gain legal status for many of the estimated 10.8 million illegal immigrants living in the United States." AFP (3/19), Reuters (3/19, Ferraro), and Washington Times (3/19, Dinan) also report the story.

Immigrants Traveling To DC For Reform Rally. Reporting on the DC immigration rally planned for Sunday, the AP (3/19, Hajela) highlights a 250-mile walking trip from Long Island that some day laborers are taking to attend and "Californians who sold tamales to pay for their trip." They "hope to join immigrants aboard more than 700 buses from at least 28 states and numerous caravans from the South and Southwest. The national attention they seek could instead be focused on Congressional votes on health care reform - one of the issues that has sidelined President Obama's campaign promise of reform and possible legalization for the estimated 12 million people in the US illegally." CaribWorldNews (3/19, Persaud) reports advocates planning to attend the rally "say President Obama and lawmakers who courted their votes in 2008 must deliver on their promise of earned legalization for the undocumented now."

The Santa Rosa Press Democrat (3/19, Espinoza) reports, "Thousands of Sonoma County immigrants, their children and their supporters are expected to participate" in Sunday's rally.

Millions Of Undocumented Immigrants "Living A Dodgy Existence" In The US. In her Washington Post (3/19, B1) column, Petula Dvorak tells the story of Sam, an immigrant from Sierra Leone, who has been "relegated to the crowd of 11 million undocumented immigrants living a dodgy existence in this country. These are the people President Obama was speaking about when he vowed to take on immigration reform during his campaign."

GAO: "VIRTUAL" BORDER FENCE PROJECT NOT SHOWING PROGRESS. The Houston Chronicle (3/19, Brandenburg) reports the GAO concluded in a report released Thursday "that the trouble-plagued 'virtual fence' along the US border with Mexico is developing new defects faster than the old ones can be fixed." The Chronicle says the new report, coming on the heels of Secretary Napolitano's announcement Tuesday that the Administration is diverting \$50 million in Recovery Act funding from the project, "could spell doom for the controversial 'virtual fence' concept pushed for years by the Bush administration." Randolph Hite, GAO director of information technology architecture and system issues, told a joint hearing of two House Homeland Security subcommittees -- Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism and Management, Investigations and Oversight -- Thursday that the project's problems represent "a trend that is not indicative of a maturing system that is ready for deployment anytime soon."

Asked on CNN's American Morning (3/18, 7:34 a.m. EDT) whether the funding redirection means "SBInet is dead," Napolitano said, "We're going to complete phase one. We're going to look at it very objectively and do a thorough review. But in the meantime, we're going to take money that's been appropriated for SBInet and put it into technology that actually goes into the hands of our Border Patrol." Napolitano added that while SBInet is in need of review, "with the manpower, the infrastructure and the other technology we are now deploying at the border, the [border crime] numbers really have gone down. That border is very different than it was even three or four years ago."

CQ Homeland Security (3/19, Margetta) reports SBInet "took a drubbing" at Thursday's hearing, with members saying the project "needs to prove its benefits outweigh its costs in order to survive." If it can't, Secretary Napolitano "wants it eliminated," said Mark Borkowski, executive director of the Secure Border Initiative's executive office. But even if the program were working perfectly, DHS would still question whether it was worth the money or whether other commercially available technology would result in the same performance at a better value."

Federal Computer Week (3/19, Lipowicz) reports DHS officials "defended" the project at Thursday's hearing, with Borkowski saying feedback on the first permanent segment, Tucson-1, has been "very positive" and "encouraging." Michael Fisher, acting chief of the US Border Patrol, said the indication from Tucson-1 "is that we are doing it right." Lawmakers, meanwhile, "reiterated longstanding concerns about the program. 'We were promised SBInet would be completed by 2008 at a cost of \$2 billion for the entire Southwest border,'" said House Homeland Security Committee

Chairman Rep. Bennie Thompson.

NextGov (3/19, Aitoro) reports the GAO found that "DHS has not effectively managed key aspects of SBInet testing." That "inadequate testing in turn has increased the risk that the system will not perform as expected and will take longer to deploy and cost more," according to Hite.

On a blog, FOX News (3/19, Jeunesse) says, "While no decision has been made pending a review, it looks more likely DHS will terminate the program but continue to employ SBInet technology where appropriate. But the promise of 'comprehensive situational awareness' from Brownsville to San Ysidro looks doubtful."

The Wall Street Journal (3/19, Campoy) reports on Jim Wood, a web developer working to install his own surveillance system along the US-Mexico border, who is encountering the same maintenance troubles as the Federal government.

LATimes Urges Obama To Scrap Project. The Los Angeles Times (3/19) says in an editorial that the SBInet project turns out to have been "kind of a dumb idea after all." Comparing the project to the missile defense shield the Bush administration hoped to develop in Eastern Europe, the Times says "it would be extraordinarily hard, not to mention expensive, to develop an effective technology that couldn't be speedily defeated by clever human smugglers" at the border. Obama should scrap the effort "and focus on real-world policies that would not only secure the borders but deal humanely with the millions of illegal immigrants already in the country."

Philadelphia Paper Says Project's Elimination Past Due. The Philadelphia Inquirer (3/19) editorializes, "It should not have required \$1 billion in taxpayer money to determine that a virtual fence along the 2,000-mile Mexican border was a bad idea. But now that those funds have been wasted, it is past time to end this troubled project."

US, MEXICAN OFFICIALS TO DISCUSS MERIDA INITIATIVE. The San Antonio Express-News (3/19, Martin) reports Secretary Napolitano will be among US and Mexican officials meeting next week to discuss the \$1.3 billion Merida Initiative, a "package of helicopters and equipment designed to help Mexico fight drug cartels." Last weekend's shooting of three Americans with ties to the US Consulate in Ciudad Juarez "did not prompt the meeting, but galvanized support for a redoubling of efforts by both countries, Arturo Sarukhan, the Mexican ambassador to the United States, told reporters Thursday."

The Brownsville Herald (3/19, Martinez) reports those attending an annual conference on border issues Thursday "stressed the need for continued support of the Merida Initiative, a security cooperation program between the two neighboring nations that aims to help Mexico in its fight against illegal narcotics trafficking and organized crime. The program also focuses on boosting law enforcement agencies and judicial institutions and on promoting the rules of the law." The Herald also notes the upcoming trip to Mexico for Napolitano and Secretaries Clinton and Gates.

The Latin American Herald Tribune /EFE (3/19) reports Mexican Foreign Relations Secretary Patricia Espinosa responded Wednesday to statements by Secretary Napolitano "about the military operation in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico's most violent city. Napolitano, according to reports in the Mexican press, said the army's presence in Juarez has not reduced the violence in the border city. The situation in Ciudad Juarez is the product of 'many years of lack of action on the part of the Mexican government,' Espinosa said, adding that President Felipe Calderon's administration 'is doing everything it can to stem the climate of violence.'"

US, Mexican Authorities Crack Down On Gang Suspected In Consulate Killings. The New York Times (3/19, A6, Lacey) reports "about 200 American law enforcement agents on Thursday cracked down on" the Barrio Azteca street gang "in El Paso as suspicions grew that members of the notorious Texas-based gang might have been behind the shooting deaths of three people connected to the American Consulate in Ciudad Juárez last weekend." A spokesman "for the Mexican military in Ciudad Juárez, Enrique Torres, said soldiers were conducting intelligence operations on the Mexican side of the border." Although "the motive for the killings remains unclear, Mexican officials have said that the Barrio Azteca gang, which supplies hired killers for the drug traffickers who operate in Ciudad Juárez, may have been behind the brutal shooting deaths on Saturday of the husband of a consulate employee and, minutes later, of another consulate employee and her husband."

The AP (3/19, Sherman) reports FBI Special Agent Andrea Simmons said, "The El Paso law enforcement community has come together today to locate Barrio Azteca members as part of a major intelligence collection effort in an attempt to generate leads into Saturday's Juarez murders." The AP adds investigators "also are seeking information that could help them find the leader of the gang's Juarez operations, Eduardo 'Tablas' Ravelo, who was named to the FBI's Ten Most Wanted Fugitives list last year."

McClatchy (3/19, Taylor) reports the "round-up, dubbed Operation Knock Down, came as Mexican authorities announced

that they suspected there was a link between the gang and the murders. US officials, however, said that they still didn't know the motive, although they don't think nationality was a factor." The state attorney general's office "in Chihuahua said it's established a possible connection between the Aztecas gang and the murders based on 'information exchanged with US federal agencies.'"

On its website, CNN (3/19) reports, "More than 200 federal, state and local law enforcement personnel have been assigned to an operation intended to find who was responsible for Saturday's fatal shootings of three people linked to the US consulate in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico," according to DEA spokesman David Ausiello. "In addition to the FBI and the DEA, other organizations involved are the Immigration and Customs Enforcement, US Customs and Border Protection, the El Paso Police Department, the El Paso County Sheriff's Office and the Texas Department of Public Safety." The El Paso Times (3/19, Ybarra, Borunda) also reports on Operation Knock Down.

PERRY CHALLENGER CALLS NAPOLITANO, SAYS OPPONENT SHOULD HAVE DONE SAME. The Dallas Morning News (3/19, Hoppe) reports, "Democrat Bill White pressed for help with federal border security in a call to US Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, and he said Thursday that Republican Rick Perry, the governor he is challenging, also should have picked up the phone." White reported asking "Napolitano for more resources and airborne surveillance along the border - requests similar to those that have been made by Perry."

The Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram (3/19, Montgomery) reports, "White, using what he called a more effective style for getting help from Washington, called Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to ask for federal assistance for Texas border communities. 'We need somebody to go to bat for us in Washington and not somebody who strikes out and then blames other people,' White said in a telephone interview."

HEADLEY PLEADS GUILTY IN MUMBAI ATTACK, DENMARK PLOT, BUT LAROSE DENIES CHARGES. David Coleman Headley on Thursday pleaded guilty in Chicago to terror plotting charges, while "Jihad Jane" Colleen LaRose also was arraigned in Philadelphia on terror conspiracy charges - pleading not guilty. Headley's plea is attracting the bulk of the heavy media coverage, including stories on all three network news broadcasts last night, but several media outlets include coverage of LaRose in their Headley reporting - casting them as examples of the emerging threat of Al Qaeda recruitment of radicalized Americans. In the briefest of the network stories, NBC Nightly News (3/18, story 6, 0:20, Curry, 8.37M) noted, "Headley had earlier denied the charges but changed his plea to avoid the death penalty or extradition. He now faces a possible lifetime prison sentence."

ABC World News (3/18, story 4, 1:35, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported, "Al Qaeda has been recruiting Americans, and two of them appeared in court today, accused of joining the jihad." Starting with LaRose, ABC (Thomas) noted that "the FBI says it has evidence LaRose connected with Islamic radicals online, and traveled to Europe to carry out an attack on one of the cartoonists who offended Muslims." ABC goes on to report on the Headley hearing, concluding, "Two Americans in court, potentially the new faces of terrorism."

The CBS Evening News (3/18, story 7, 2:10, Couric, 6.1M) reported that the Headley and LaRose "cases are part of a disturbing trend - Americans joining forces with Muslim extremists in other countries." CBS (Crawford) noted the LaRose and Headley hearings and added, "Although CIA Director Leon Panetta told the 'Washington Post' this week that Al Qaeda is on the run overseas, the recent arrests of Americans in the war on terror shows Islamic extremists still have tentacles in the United States." Anwar al-Alwaki, in his newly-released audio recording directed at US Muslims: "How can your conscience allow you to live in peaceful coexistence with a nation that is responsible for the tyranny and crimes committed against your own brothers and sisters?" Crawford: "National security experts say the Internet is emerging as a key recruiting tool and one very difficult to police."

CNN (3/19, Wojtecki) reports, "An official familiar with the investigation said that a secondary inspection of Headley when he returned to the US from Europe on August 5 provided some significant leads that pushed the investigation forward before his October arrest. The secondary inspection was prompted by a Customs and Border Protection lookout issued after CBP had gathered fragmentary information about Headley -- a first name, travel itinerary and a timeline." In response to the guilty plea, Secretary Napolitano said Americans face "real threats from homegrown and international terrorists, and we will continue working to disrupt, dismantle and defeat terrorism at home and abroad to ensure the safety and security of the American people." Indo-Asian News Service (3/19) also notes Napolitano's comments.

The AP (3/19, Robinson) reports, "Under a deal with prosecutors, Headley will not face execution if he continues to cooperate with their terrorism investigation." Attorney General Holder "said in a statement from Washington that 'not only has the criminal justice system achieved a guilty plea in this case, but David Headley is now providing us valuable intelligence about terrorist activities.' 'As this case demonstrates, we must continue to use every tool available to defeat terrorism both at home and abroad,' Holder said."

The Chicago Tribune (3/19, Coen, 534K) called it "the most significant terrorism case ever linked to Chicago" and also noted that "Holder, who approved the plea deal, said in a statement that Headley is providing 'valuable intelligence about terrorist activities.'" Headley "pleaded guilty to all 12 counts of the indictment, including conspiring to bomb public places in India, to murder and maim people in India and Denmark as well as to aid and abet the murder of US citizens in India." The Chicago Sun-Times (3/19, Korecki, 292K) reports defense lawyer Robert Seeder "said Headley began cooperating from the day of he was arrested by the FBI, despite being informed of his right to a lawyer and his right to remain silent. He talked for 13 days, Seeder said. 'His cooperation has saved the lives of hundreds, if not thousands,' Seeder said."

The Washington Post (3/19, A16, Johnson, 684K) combines its coverage of Headley and LaRose, noting that Holder said Headley's "plea was a way to achieve justice and secure intelligence about terrorist activities, using 'every tool available to defeat terrorism, both at home and abroad.'" The Post notes, "According to an official familiar with the investigation, the FBI last summer knew only Headley's first name...and his intent to fly internationally. Using this information and an incomplete travel itinerary and timeline," CBP "was able to place him on a watch list for questioning."

The New York Times (3/19, Times, 1.09M) reports Headley pleaded guilty "to helping plan the terrorist attacks in Mumbai" and "to charges of plotting to attack a Danish newspaper that published cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad in 2005." He "said Ilyas Kashmiri, an Islamic militant operating in Pakistan, had said the attackers should behead captives and throw their heads out of the newspaper building to heighten the response from Danish authorities."

The Wall Street Journal (3/19, Kesmodel, 2.08M), Christian Science Monitor (3/19, Richey, 48K), Bloomberg News (3/19, McCormick, Harris), Reuters (3/19, Pelofsky) and BBC News (3/19) also report on Headley, and all include excerpts from Holder's statement yesterday. The Financial Times (3/19, Weitzman, 448K), Press Trust of India (3/19), Times of India (3/19, 3.15M) and Hindustan Times (3/19) also are among the media outlets reporting on Headley, but do not mention Holder's comments.

Meanwhile, the AP (3/19, Dale) reports separately on LaRose, noting that her "hearing lasted less than five minutes, just long enough for LaRose to say 'not guilty' when asked her plea to the charges: conspiring to aid terrorists, conspiring to kill someone overseas, lying to the FBI and stealing her ex-boyfriend's passport. ... She denied to agents that she had used the screen name 'Jihad Jane' or had sent any of the messages recovered, which included fundraising appeals for the jihadist cause, according to the indictment."

The AP (3/19, Dale) reports separately that Rep. Charles Dent said LaRose "cooperated in an international probe of radical Muslims." Dent "says his information...is based on meetings with the FBI and other briefings." The Los Angeles Times (3/19, Portnoy, 776K) also notes that Dent, "a member of the House Committee on Homeland Security, said he was briefed several times on the LaRose case, most recently on March 12." He "said he believed the indictment was filed after authorities had learned what they could from her. LaRose's actions should be taken seriously, despite her apparently unsophisticated tactics...Dent said." Reuters (3/19, Chiacu, Nichols) also reports on the LaRose hearing.

US Intelligence Officials: Al Qaeda Shifting Tactics To Focus On Smaller Attacks. The Los Angeles Times (3/19, Miller, 776K) reports that in light of recent plots, including Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab's failed attack on Christmas Day, "Al Qaeda and its affiliates have adapted their tactics to emphasize speed and probability of success over spectacle, US intelligence officials believe, a shift in strategy that poses problems for spy agencies that were reorganized in recent years to stop large-scale attacks like" 9/11. "Officials emphasize that they do not believe Al Qaeda has abandoned efforts to orchestrate large-scale attacks," but a "senior US counter-terrorism official said, Al Qaeda and affiliated groups are moving 'away from what we are used to, which are complex, ambitious, multilayered plots.'"

In Brief:

TWO ON ICE HOLDS AFTER TRAFFIC STOP LEADS TO DRUG ARRESTS IN CALIFORNIA. The Sonoma (CA) Index-Tribune (3/19) reports, "A Sonoma man facing numerous drug charges is being held on a no-bail ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) hold in Sonoma County Jail while a Glen Ellen man is in federal custody, also on an ICE hold, after a drug bust in Sonoma the last part of January." After searching a vehicle that was being driven by Alfredo Moreno, who was unlicensed, "deputies found 39 bags of crystal methamphetamine and cocaine adding up to a total of five ounces." Based on information in the vehicle, deputies got a search warrant and "arrested Jose Luis Lopez, 24, of Glen Ellen, at the Linda Drive residence."

THREE HELD WITHOUT BAIL FOR ICE FOLLOWING METH ARRESTS IN CALIFORNIA. The Marysville (CA) Appeal-Democrat (3/19, Young) reports, "Three men arrested Wednesday left their Yuba City 'stash pad' every day about 10 a.m. to distribute methamphetamine throughout the Yuba-Sutter area, a drug enforcement official said Thursday. Arrested Wednesday after they left the house in the 1300 block of Jodi Drive were three Mexican nationals: Jose Zamora Rodriguez, 30, Job Israel Garcia-Flores, 30, and Carlos Duran Barcenias, 33, said Mike Hudson, commander of the Yuba-

Sutter Narcotic Enforcement Team, or NET-5." The Appeal-Democrat adds that each of the men "were being held without bail for Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

MAN ARRESTED IN DEATH OF GIRLFRIEND'S INFANT DAUGHTER UNDER ICE HOLD. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram (3/19, Miller) reports Irving man Ruperto Florencio "was in custody Thursday after he was accused of killing his girlfriend's infant daughter." He "was being held at the Irving jail after his arrest on Wednesday, said Officer David Tull, an Irving police spokesman." The Star-Telegram adds that "jail records showed that a 'hold' was placed on him by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement." KTVT-TV Dallas (3/19) notes the ICE hold for Florencio on its website.

VIRGINIA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORN CHARGES. The Hampton Roads Virginian-Pilot (3/19) reports Chesapeake man Neal Assad Sabra "pleaded guilty Thursday in federal court to charges of transportation of child pornography and possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, according to a news release from the US Attorney's Office Eastern District of Virginia." Sabra "was charged after he communicated by e-mail with an undercover officer in New York, sending the officer several child pornography images, the news release said quoting court documents. On Jan. 21, Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents executed search warrants at his home and work and seized several computers and electronic media. Forensic analysts initially found four saved videos of child pornography on a thumb drive."

FLORIDA MAN ARRESTED ON CHILD PORN CHARGES. The Florida Times-Union (3/19, Schoettler) reports Orange Park man Charles Marvin Watkins has been arrested on child pornography charges. FBI spokesman Jeff Westcott "said FBI agents were assisted in the arrest by the Clay County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Attorney General's Office and agents from federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

MURDER SUSPECT ARRESTED IN CAMBODIA. KIDK-TV Idaho Falls (3/19) reports on its website, "A suspect wanted for murder in Bonneville County has been arrested in Cambodia. Nathan Helburn is being held by Cambodian immigration authorities and details about his return to Idaho are being worked out." ICE was among "a number of agencies helped out in the apprehension of Helburn." KIFI-TV Idaho Falls (3/19) also covers the arrest.

MAN ARRESTED BY SOUTHERN MISSOURI FUGITIVE TASK. On its website KYTV-TV Springfield, MO (3/19) reports, "The Southern Missouri Fugitive Task arrested Rex Peck on Thursday about 8:15 a.m. outside a McDonald's restaurant on Kearney Street. Peck has been wanted for escape from electronic confinement since Aug. 4, 2000, by the Missouri Department of Corrections." KYTV notes ICE's participation in the task force.

MAN TRANSFERRED TO ICE FOLLOWING SINGLE-VEHICLE ACCIDENT IN TEXAS. The Odessa (TX) American (3/19) reports, "A man involved in a single-vehicle wreck in Pleasant Farms is in federal custody. The incident happened just before 9 p.m. March 11 at the intersection of West Apple Street and South Klondyke Avenue when a white Nissan pickup ran a stop sign and collided with a telephone pole." The American notes that Ramon Moreno Valenzuela "was transferred to the custody of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Monday."

HONDURAN MAN ARRESTED IN VIRGINIA AFTER PREVIOUS ILLEGAL ENTRIES. The Newport News (VA) Daily Press (3/19, Parsons) reports Honduran man Anibal Zuniga Valle "is facing prison after admitting to the multiple clandestine border crossings in a Norfolk court Wednesday." He "is charged with re-entering the United States after being deported, a felony that carries a maximum of two years behind bars." After his arrest in May on charges of trespassing and disorderly conduct, "Valle came to the attention of federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents, according to court documents."

COCAINE DISCOVERED AT ANZALDUAS INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE. The McAllen (TX) Monitor (3/19, Taylor) reports CBP officers "seized more than \$383,000 worth of cocaine during an inspection at the Anzalduas International Bridge last week." The incident occurred Friday when "officers came in contact with a 2008 Ford Focus sedan driven by a 36-year-old Mexican woman from Reynosa. Officers referred the car to secondary inspection, where five cocaine packages that weighed 11.9 pounds were found hidden in the car." The woman was turned over to ICE.

Top DHS News:

NAPOLITANO: DHS WORKING TO LIFT "OVERALL GLOBAL LEVEL OF AVIATION SECURITY." Asked on CNN's American Morning (3/18, 7:34 a.m. EDT) whether it's possible to eliminate inconsistencies in global aviation security, Secretary Napolitano said DHS is working on the issue. "What Christmas Day revealed, is something that we all know, this is really a global aviation system. Once somebody gets into one part of it, they potentially can get into all of it. So, working with ICAO...we have been participating in a series of meetings around the world aimed at lifting the overall global level of aviation security." Asked about the push for full-body scanners at airports and the potential for an operator to "store improper images," Napolitano said, "The machines are not set to store images, they're not set to transmit images."

They are objectively better at detecting, liquids, powders, gels, other things that somebody may try to smuggle on a plane to blow up the plane. We have really been working on the privacy side to make sure those concerns have been mitigated from the original iterations of technology. A lot of the reports that have been out, such as the one you're talking about, are really talking about older iterations of the technology."

AGENCIES RARELY USE MEASURES TO PUNISH BAD PERFORMANCE FROM CONTRACTORS. CQ Homeland Security (3/19, Korade) reports lawmakers on the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee "blew a collective gasket on Thursday over the lack of strong punitive action taken by the Department of Homeland Security and other agencies against poorly performing contractors." Despite the ability to suspend poorly-performing contractors "from further work for up to 18 months and prohibitions for up to three years," agencies rarely take advantage of the tools, Chairman Edolphus Towns said. "The inspector generals of the departments of Homeland Security and Transportation and the US Agency for International Development have found that their agencies have not used punitive measures, or were slow to use them, allowing bad actors to rake in millions in the interim, he said."

SENATE AIDES SAY FIRM FOUNDED BY TSA NOMINEE OVERBILLED GOVERNMENT. CongressDaily (3/19, Strohm) reports Harding Security Associates, a firm founded by President Obama's nominee to head the TSA, retired Army Maj. Gen. Robert Harding, "overbilled the government for interrogation work in Iraq and had to pay back about \$2 million, according to Senate aides who are vetting him." Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs ranking member Susan Collins wrote "Defense Department agencies Thursday seeking all information related to the audit," which has not been publicly released. An Obama administration official confirmed this week, in response to inquiries by CongressDaily, that Harding Security had 22 personnel working in Iraq from February-August 2004 providing "interrogator and debriefer services in support of the Iraq Survey Group."

ARAB-AMERICAN ADVOCATE MOVING TO TSA. The Washington Post (3/19, A22, Hsu) reports that after working as legal director for the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee since the 9/11 attacks, sparring "with the federal government over what he saw as security abuses against minorities," Nawar Shora "is joining the Transportation Security Administration as a senior adviser for its office of civil rights and liberties." The Post says the move "comes at a challenging time for the TSA and other security agencies," which have faced "a growing number of incidents since 2009 involving violent 'homegrown' extremists and cases in which overseas terrorist groups have recruited and trained Americans."

BODY SCANNERS WON'T DETECT PROSTHETICS. Noting the concerns of travelers with prosthesis and other medical devices, the Chicago Tribune (3/19, Hilkevitch) reports, "Fear not, world travelers toting around replacement parts. The full-body scanner is safe for all passengers, according to Jim Fotenos, spokesman for the Transportation Security Administration." Though the fact that the X-rays produced by the scanners will not penetrate the skin is "bad for the TSA in terms of being able to detect weapons or explosives hidden inside the body cavity of a criminal or terrorist," they also won't detect "prosthetic devices, artificial limbs and surgically replaced body parts."

GAO: Scanners May Not Have Detected Underwear Bomber. NPR's All Things Considered (3/18) aired a report Thursday on the GAO's finding that the full-body scanners "may not have thwarted the attempted Christmas Day bombing on a Detroit-bound flight."

Idaho House Passes Bill To Limit Scanners. The AP (3/19) reports Idaho's House "has approved a measure limiting the use of X-ray body scanners at security checkpoints in Idaho airports and government buildings. Under the bill passed 58-9 Thursday, security officers could only operate the machines to scan people who have failed a prior security test, such as a metal detector. Athol Republican Rep. Phil Hart's bill would also require the Idaho Department of Homeland Security to prove the scanners aren't detrimental to health before any machine is allowed to operate in the state."

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ICE GETS \$7.7 MILLION FOR INVESTORS IN FRAUDULENT INTERNET COMPANY. The Philadelphia Inquirer (3/12, Hepp, 326K) reports 869 investors in the fraudulent internet company Pro Net Link "will recover much of the money they lost thanks to a US Immigration and Customs Enforcement investigation that managed to seize \$7.7 million of the missing assets." They "will receive about 62 percent of the \$12.4 million they spent to buy stock," which "claimed it had databases listing foreign manufacturing companies. According to John P. Kelleghan, special agent in charge of the Immigration and Customs Office of Investigations in Philadelphia, Pro Net Link was started by two French men living in New York, Jean Pierre Collardeau and Charles Nisenbaum," who "marketed their site as a way for domestic companies to connect with foreign firms."

The Philadelphia Daily News (3/12, Olley, 93K) reports highlights one of the victims in the case who "told a claims administrator that she was so happy to be getting her money back that she was going to go dancing. 'I breathed a gigantic sigh of relief. It's been an especially long road,' the woman told the administrator, according to federal officials."

KYW-AM Philadelphia (3/12, McDevitt) reports on its website that the Pro Net Link "investigation spanned over 10 years." According to Kelleghan, "Based upon this quite lengthy investigation and seizure of many assets, and forfeitures of many assets, we have been able to return approximately 62-percent of the monies that were defrauded from about 869 victims."

Operational News:

ICE DETAINS 29 IN OPERATIONS AROUND BALTIMORE. The Baltimore Sun (3/12, Roylance, 229K) reports ICE arrested 29 "in simultaneous raids Thursday morning in Anne Arundel and Baltimore counties at two restaurants, several residences and an office." Special Agent in Charge at the Baltimore ICE office William Winter "said Thursday's action was carried out 'to ensure that employers are held accountable for maintaining a legal work force. ICE is committed to investigating employers who engage in illegal employment schemes that utilize illegal labor.'" The Sun adds that ICE spokeswoman Ernestine Fobbs "declined to provide further details on the raids while the investigation was continuing," but "said the people detained during the raids were from a variety of countries. Some appeared to be Hispanic, she said."

WBAL-TV Baltimore, MD (3/12) reports on its website that "Anne Arundel County police and officials with the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Office said they have broken up an illegal immigrant operation. Officials said businesses in the county have been hiring illegal immigrants and providing a place for them to stay." WJZ-TV Baltimore (3/12) reports on its website that ICE "raided the Timbuktu Restaurant near BWI Airport around 10 a.m. Thursday. Records were removed from the offices, and employees were arrested. Anne Arundel County police helped."

SUSPECTED SMUGGLING TUNNEL DISCOVERED NEAR OTAY MESA BORDER CROSSING. The San Diego Union-Tribune (3/12, Dibble, 278K) reports on the announced "discovery of a suspected smuggling tunnel measuring about 250 feet in length leading from a warehouse east of the Otay Mesa border crossing. A US interagency tunnel task force was trying to determine Thursday night whether there was an exit on the San Diego side." ICE spokeswoman Lauren Mack said agents had been informed of the tunnel's discovery by the Mexican military, and that it had not yet been determined "whether it crosses into the United States."

TUGBOAT DRUG DISTRIBUTION SCHEME BUSTED IN FLORIDA. The Florida Times-Union (3/12, Scanlan, 132K) reports a scheme using a tugboat to transport "drugs between Puerto Rico and Jacksonville was busted Monday with the seizure of three kilograms of cocaine in the 1800 block of Talleyrang Avenue, police said." That same day, North Jacksonville man Jamar Leveal Reed "was arrested on a charge of trafficking in cocaine after he arrived in Jacksonville by plane, police said." ICE agents had "received a tip Monday that a bag of cocaine was on board an incoming tugboat from Puerto Rico, and intercepted it at 4 p.m. when it docked on Talleyrang Avenue."

BROTHERS FOUND GUILTY OF BULK CASH SMUGGLING AFTER SAN DIEGO-AREA INCIDENT. The San Diego Union-Tribune (3/12, Berestein, 278K) reports brothers Israel Del Toro Barboza and Adin Del Toro Barboza "were found guilty Wednesday by a federal jury in San Diego of two counts each related to bulk cash smuggling" after they were caught by CBP officers last year "driving toward Mexico with nearly half a million dollars in a duffle bag." According to ICE's investigation of the incident, "the brothers were traveling legally with border crossing cards and were posing as legitimate exporters. ICE spokeswoman Lauren Mack said that since last Oct. 1, there have been 19 bulk cash smuggling suspects arrested attempting to leave through San Diego-area border checkpoints," and "more than \$1.5 million has been seized."

NEW JERSEY MAN CHARGED WITH RUNNING ILLEGAL CHECK-CASHING BUSINESS. The Newark Star-Ledger (3/12, Golson) reports Hudson County man Ricardo Schiavini was indicted Thursday "for allegedly running a check-cashing business without a license, according to court papers." He and his business, Surexpress, were charged with unlicensed check cashing by a Somerset County grand jury. He "was arrested in January, following a joint investigation by

the Somerset County Prosecutor's Special Investigations Unit, the US Department of Homeland Security, and Immigration and Customs Enforcement that started in July 2009." ICE had "stopped one of Schiavini's employees in Green Brook, where it was discovered that Surexpress was cashing checks for others and collecting a fee without a license, Somerset County authorities said."

PROSECUTORS SEEK MORE TIME ON GALEA CASE. The AP (3/12) reports, "Government prosecutors Thursday asked a court for more time to either move forward or drop a smuggling case that focused investigators' attention on" Canadian doctor Anthony Galea. "Earlier this year, a federal magistrate set a Friday deadline for the government to consider dismissing its charges against Mary Anne Catalano, an assistant to...Galea, who is accused of smuggling human growth hormone into the United States." She "told agents she knew the items were illegal and that she was bringing them in for her employer, according to an Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer's affidavit."

RETURN OF EGYPTIAN SARCOPHAGUS NOTED. Federal Times (3/12, Neal) reports, "If you think you can get an illegally-obtained Egyptian sarcophagus through customs, think again." The Times reports on the seizure and return to Egypt of a 3,000-year-old sarcophagus that was discovered in Miami in 2008.

NASHVILLE MUSICIAN FACING DEPORTATION. WSMV-TV Nashville, TN (3/12, Ferrier) reports on its website that "popular Nashville musician" Dexter Bodden "is being deported for a 14-year-old felony." He "was picked up by immigration and taken to Louisiana for deportation this week." Having pleaded guilty to recording his girlfriend's phone conversations in 1996, Bodden "was targeted by the Immigration and Customs Enforcement as a foreigner with a felony and scheduled for deportation. So he lived, worked and sang as a marked man."

Policy and Issues News:

RESEARCH STUDY FINDS US IMMIGRATION COURT BACKLOG LARGER THAN EVER. The Houston Chronicle (3/12, Moreno, Powell, 427K) reports the Syracuse University-based Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse has released a report finding that US immigration courts "immigration courts are choked by the largest backlog of pending deportation and asylum cases in history, more than 18,000 of them in Texas." Ranking "fourth behind California, New York and Florida" for its share of the 228,421 cases in the national backlog, Texas "does better than the national average" of 439 days to wait for a trial, "but it still takes about 218 days for a case to be heard among the state's 24 administrative immigration law judges. Houston immigration experts were not surprised by the report after years of the government beefing up enforcement efforts but not hiring more judges."

ICE AGENT PLEADS GUILTY IN NEW ORLEANS POLICE SHOOTING COVER UP. The AP (3/12, Kunzelman) reports, "A second former New Orleans police officer pleaded guilty Thursday to covering up the deadly shooting of unarmed residents after Hurricane Katrina, with a judge calling the plot a 'despicable' scheme that immeasurably compounded the storm's damage." Jeffrey Lehrmann, now an ICE agent in Phoenix, "pleaded guilty to misprision of a felony, which means he had knowledge of a crime and didn't report it." Defense lawyer Davidson Ehle III said that Lehrmann's "cooperation, starting late last summer, gave prosecutors 'the big break they were looking for.'" The AP notes ICE spokesman Vincent Picard said in a statement that Lehrmann "has been placed on administrative leave...until an internal investigation is completed."

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (3/12, McCarthy, Maggi, 169K) reports, "One of the lead defense attorneys for police officers involved in the shooting remained undaunted Thursday by the onslaught of new allegations in the document filed with Lehrmann's guilty plea. 'There's things in that factual basis that just aren't true,' said Frank DeSalvo, who represents Sgt. Kenneth Bowen." However, the Picayune notes, "details offered by Lehrmann about the alleged cover-up match those admitted to by former Lt. Michael Lohman, who pleaded guilty two weeks ago to conspiracy to obstruct justice."

CNN (3/11) reported on its website, "Lehrmann faces a sentence of up to three years in prison and a \$250,000 fine when he is sentenced June 10," but US Attorney Jim Letten "said that while Lehrmann's conviction is the second in the case, 'this officer was the first to enter into an agreement with the United States and provide cooperation.'" Reuters (3/12, Pelofsky) also reports on Lehrmann's guilty plea.

MARYLAND BILL WOULD REQUIRE LOCAL JAILS TO TRANSMIT INFORMATION TO ICE. The Hagerstown (MD) Herald-Mail (3/12, Julius, 31K) reports a Maryland "bill that would require the Division of Correction to report the immigration status of inmates to federal authorities also would require local jails to report the same information, according to Del. Christopher B. Shank, who sponsors the bill. The Washington County Detention Center will not see a change because it already reports inmates' immigration statuses to federal authorities, Sheriff Douglas W. Mullendore said Thursday. Several bills before the Maryland General Assembly would require an inmate's immigration status to be reported to the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency (ICE)."

LOUISIANA BUSINESSES URGED TO COOPERATE WITH ICE TO AVOID ENFORCEMENT ACTION. The Houma (LA) Courier (3/12, DeSantis) reports ICE Special Agent Blayne Bergeron "told a gathering of about 100 business people at the Houma Municipal Auditorium" Wednesday "that his agency can help a business determine whether workers have supplied true identification." Bergeron said ICE's program "doesn't cost you anything, and it saves you unpleasantness. ... The unpleasantness is when you have 100 agents rounding people up on your site." During his address, Bergeron said many local businesses use immigrant labor, and some aren't aware that their workers might not be in the country legally."

OBAMA SAYS HE'S COMMITTED TO IMMIGRATION REFORM, GETS OUTLINE FROM SENATORS. The AP (3/12, Superville) reports President Obama "on Thursday assured immigration advocates frustrated by the wait for a promised overhaul of US immigration laws that he remains committed to fixing a system he has said is broken," but what "remains unclear is whether Congress will send him a bill this year." Obama also "met separately later in the day with Sens. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who gave the president an outline of a bill they are drafting. Obama said afterward in a statement that he 'looked forward to reviewing their promising framework.'"

The Los Angeles Times (3/12, Nicholas, 776K) reports that while details of the senators' reform "blueprint were not released, Graham said the elements include tougher border security, a program to admit temporary immigrant workers and a biometric Social Security card that would prevent people here illegally from getting jobs." He added that it includes "a rational plan to deal with the millions of illegal immigrants already in the United States," but did not offer details. Having spoken with immigrant advocates earlier in the day, "Obama agreed to have them meet with Homeland Security chief Janet Napolitano to discuss deportation policies, according to the White House."

The New York Times (3/12, Preston, 1.09M) reports that while President Obama said "he would proceed with an overhaul of the immigration system this year if he could attract substantial Republican support," Graham "said an immigration bill could not go forward if the president used a legislative shortcut sidestepping Republicans to pass his health care bill." Graham, "in a statement, said he had told Mr. Obama 'in no uncertain terms' that the immigration debate 'could come to a halt for the year' if the president moved to pass health care legislation by a method known as reconciliation, which requires a majority of 51 senators instead of 60 and would in practice require no Republican votes."

The Wall Street Journal (3/12, Meckler, 2.08M) reports the extent to which the White House will get involved with immigration reform is not clear. Schumer said the senators and Obama "had a very positive, productive meeting. All of us agreed that passing comprehensive immigration reform this year is very important to our nation."

NPR's All Things Considered (3/11, Horsley) reported on air and on its website that aides to the President say his "commitment to immigration overhaul is 'unwavering,' even though he gave the issue only a brief mention toward the end of his State of the Union speech." Obama was heard saying in that speech, "We should continue the work of fixing our broken immigration system." NPR continued, "Merely 'continuing the work' of fixing immigration isn't good enough, though, for the immigrant advocates" who "met with the president for more than an hour Thursday afternoon."

The Hill (3/12, Youngman, 21K) reports Obama "would not commit to passing immigration reform this year, and a senior White House aide indicated the issue does not top the president's priority list." White House press secretary Robert Gibbs "indicated that while immigration and a new comprehensive energy bill are important to Obama, they are not the president's focus in this election year."

Roll Call (3/12, Bendery) reports Obama did commit "to helping to produce a framework for bipartisan immigration reform legislation by March 21 and vowed to press for Senate action on the issue during a hastily called meeting with grass-roots activists." Obama "met for more than an hour with 10 immigrant advocacy groups who, not by coincidence, are the same groups planning a Washington, D.C., rally to protest the administration's lack of action on the issue."

Discussing Thursday's meeting on Fox News' O'Reilly Factor (3/11, 8:06 p.m. EST), Laura Ingraham said Sen. Graham "is always cutting the worst deals for Republicans. Okay? Right now there is no national momentum or movement for amnesty of any sort. There just isn't. So, you're pushing this through or trying to push this thing through now? Why?"

BILL MANDATING E-VERIFY USE FOR SOME UTAH BUSINESSES PASSES SENATE. The Salt Lake Tribune (3/12, McKittrick, 120K) reports, "After a concerted effort to amend or stall the E-Verify bill, the measure passed 46-24 and now awaits signatures. SB251, sponsored by Republicans Sen. Chris Butters and Rep. Chris Herrod, requires businesses with 15 or more employees to participate in an electronic verification system when considering a new hire, to determine if the applicant is legally in the United States."

In Brief:

ICE ASSISTING AFTER THREE SHOT IN POTENTIAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING INCIDENT THURSDAY. The Riverside

Press Enterprise (3/12, Barrie, Asbury) reports, "Moreno Valley police and federal immigration agents were looking for suspects who shot three people, two fatally," Thursday "in an incident that may be tied to human trafficking. ... Riverside County sheriff's Deputy Melissa Nieburger, a spokeswoman for the department, confirmed that three people had been shot, and that the shooting may have been immigration related." She confirmed that ICE officers were assisting in the case. KABC-TV Los Angeles (3/12) briefly notes the case and ICE's involvement in a report on its website.

MAN AWAITING SENTENCING ON CHILD PORN CHARGES REARRESTED. The San Antonio Express-News (3/12, Contreras) reports Justin Jackson Sayers, who "pleaded guilty in July to transporting child porn and was out on bail, waited for sentencing," has been "rearrested in an undercover US Postal Service sting, a day before US District Judge Orlando Garcia on Thursday sentenced to 15 years another man in a similar case." Noting discussion of a strong addiction in the other case, the Express-News adds that "Sayers might hear a similar argument when he's sentenced March 26 over the 166 images of child porn agents with US Immigration and Customs Enforcement found on his laptop. He came to their attention in fall 2007 after he sent 16 images of child porn and child erotica to an undercover computer account set up by ICE agents in Seattle."

MAN IN CHILD PORNOGRAPHY CASE THOUGHT TO HAVE FLED US. The Philadelphia Daily News (3/12, Farr) reports Upper Darby man Jose Oyarzun "is believed to have fled the country, possibly in the company of his wife and children, after investigators issued a search warrant on his home and allegedly found evidence of child pornography." Detectives had "found that Oyarzun had not been at his job at Cooper University Hospital since the search warrant was served and that his son had not been in school. It was later learned through US Immigration and Customs Enforcement that Oyarzun, a New Jersey native, had flown out of JFK Airport in New York City on Feb. 18 to Madrid, Spain, according to the Delaware County district attorney." WTFX-TV Philadelphia (3/12) covers the case on its website.

WEST VIRGINIA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORN CHARGES. The Wheeling (WV) Intelligencer (3/12) reports Triadelphia man Christopher Lamb "pleaded guilty Thursday to a felony charge of child pornography possession in US District Court for the Northern District of West Virginia before Judge Frederick P. Stamp." ICE Special Agent Kenneth Rochford testified at the hearing that "Lamb's computer contained at least 3,500 pictures of child pornography and as many as 250 videos." He called it a "rather vast collection."

MAN IN JAIL ON MOLESTATION CHARGES TO BE ARRESTED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY. Southern California Public Radio (3/11) reported on its website that George Joseph England, a convicted child molester who was due to be released from prison, "will be arrested on a federal warrant out of Palm Beach, Fla., prosecutors said today, as they released a videotape made by one of his victims." He "is expected to be arrested in connection with child pornography and the Mann Act, which prohibits transporting people over state lines for sex and includes protections for the exploitation of children, said Orange County District Attorney Tony Rackauckas." SCPR added that ICE "already had a hold on England because there's some question about whether he's a Canadian citizen or not."

TWELVE NAMES FORWARDED TO ICE FOLLOWING DRUG DISTRIBUTION BUST IN WISCONSIN. The Appleton (WI) Post-Crescent (3/12, Srubas) reports 12 people -- "all believed to be unregistered immigrants -- were arrested in a two-county area for distribution of cocaine, methamphetamine and marijuana, the Brown County Drug Task Force announced this morning." The Post-Crescent adds that each of the names "were forwarded to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement for investigation of their immigration status." The Green Bay Press Gazette (3/12, Srubas) also covers the case, as do WFRV-TV Green Bay (3/12) and WLUK-TV Green Bay (3/12) on their website.

MAN UNDER ICE HOLD FOLLOWING DRUG CHARGES AFTER OREGON TRAFFIC STOP. The Yamhill Valley (OR) News-Register (3/12, Daquilante) reports Dayton man Jairo Pineda Echevarria has been arrested on drug charges after his "vehicle was stopped Wednesday afternoon on Highway 18 near Kreder Road." Echevarria "was charged with one count each of delivery of a controlled substance/methamphetamine and possession of a controlled substance/meth. Bail on those charges was set at \$15,000, but an Immigration and Customs Enforcement hold was also placed on him, so he was lodged in the county jail without bail."

Top DHS News:

CBP SAYS MEXICAN CARTELS BENT ON CORRUPTING BORDER AGENTS. The AP (3/11, Sherman) reports James Tomscheck, assistant commissioner with CBP's Office of Internal Affairs, said Thursday during testimony before a Senate homeland security subcommittee that 60 percent of the one in 10 new agency hires who are subjected to a polygraph test are found to be unsuitable. "That means that many who joined the agency during the recent hiring boom and did not take polygraphs could have joined with corruption already in mind, Tomscheck said." Noting the alarm expressed by subcommittee chairman Mark Pryor regarding the 60 percent number, the AP adds that it "reported last year that four applicants for border protection jobs were not hired when polygraph tests and background checks confirmed they were infiltrators from drug trafficking operations." While the CBP "has increased its internal affairs investigators to 214 in 2010

from five in 2006, its number of polygraph examiners falls short of the demand, Tomsheck said."

The New York Times (3/12, A12, Archibold, 1.09M) reports FBI and DHS officials at Thursday's hearing "painted a grave picture of drug trafficking organizations trying to recruit federal officers to work for them and infiltrate the ranks." Though limited to a minority of agents, FBI agent Kevin L. Perkins said the corruption problem is "significantly pervasive." Beyond the polygraph rate for new hires, Tomsheck "said, the agency is far behind in conducting periodic background checks of current law enforcement employees."

The Arizona Republic (3/12, Kelly, 393K) reports Mexican drug cartels, facing increasing pressure along the Southwestern border, "are intensifying efforts to evade capture by seeking to bribe US border patrol agents," according to testimony Thursday. "Since the fall of 2004, 103 US Customs and Border Protection officers have been arrested or indicted on corruption charges, including drug smuggling, alien smuggling, money laundering and conspiracy," according to Tomsheck.

The San Antonio Express-News (3/12, Brezovsky, Martin, 210K) reports Tomsheck "told the panel the drug cartels operating in Mexico are making a concerted effort to infiltrate CBP, and the agency is responding with more screening of job applicants with polygraph tests and background investigations. Corruption cases were opened last year on 576 CBP officers and Border Patrol agents."

OFFICIALS: NEW MEASURES WOULD HAVE STOPPED CHRISTMAS DAY BOMBING ATTEMPT. Homeland Security Today (3/12, McCarter) reports officials from CBP and the State Department testifying before a House panel Thursday touted procedures enacted since the failed Christmas Day bombing on Flight 253 over Detroit, saying they would likely stop a similar incident in the future. The State Department has "implemented a new search engine to check visa records, conducting searches that allow for variations in the spelling of names and differences in dates of birth, places of birth, and nationalities," according to David Donahue, deputy assistant secretary of State for Visas. In addition, Thomas Winkowski, CBP assistant commissioner of Field Operations, said the agency now "generates hot lists of travelers to be questioned and dispatch them to their overseas field offices, but the agency did not have that practice in place on Christmas Day."

CQ Homeland Security (3/12, Margetta) reports that if Abdulmutallab were to travel today, Winkowski said, "Our officers in Amsterdam would have been notified about him. We would have located him and questioned him in Amsterdam." While the agency "is re-evaluating the hot list to make sure it has all of the information its officers need, the deployment of personnel through the agency's Immigration Advisory Program is limited, he said. CBP cannot deploy officers in airports at countries that don't participate."

US OFFICIALS WORRY AL QAEDA MAY SHIFT FOCUS TO SMALL SCALE ATTACKS. The AP (3/12, Baldor) reports US officials and counterterrorism experts "say the Christmas airline plot and last November's shooting at Fort Hood, Texas, may have shown al-Qaida that smaller-scale attacks also can prove unsettling, without the complexity and risk of bigger attempts." Now it "appears that the group, which has prided itself on its ideological purism, seems to be eyeing a more pragmatic and perhaps more dangerous shift in tactics. The emerging message appears to be that big successes are great, but sometimes simply trying can be just as good."

TERROR MONITORING GROUPS SAY MANY OTHERS LIKE LAROSE ONLINE, MORE DANGEROUS. ABCNews.com (3/11, McNiff) reports that "for a group of 'Net vigilantes,' Colleen LaRose's arrest on terrorism charges "was old news." JawaReport, Quoth The Raven, and the YouTube Smackdown Corps "claim they had been monitoring LaRose's growing militancy for three years, and watched as the Internet...fed her fervor," and that "'Jihad Jane' is not the only one on the Internet that the groups are monitoring. 'There are certainly many others out there who are more eloquent and appear to be more dangerous from the way they talk,' a man calling himself Rusty Shackleford told ABC News."

Meanwhile, in a Christian Science Monitor (3/12, 48K) analysis, Peter Grier wrote, "Pending more information, here are three crucial questions about her case: What was the spark that lit her interest in radical Islam? ... How many women did she recruit? ... Has she already provided information to the Federal Bureau of Investigation?"

Internet Has Become Major Terror Recruiting, Radicalization Tool. The Los Angeles Times (3/12, Drogin, Susman, 776K) reports, "From charismatic clerics who spout hate online, to thousands of extremist websites, chat rooms and social networking pages that raise money and spread radical propaganda, the Internet has become a crucial front in the ever-shifting war on terrorism." Georgetown professor Bruce Hoffman told the Times, "LaRose showed that you can become a terrorist in the comfort of your own bedroom." LSE terror analyst Fawaz Gerges added, "The new militancy is driven by the Web. The terror training camps in Afghanistan and Pakistan are being replaced by virtual camps on the Web."

Robinson Says LaRose Case Shows Futility Of Profiling. Eugene Robinson writes in his Washington Post (3/12,

Robinson, 684K) column, "It took the case of 'JihadJane' to illuminate what should have been obvious by now: Anyone who claims to be able to identify a potential terrorist by appearance or nationality is delusional." Robinson criticizes Newt Gingrich's call -- in the wake of the Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab's failed attack -- for more profiling, concluding, "To 'actively discriminate,' as Gingrich and others recommend, would do more than single out a lot of innocent people. It would guarantee that we miss the next JihadJane -- who might be taking instruction from leaders more nefarious than her cats."

NEW JERSEY MAN ARRESTED IN YEMEN SUSPECTED OF BEING AL QAEDA MEMBER. The AP (3/12, Parry, Mulvihill) reports Sharif Mobley was "raised in New Jersey, where he was on the high school wrestling team and earned a black belt in karate," but now, "nearly a decade later," he is "under arrest in Yemen, suspected of being an al-Qaida member and accused of killing a guard in an attempt to break out of a hospital." While some acquaintances "were startled by the news out of the Middle East on Thursday, a former classmate said that Mobley had strong religious views in high school, often trying to convert friends to Islam, and became increasingly radical, especially after they graduated in 2002." The AP adds the allegations "appeared to illustrate a phenomenon US intelligence officials have warned about: American Muslims becoming radicalized and joining terrorist movements overseas."

The Washington Post (3/12, Mulvihill, Parry, 684K) reports Mobley's capture is "the latest in a string of Yemeni counterterrorism efforts aimed at disrupting al-Qaeda." Mobley was "among 11 al-Qaeda suspects detained this month after a security sweep in Sanaa, the Yemeni capital, officials said. He was taken to the hospital over the weekend and was apprehended after he attacked the guards in an escape attempt and barricaded himself in a hospital room, Albasha said."

BRITISH AIRWAYS COMPUTER EXPERT CHARGED WITH PLOTTING SUICIDE BOMBINGS. The AP (3/12) reports Rajib Karim, a Bangladesh-born computer expert at British Airways, "was charged Thursday with plotting suicide bombings - including one he allegedly planned to carry out himself." According to prosecutor Colin Gibbs, "Karim deliberately sought a job with the airline in order to further an unspecified terrorist conspiracy." British Airways said in a statement that there was "no way an individual could have been considered or selected for a cabin crew role if they did not meet the criteria."

HAITIAN RELIEF SEEN AS SHORT TERM SUCCESS, BUT LONG TERM ISSUES REMAIN. The Los Angeles Times (3/12, Rubin, 776K) reports that while the numbers of the dead and displaced in the Haitian earthquake were "apocalyptic," on "two crucial fronts, it has been, broadly speaking, a success story," but "on others, results have been far more mixed." The "ability to relatively quickly disburse large amounts of food and water and provide medical treatment, aid officials said, tamped down the potential for widespread panic and chaos in the streets of Port-au-Prince and elsewhere." Progress has "been considerably slower on shelter and sanitation issues, aid officials acknowledged, raising fears among experts of a second crisis when the region's torrential seasonal rains arrive in coming weeks." The "uneven pace at which aid has been delivered has also been a problem, as aid workers have struggled to map and reach the 400 or so tent camps that have popped up in and around the capital. Pockets of the city and many needy areas in its environs have gone unserved for weeks."

Kidnappers Free French Aid Workers. The Wall Street Journal (3/12, A7, Jordan, Gauthier-Villars, 2.08M) reports kidnappers released two aid workers with the French group Doctors Without Borders after holding them for six days. The Journal notes the crime appeared to be the work of professional kidnappers who may have been released from prison with thousands of other criminals after the earthquake.

UN Says Elderly Haitians Now Most At Risk Population. The New York Times (3/12, A4, Urbina, 1.09M) reports elderly Haitians "find themselves distinctly vulnerable and emotionally burdened these days," because "with longevity comes survivor's guilt." A "preliminary census released last month by an aid organization found that roughly 7 percent, or about 84,000, of the estimated 1.2 million Haitians who had been displaced by the earthquake are over 60 years old." The United Nations "also released a report last month stating that despite the privation facing younger women and children in Haiti since the earthquake, it is the elderly who are now by far the most at risk."

NYTimes Says Haitian Relief Effort Inadequate. The New York Times (3/12, A26, 1.09M) says in an editorial that with "every day that passes in the mud and rubble of Haiti, the failures of the relief effort are heartbreaking." Haiti "should be able to count on American technical expertise, security and money, especially as energy shifts to rebuilding. Everyone should keep improving basic efforts to keep refugees safe and in good health. But, ultimately, it is the United Nations that must take responsibility to lead and coordinate the relief efforts."

NAPOLITANO TO SPEAK AT ASU. The Arizona Daily Star (3/12, McCombs, 110K) notes a DHS news release stating that Secretary Napolitano "is scheduled to speak at Arizona State University on March 25." The Secretary "will speak about Homeland Security's ongoing efforts to protect the United States from new and evolving threats to national

security,' the release says."

FULL-BODY SCANNERS DISCUSSED IN DHS MEETING WITH RELIGIOUS LEADERS. The Detroit Free Press (3/12, Warikoo, 287K) reports religious leaders were to meet with DHS officials Thursday "to discuss their concerns about the use of airport body scanners that reveal the outlines of bodies." The meeting, announced Wednesday by DHS Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties Margo Schlanger, was to "include Christian, Jewish, and Muslim leaders."

CRITICS SEE POLITICS BEHIND WHITE HOUSE WAVERING ON TERROR TRIALS. McClatchy (3/12, Lightman, Taylor) reports that as the White House "reconsiders the decision to prosecute the five alleged plotters of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks in civilian court, the likely change of course seems designed to protect vulnerable Democrats in Congress more than it is to improve the chances for conviction." McClatchy adds that with "public dissatisfaction with the Obama administration at record levels, some Democrats see trying the alleged terrorists in military court as a way of blunting the issue and helping to preserve the party's large majorities in the House and Senate." Some Democrats, "particularly from more conservative states, say the issue -- while not as prominent as health care or the economy -- could become damaging to incumbents."

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- + Shahzad Indicted On 10 Terrorism, Weapons Counts.
- + Pistole Nomination Moves Forward.
- + New York Seeking DHS Approval To Reopen Street Closed After 9/11.

- + GAO Complains Of Lack Of Cooperation From Agencies.
- + DHS Sponsors Forum For Women In Federal Government.
- + Cybersecurity Push Gains Momentum In Senate, Though Differences Over Details Remain.

Leading the News:

US, COLUMBIAN OFFICIALS BUST "SUPER CARTEL." The CBS Evening News (6/17, story 6, 3:00, Couric) aired an exclusive report on the takedown of what US and Columbian law enforcement officials "call the super cartel: An international money laundering and drug trafficking network more sophisticated and more powerful than anything they'd seen before." CBS (Logan) added that Operation Pacific Rim began last September when police and ICE agents at the Colombian Port Buenaventura "intercepted a suspicious container of fertilizer" containing millions of dollars in cash. "CBS News joined the Colombian police and prosecutors and US ICE agents as they raided the super cartel's jungle labs and arrested dozens of narco-traffickers and hit men." And, CBS added, "Colombian police and US ICE agents are still hunting members of the super cartel, searching for their money and their drugs." CBS also covers the story on its website.

Operational News:

MORE THAN 1,200 CHARGED IN MASSIVE MORTGAGE FRAUD CRACKDOWN. There is heavy national and local print coverage this morning of Thursday's announcement that more than 500 people have been arrested across the country in the Operation Stolen Dreams mortgage fraud crackdown. The Orange County Register (6/18), which reports on "a series of mortgage fraud cases in Southern California as part of an ongoing nationwide crackdown against 'corrupt real estate professionals, bank employees who help facilitate fraud and those who prey upon distressed homeowners,'" notes ICE's involvement in the crackdown.

The Washington Post (6/18, Markon) reports, "More than 1,200 people have been charged in recent months in the largest-ever crackdown against mortgage fraud, the Justice Department announced Thursday. Since March 1, 1,215 people have been charged with mortgage-fraud-related offenses in states from California to New Jersey," Attorney General Eric Holder said. "The defendants, 485 of whom have been arrested, are responsible for more than \$2.3 billion in losses, he said." The crackdown "extended to the Washington area, where Neil H. MacBride, the US attorney in Alexandria, announced that seven of the defendants face charges in the Eastern District of Virginia."

The Los Angeles Times (6/18, Reckard, Puzanghera, Popper) reports, "White-collar crime experts said the size and scope of" the operation "represented an unprecedented crackdown on mortgage fraud." The Times adds, "The cases, including criminal charges against more than 30 defendants in Southern California, were announced at news conferences in Washington, New York, Ventura and elsewhere. They were coordinated by the Obama administration's Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force, a recent collaboration among a host of federal and state agencies including the FBI, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and state attorneys general. 'We know that mortgage fraud ruins lives, destroys families and devastates whole communities, so attacking the problem from every possible angle is vital,'" Holder said in Washington. "These schemes are despicable, they are dangerous to our economy, and they will not be tolerated."

The AP (6/18, Ritter) frames its report with comments from Las Vegas FBI Special Agent Scott Hunter, "who has interviewed hundreds of so-called 'straw buyers' lured into buying homes by unscrupulous real estate agents, brokers and loan officers." Hunter said, "What happened here was, when the party stopped and they were not able to keep inflating the prices on these houses, the whole thing collapsed." The AP notes that at yesterday's press conference, "Mueller called mortgage fraud 'a risk to our economic stability' as a nation."

Bloomberg News (6/18, Blum) reports that the crackdown "also included 191 civil cases resulting in the recovery of more than \$147 million. 'This represents the largest collective enforcement effort ever brought to bear in confronting mortgage fraud,'" Holder said. The Financial Times (6/18, Kapner) also covers the crackdown.

Local Coverage. The crackdown also is receiving heavy coverage by local media across the country, primarily focusing on the local or regional indictments. Some examples: WNEM-TV Saginaw, MI (6/18) reports on its website, "Hundreds of FBI agents are working on task forces with other law enforcement agencies, FBI Director Robert Mueller said in prepared remarks. 'FBI agents and analysts are using intelligence enhanced surveillance [and] undercover operations to identify emerging trends and identify the key players behind large-scale fraud,' said Mueller. The nationwide probe netted 500 arrests since March, including seven in Michigan," and the "FBI expects to make even more arrests as its investigation continues."

The Myrtle Beach Sun-News (6/18, Wren) reports, "Federal officials on Thursday announced a crackdown on mortgage fraud in the Myrtle Beach area and statewide through the formation of a US attorney's financial crimes task force and an

additional full-time prosecutor to handle real-estate-related cases exclusively." The Sun-News notes, "Jeff Brunig, supervisor of the state's white-collar crimes program for the FBI, said 'a significant number of our high-dollar loss cases are in the Myrtle Beach area.' 'Any place where the price of real estate went up significantly in this state, we're seeing an increase in the growth of mortgage fraud,' Brunig said."

The South Florida Business Journal (6/18) reports that the crackdown "targeted mortgage fraudsters nationwide, including 86 in Florida who were allegedly responsible for more than \$76 million in fraudulent loans. Nationally, 1,215 defendants allegedly were responsible for more than \$2.3 billion in losses. 'This is a wake-up call to those in the mortgage industry who think they can get away with creating phony documents to line their pockets with stolen loan proceeds,' said Special Agent in Charge John V. Gillies of the FBI Miami Division, in a news release."

The Sarasota (FL) Herald-Tribune (6/18, Braga, Davis) reports, "An effort similar to the so-called Operation Stolen Dreams occurred two years ago, when the agency and the FBI announced widespread arrests of more than 400 people. It was not until the following month that federal prosecutors moved against Sarasota real estate investor Neil Mohammad Husani, indicting him and three partners on charges of mortgage fraud and money laundering. Criminal attorneys and other observers expect a similar pattern this time. 'The FBI tends to make a big splash in major media markets first. I'm sure investigations are proceeding in Sarasota. They may just may not be as far along,' said Jack McCabe, a Deerfield Beach real estate consultant."

The Miami Herald (6/18, Yanez) reports, "A seven-month, multiagency probe into mortgage fraud has led to federal charges against 86 people in South Florida and a slew of cases being prosecuted -- all part of a larger national crackdown, the US Attorney's Office in Miami announced Thursday. 'For millions of Americans, the dream of home ownership has become a nightmare,' US Attorney Wifredo Ferrer said in a statement. 'The unscrupulous actions of individuals and companies who abuse the financial system and the trust of others for their own financial gain are immoral and illegal.'"

The AP (6/18, Dubois) reports from Portland, Oregon, that the operation "includes 39 defendants and 140 properties in Oregon. Dwight Holton, US attorney for Oregon, said Thursday the 39 people have been charged, pleaded guilty or have been sentenced since March 1. They include a dozen people involved in the collapse of Desert Sun Development." The AP adds, "The FBI in Oregon has received almost 5,000 reports of fraud since the height of the housing market in 2006, Holton said. Many of the investigations remain active, and additional federal indictments are expected."

The AP (6/18) reports from Phoenix, Arizona, "Federal indictments charging 38 people with taking part in various mortgage fraud schemes have been handed up in Arizona this month. The Arizonans charged include a man and woman from the Phoenix area accused of pocketing \$8.7 million from a scheme that used seminars to recruit straw buyers for homes. The woman was a mortgage broker who helped obtain loans in excess of the purchase price. US Attorney for Arizona Dennis Burke says the indictments show how pervasive mortgage fraud has become."

The Arizona Republic (6/18, Anderson) reports, "There have been 51 Arizona indictments and 13 convictions since the task force was assembled March 1, all of them involving allegations of fraud against lenders, a spokesman for the US Attorney's Office said. Of those, all 13 convictions and 38 indictments have come since June 1. Most of the indictments, convictions and fines stem from efforts to cheat mortgage lenders by various means during the real-estate boom, according to Wyn Hornbuckle, spokesman for the US Attorney's Office in Arizona."

KGTV-TV San Diego (CA) (6/18) reports, "Nine criminal cases will be prosecuted in San Diego as a result of a three-month nationwide crackdown on mortgage fraud, the US Attorney's Office announced Thursday."

The New Haven Register (6/18, Beach) reports, "Federal authorities today announced that 15 defendants, including attorneys, mortgage brokers and real estate agents, have been charged in three mortgage fraud schemes, some of them involving New Haven properties. The announcement, made here by David B. Fein, US attorney for the District of Connecticut, was linked to a disclosure today in Washington, D.C., by US Attorney General Eric Holder about "Operation Stolen Dreams," a nationwide targeting of individuals allegedly involved in mortgage fraud schemes."

The Chicago Sun-Times (6/18, Jackson) reports, "Seventeen Chicago-area residents were charged in a massive federal-state probe of about \$2 billion in mortgage fraud, authorities said Thursday. A joint initiative of the Justice Department and state attorneys general across the country, the investigation resulted in two lawsuits filed against Chicago-area mortgage rescue fraud companies, as well as 57 cease and desist demands sent by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan."

The Detroit News (6/18, Wilkinson) reports, "Despite a crackdown on mortgage fraud in the region, local and federal officials conceded on Thursday they could prosecute many more cases involving losses that have cost homeowners, lenders and investors billions of dollars. More than three dozen people have been charged, indicted or pleaded guilty to

various aspects of mortgage fraud in recent weeks as part of a renewed push to prosecute those who took advantage of weakened lending standards to steal millions from lenders and investors, a task force of federal and state officials announced on Thursday. US Attorney Barbara McQuade said she...has restructured her office and is working with agents from the FBI, HUD, and Michigan law enforcement officials on targeting crimes that she said are tearing apart neighborhoods and communities that are often left with vacant, foreclosed homes that can become 'havens' for other crimes."

The Newark Star-Ledger (6/18, Ryan) reports, "They applied for mortgages using phony pay stubs showing wages never earned. They forged tax documents and bank statements. And they assumed the identities of people who had moved out of the country, hoping to use their clean credit records to trick bank officials. Those were among the allegations federal prosecutors outlined Wednesday as they unveiled charges against 28 real estate agents, investors, accountants and others caught in a sweeping mortgage-fraud sting in northern New Jersey."

Newsday (6/18, DeStefano) reports, "Dozens of suspects, including many from Long Island and Queens, were arrested Thursday as part of a nationwide mortgage fraud investigation that officials said led to local losses of more than \$29 million. The suspects were charged in eight separate cases coordinated with Operation Stolen Dreams, a Department of Justice mortgage fraud sweep that since March has netted nearly 500 suspects nationwide."

The Raleigh (NC) News & Observer (6/18, Bracken) reports, "A nationwide crackdown on mortgage fraud has resulted in money-laundering charges against a Knightdale business. The case against Kimithi "Kippy" Davis, who operated Pro Bowl Mortgage and Pro Bowl Consulting, was one of several highlighted by US Attorney George Holding at a news conference Thursday in Raleigh."

The Greenville (SC) Sun News (6/18, Wren) reports from Florence, SC, "Federal officials on Thursday announced a crackdown on mortgage fraud in the Myrtle Beach area and statewide through the formation of a US attorney's financial crimes task force and an additional full-time prosecutor to handle real-estate-related cases exclusively. 'The mortgage fraud problem is statewide, but the Myrtle Beach area is particularly vulnerable,' William Nettles, the US attorney for South Carolina, said during a news conference at Francis Marion University."

The Houston Chronicle /AP (6/18, Portlock) reports, "Federal prosecutors said Thursday that 92 people in Texas have been charged as part of a nationwide effort over the last three months to fight mortgage fraud and other financial crimes. Among those charged in Texas are 17 people accused in mortgage fraud related schemes in Houston, Jose Angel Moreno, the US Attorney for the Southern District, said at a news conference. Four of the 17 have pleaded guilty and two others have been fined and sentenced to prison, and the other 11 cases are pending, he said."

The Austin American Statesman (6/18) reports that Moreno "said four of the 17 defendants in Texas' southern district have pleaded guilty and two others have been sentenced to prison and must pay \$4.1 million in restitution. The remaining 11 defendants in the three-month investigation have been indicted and are awaiting trial, Moreno said."

The Charleston (WV) Gazette (6/18, Clevenger) reports, "A Putnam County couple was charged Thursday in federal court with duping out-of-state investors out of more than \$2.3 million by fraudulently inflating appraisals before reselling properties. In an information filed Thursday, prosecutors accused Deborah L. Joyce, 37, of Hurricane, of conspiring to commit bank and wire fraud as part of a scheme to flip properties in the Stonegate subdivision at prices far above their actual value. 'Mortgage fraud and its effects run deep,' said Booth Goodwin, US Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia. 'It's not just important for the lenders or the investors on Wall Street, but as the attorney general pointed out today, it effects people and their communities.'"

AP (6/18) reports from Madison, Wisconsin, "Ten people in Wisconsin have been arrested as part of a national crackdown on mortgage fraud. US Attorney Stephen Sinnott in Wisconsin's western district says 10 people have been charged as part of the sweep. Four people have pleaded guilty to charges they defrauded banks and mortgage lenders by submitting false loan applications. A fifth person facing the same charges has a June 25 plea hearing."

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER ARRESTED IN MONEY LAUNDERING CASE. The AP (6/18, Sherman) reports south Texas real estate developer Marin Herrera "was secretly a money laundering manager for a drug trafficking cell tied to Mexico's Gulf cartel, federal officials said Thursday." He "coordinated bulk cash shipments from drug sales in Atlanta, Chicago and Houston as they made their way back to the border and eventually into Mexico, Internal Revenue Service special agent Luis Reyna testified at a detention hearing Thursday." IRS Special Agent Luis Reyna said Herrera allegedly told an ICE agent following his arrest "that if he had known a co-defendant in a related case had been arrested earlier that morning, he would have fled to Mexico and not returned."

The McAllen (TX) Monitor (6/18, Roebuck) reports, "In a series of court hearings this week, government attorneys

accused" Herrera, along with Reynaldo Flores Jr., "of laundering money for the Matamoros-based Gulf Cartel and funneling their own cut of the proceeds into their real estate development company. 'They have significant deposits (into their business accounts) but no withdrawals or payments to contractors or subcontractors,' US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agent Kevin Fornfeist testified Monday at a hearing for Flores. 'We can't prove any sales have actually been made.'"

SCULPTURES RETURNED TO CAMBODIA FOLLOWING ICE SEIZURE. AFP (6/18) reports on the US return Thursday of "seven sculptures created in the great Angkorian era that had been smuggled from Cambodia." US embassy spokesman John Johnson "said the sandstone artefacts, dating from between 1000 and 1500 AD, arrived by ship and were blessed by Buddhist monks in a handover ceremony in the southwestern port of Sihanoukville. The sculptures, which include a head of the Buddha, a large bas-relief and an engraved plinth, were recovered by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials in Los Angeles in 2008, Johnson added."

OFFICIALS' STATEMENTS SAID TO SHOW IRAN LIKELY SEEKING NUCLEAR WEAPON. In a report apparently based on WTOP's coverage earlier this month of statements from counter-proliferation officials in the US indicating that Iran is likely pursuing a nuclear weapons program, Federal News Radio (6/18, Green), on its website, reports, "The most damning allegation comes from the broad selection of items that are being smuggled that list Iran as their final destination. Clark Settles, chief of the Counter Proliferation Investigations unit, says the variety of items leaves little doubt of Iran's true intentions. 'If they were just acquiring items for uranium enrichment and not a lot of the other items that they've attempted to acquire -- from missile guidance, to triggered spark gaps that are used to detonate nuclear weapons -- if they were just trying to acquire one thing and not the other, then argument would hold some water,' says Settles."

BULLETIN ISSUED FOR 17 MEMBERS OF AFGHAN MILITARY AWOL IN US. FOX News (6/18) reports the Naval Criminal Investigative Service in Dallas has issued a bulletin "for 17 members of the Afghan military who have gone AWOL from a Texas Air Force base where foreign military officers who are training to become pilots are taught English." The bulletin includes photos of the men, along with their dates of birth and their Treasury Enforcement Communications System Lookout numbers. It "requests, 'If any Afghan pictured herein is encountered, detain the subject and contact your local Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) office, the FBI or NCIS.'" Fox News' Fox Report (6/17, 7:40 p.m. EDT) aired a brief story on the bulletin. The San Antonio Express-News (6/18) also covers the bulletin.

ICE ARRESTS WOMAN IN ANN ARBOR. The Ann Arbor News (6/18) reports ICE agents "arrested a Mexican woman Wednesday in Ann Arbor who was previously ordered removed from the United States by a federal immigration judge, ICE spokesman Khaalid Walls said. The 42-year-old woman was taken into custody at her home without incident and will be temporarily detained before being returned to Mexico, Walls said." Margaret Harner, co-founder of The Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights, said "the woman is a mother of three children under age 13."

Policy and Issues News:

ICE UNDERGOING RESTRUCTURING. On its "FedBlog," Government Executive (6/18, Shoop) notes yesterday's Washington Post report on a reorganization at ICE in which the "the agency will now have three directorates, covering investigations, immigration and management." GovExec goes on to note a profile of Assistant Secretary Morton in this month's Government Executive magazine in which reporter Katherine McIntire Peters "noted that one of his big challenges in the current highly charged climate regarding immigration is increasing the agency's credibility when it comes to enforcing existing laws, to help convince lawmakers it can manage proposed immigration reforms. Morton said he would do that by focusing ICE's resources on criminal investigations: The bureau's highest enforcement priority is going after those who pose a national security threat or are criminal offenders. 'Whether or not everybody has the same view of how many immigrants should come into the country lawfully or not, most people agree that if you come here unlawfully and you start committing crimes, you're not the kind of person we want,' Morton says."

The Kansas City Star (6/18, Hart) runs a blog on the Washington Post article, reporting that "ICE officials are considering a strategy that has helped the FBI for years: the aid of Hollywood and other venues of popular culture. Timothy Calkins, a marketing professor at Northwestern University, said such efforts could be squandered if internal problems aren't addressed."

UNION REPRESENTING ICE OFFICERS QUESTIONS DETENTION CHANGES. CNN (6/18, Castillo) reports that ICE "leaders and rank-and-file agents are at odds over proposed reforms in the nation's immigration detention centers that would make the facilities more comfortable for some detainees." The shift "has met criticism from agents who work with detainees, who say they were left out of the decision process and that the changes will create safety risks for their officers. 'This has all been done very, very, very secretly,' Chris Crane, president of AFGE National Council 118-ICE, the union that represents more than 7,000 ICE officers, told CNN." Noting that the specific reforms offered by contractor CCA are still "being evaluated and have not been implemented," ICE spokeswoman Gillian Brigham said the agency "is

committed to making sensible reforms to its non-criminal detention system and will continue to consider reasonable approaches that seek to achieve those goals."

CLINTON: ADMINISTRATION WILL BRING LAWSUIT AGAINST ARIZONA IMMIGRATION LAW. The ACLU distribution of video showing Secretary Clinton saying in a June 8 interview with an Ecuadorean television station that the Administration "will be bringing a lawsuit" to challenge Arizona's controversial new immigration law has drawn national media attention in the US, though, as the Washington Post (6/18, A10, Markon) reports, "the Justice Department declined Thursday to confirm such a plan." Spokesman Matthew Miller would say only that the department "continues to review the law."

The AP (6/18, Myers) reports it is not clear "why Clinton made the comment since it's not her area." Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer called the situation "outrageous," saying that if the Federal government "intends to sue our state to prevent illegal immigration enforcement, the least it can do is inform us before it informs the citizens of another nation."

Reporting that Clinton's statements had "raised eyebrows," Fox News' Special Report (6/17, 6:22 p.m. EDT) aired footage of the interview, in which Clinton is shown saying, "President Obama has spoken out against the law, because he thinks that the Federal government should be determining immigration policy. And the Justice Department, under his direction, will be bringing a lawsuit against the act."

Migrants' Journey Through Mexico Fraught With Peril. The Washington Post (6/18, A16, Booth) reports that while the Mexican government "condemns" Arizona's immigration law, "illegal migrants passing through Mexico are routinely robbed, raped and kidnapped by criminal gangs that often work alongside corrupt police, according to human rights advocates." They say the country's "strict laws to protect the rights of illegal migrants are often ignored and that undocumented migrants from Central America face a brutal passage through the country." Migrants are "held for ransom, increasingly at the hands of Mexico's powerful drug cartels," and often "tortured -- threatened with execution, beaten with bats and submerged in buckets of water or excrement."

Quiet Nebraska Town Split Over Referendum On Immigration Law. The New York Times (6/18, Davey) reports that in the "ordinarily...serene" Nebraska city of Fremont, "the fight over illegal immigration has boiled over." Debate over a law, to be decided in a special election Monday, that would "ban businesses from hiring illegal immigrants and bar landlords from renting to them," has led to "awkward silences for some who fear offending their neighbors (whose position they cannot be certain of), and, for others, volleys of suspicion." Meanwhile, the referendum enters "a legally complicated realm given the federal role in handling immigration; a lawsuit is all but certain if it passes."

The Wall Street Journal (6/18, Etter) also depicts Fremont as a quiet town divided by the immigration debate in its report on the upcoming vote.

COUNTY OFFICIAL WANTS STATEWIDE IMMIGRATION CRACKDOWN IN VIRGINIA. The Washington Post (6/18, B4, Buske) reports Prince William Board of County Supervisors Chairman Corey A. Stewart "is calling on Virginia legislators to pass a law cracking down on illegal immigration similar to a controversial Arizona measure." He "said he will spend the rest of the year lobbying the General Assembly to pass legislation that enhances law enforcement powers to capture, detain and deport illegal aliens; curbs illegal day laboring; and creates specific state penalties for illegal immigrants." The Post adds, meanwhile, that "Nancy Lyall of the immigrant advocacy group Mexicans Without Borders called the proposal 'irresponsible.'"

The Washington (DC) Examiner (6/18, Sherfinski) reports, "Gov. Bob McDonnell and administration officials will review the proposal, spokesman Tucker Martin wrote in an e-mail. 'The governor is a strong proponent of reforming our current immigration system to ensure that the laws of this nation are obeyed and upheld, and lawful immigration is encouraged and facilitated,' Martin wrote."

DETAINED IMMIGRANT HOPING TO HELP AILING FATHER IN CANADA. The Baltimore Sun (6/18, Hermann) reports on the case of Canadian Clinton B. McCracken, who "wants is to donate a kidney to his ailing father in Alberta." He "is not a typical immigrant fighting deportation," wanting "desperately...to get out, to go home, to help his father and to start a new life far from the research labs at the University of Maryland and the rowhouse in Ridgely's Delight that he rented with his fiancée, Carrie John." He "had initially been serving his probation at home, until federal immigration authorities picked him up on Saturday and sent him to Pennsylvania. His lawyer isn't sure why the sudden detention was warranted, and authorities declined to comment on specific cases." The Sun adds that ICE spokeswoman Ernestine Fobbs "would not comment on the McCracken case, but she did concede that 'getting removed from the country can be a long process.'"

GEORGIA POLITICIANS WANT STRICTER POLICY TOWARD ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT STUDENTS. The Rockdale Citizen (6/18) reports Georgia state Sen. John Douglas "is one of 15 Republican lawmakers who has signed a letter

encouraging the Board of Regents to reevaluate its policy allowing illegal immigrants to attend public colleges and universities." The board "is examining how best to check residency and citizenship of all students who apply to the state's 35 colleges and universities in light of the controversial case of Kennesaw State University senior Jessica Colotl. Colotl, whose parents brought her to the US from Mexico more than 10 years ago, was arrested March 30 after being pulled over by university police for a traffic violation. ... Cobb County authorities turned her over to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. ICE released Colotl and deferred her case for a year to allow her to complete her classes."

WXIA-TV Atlanta, GA (6/18, Watson) reports the board "has already directed the state's 35 colleges and universities to verify all students' residency status and to make sure no illegal aliens are paying in state tuition or are receiving financial aid. University officials have until the middle of August to complete the verification. But the group of Senators says it's not enough to verify status, that the Board of Regents must go further."

In Brief:

ALABAMA MAN CONVICTED OF RECEIVING, POSSESSING CHILD PORN. The Gadsden (AL) Times (6/17) reported, Phillip Ross Simons of Altoona, Alabama, was convicted Wednesday "for receiving and possessing child pornography, US Attorney Joyce White Vance announced. US District Court Judge L. Scott Coogler ordered US marshals to take Simmons into custody following the verdict. A sentencing date has not been scheduled." The Times notes, "The case was investigated by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the FBI and the US Secret Service." WVTM-TV Birmingham (6/17) also reported on Simmons' conviction.

MONTANA MAN CHARGED WITH PRODUCING, SELLING CHILD PORN. The Great Falls (MT) Tribune (6/17) reported Alejandro Arturo Scholz of Helena "is accused of producing and selling child pornography." Scholtz "was arrested after a search warrant was issued in May to seize alleged child pornography evidence from his Helena apartment." The Tribune noted, "The investigation was a cooperative effort between the FBI, Helena Police Department, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Montana Division of Criminal Investigation."

VIRGINIA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORN CHARGES. WAVY-TV Norfolk, VA (6/18) reports Chesapeake man Josef Hunter "pleaded guilty Thursday to child pornography charges after an investigation revealed images on his computer of pre-pubescent children engaged in sexual acts with adults, and sadistic and masochistic acts." He "was indicted on charges in February after the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) searched and seized computers and other media storage from his residence that contained the pornographic images."

MEMPHIS MAN ACCUSED OF SEX WITH UNDERAGE GIRL UNDER ICE HOLD. The Memphis Commercial Appeal (6/18) reports Memphis man Luis Gonzalez "surrendered to Bartlett police this afternoon on a charge that he had sexual relations with a 16-year-old girl over a 7-month period." He "also is an alleged undocumented immigrant, according to Bartlett police Insp. Jeff Cox." According to Cox, ICE "has a hold on the suspect."

MAN UNDER ICE HOLD PLEADS GUILTY TO CAUSING DEATHS IN ALABAMA CRASH. The Dothan (AL) Eagle (6/18, Eloffson) reports Daleville man faces Freddie DeLeon Perez "up to 20 years in prison after he pleaded guilty Tuesday to causing the deaths of an Enterprise couple in a two-vehicle crash. Assistant Coffee County District Attorney Scherryl Harrison "said Perez, 24, accepted the guilty plea after the prosecution had already presented 10 witnesses as part of its evidence." The Eagle notes that ICE "has a hold on Perez."

ICE PARTICIPATES IN IDAHO ANTI-DRUG EFFORT. The Rexburg (ID) Standard Journal (6/18) reports, "Teton County (Idaho) Sheriff's Office, working in conjunction with Idaho State Police Investigations, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, United States Marshal's Service, Idaho Falls Police Department, and the Davis County (Utah) Drug Task Force, served 11 federal drug conspiracy arrest warrants today in eastern Idaho and northern Utah, the US Attorney's Office announced. As a result, Jesus Mara Figueroa, 51, of Teton, a lawful permanent resident, and several co-conspirators living throughout the Teton Valley and in Utah have been taken into federal custody."

ICE ASSISTS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DRUG CARTEL CRACKDOWN. The Camarillo (CA) Acorn (6/18, Moskowitz) reports, "Federal and local police made multiple arrests in three Southern California counties last week as part of a nationwide crackdown on Mexican-based drug cartels that operate in the US. As part of the drug bust, police recovered 28.2 pounds of heroin, 15 pounds of methamphetamines, three handguns and several thousand dollars in cash from multiple homes." The Acorn notes ICE participation in the effort.

MS-13 MEMBER ARRESTED IN ARLINGTON. The Arlington (VA) Connection (6/18, Pope) reports, "An Arlington member of the violent Salvadorian gang Mara Salvatrucha received 20 years earlier this month for a conspiracy to extort money from an inter-state prostitution ring. Court papers show that Alcides Umana, 23, is an illegal immigrant from El

Salvador who was a member of the street gang known as 'MS-13.' The Connection notes that ICE was among law enforcement agencies working on the case.

ICE PLACES DETAINERS ON SUSPECTS ARRESTED AT CALIFORNIA VINEYARD. On its website, KMPH-TV Fresno, CA (6/18) reports, "Madera Narcotics Agents made a drug raid Wednesday in a rather unusual spot. Agents with the Madera County Narcotic Enforcement Team and County Gang Enforcement Team arrested 4 people for drug trafficking, after seizing thousands of marijuana plants from a westside vineyard." KMPH adds that ICE officials "aided the case, placing immigration detainers on all four suspects who they believe have ties to drug trafficking organizations."

UTAH MAN ACCUSED OF POSING AS ICE OFFICER. The Deseret Morning News (UT) (6/18, Groves) reports South Salt Lake man Eduardo Cruz "has been accused of impersonating a federal customs officer and binding a man before robbing him." According to a victim telling of an encounter with the man Sunday, "Cruz pulled out a handgun and claimed to be a US Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer. Cruz, 44, then bound the man's wrists with a zip tie while robbing him of \$515, a driver's license and Mexico consular ID card, a cell phone and camera, according to charges filed Thursday in 3rd District Court."

HOUSTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORN CHARGE. The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (6/18) report Dave Dean of Houston, Texas, "pleaded guilty Thursday in US District Court, Downtown, to a charge of participating in an international child-pornography ring." Dean "was one of eight men arrested in the November bust of 'Stephen's Group' – a ring that prosecutors believe had more than 100 members." ICE began investigating the group after "the arrest last year of an unidentified man in Western Pennsylvania."

KENYAN NATIONAL SENTENCED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS SCAM. The Worcester (MA) Telegram & Gazette (6/18, Hammel) reports, "A Kenyan national who used to live in Worcester was sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court to 81 months in prison for being part of a scheme to secure more than \$600,000 in unemployment benefits. From about March 2006 through June 2008, the defendant, Peter Mwangi, 35, formerly of 2 Delldale St., registered 11 fictitious employers with the Massachusetts Division of Unemployment Assistance and filed hundreds of fraudulent claims in the names of supposed former employees of these businesses, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Sandra S. Bower." Mwangi, "who previously had been ordered removed from the country, was taken into administrative custody by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement in June 2008."

Top DHS News:

ALLEN ANNOUNCES RELIEF WELL DRILLING AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. While BP CEO Tony Hayward's appearance before a House panel is dominating media coverage (including the lead stories on all three network news broadcasts last night) of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, the handling of the disaster continues to gain widespread attention. The New Orleans Times-Picayune (6/18, White) reports Adm. Thad Allen said Thursday that work "on a relief well that is expected to be the longterm solution for stopping the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is ahead of schedule but still unlikely to be completed before August." He "said the Development Driller III is 'starting to close in on the well' but he was hesitant to say that the job would be completed soon because of the numerous delays BP has encountered to date in its effort to stop or contain the oil flow."

The AP (6/18, Mohr) reports, meanwhile, that Allen "toured hard hit areas of the Gulf Coast a day after a local official called for his ouster." He "was in Louisiana Thursday to assess oil cleanup. It came the same day state and local officials blasted the federal government for temporarily shutting down 16 barges used to suck up the crude. Plaquemines (PLAK-uh-menz) Parish President Billy Nungesser told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Allen is not the right man to oversee the federal response."

In its viewer question segment on the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, the CBS Evening News (6/17, story 3, 2:00, Couric, 6.1M) aired a report on how a hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico might impact the oil spill response, stating that a storm could "wreck containment booms, force cleanup crews off the water, and delay drilling of the relief wells that are now the only hope to stop the leak. There are even fears hurricane-driven rains could be black with oil."

House Panel Faults Coast Guard's Drilling Rig Oversight. The Los Angeles Times (6/18, Geiger, Hamburger, Bureau, 776K) reports the House subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation "castigated the Coast Guard on Thursday for being insufficiently aggressive in tracking and inspecting foreign oil drill vessels such as the Deepwater Horizon. ... Under harsh questioning, Coast Guard Rear Adm. Kevin Cook said the Deepwater Horizon, registered to the tiny Republic of the Marshall Islands, operated under a different command structure than would have been permitted for a similar vessel operating under the US flag. ... 'This is our watch, and I know for a fact we can do better,' said Rep. Elijah E. Cummings (D-Md.), chair of the subcommittee." Rep. James Oberstar, chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, "expressed skepticism about the international regulatory system."

Jindal, Riley Complain About Disorganization Of Cleanup Efforts. ABC World News (6/17, story 2, 3:10, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported on the "complaint from the Gulf that cleanup efforts are disorganized 59 days into the spill." ABC (Muir) added, "For the last 24 hours, the barges carrying giant vacuums sat here under orders not to move. All 16 of these barges have been halted?" Gov. Bobby Jindal: "The most frustrating thing." Muir: "Louisiana's governor told us he wasn't told why. The President has said you can pick up the phone and call him. Did you tell him this?" Jindal: "We talked to the White House yesterday, promised us they were going to get it done as quickly as possible. And the problem is, every time you talk to somebody different in the Coast Guard, you got a different answer." In Alabama today, Governor Bob Riley "told us he asked the Coast Guard to find ocean boom tall enough to handle ocean waves. They went all the way to Bahrain to find it. And when it came time to deploy it here." Gov. Bob Riley: "It was picked up and moved to Louisiana." Muir: "Without it, oil came ashore in Alabama."

The CBS Evening News (6/17, story 2, 2:40, Teague, 6.1M) reported, "There is so much anger here, not just at BP but at the Federal Government, especially after the Coast Guard shut down several vacuum boats yesterday, capable of removing 1,000 gallons of oil a day. The problem was inspection certificates, but today, the order was rescinded after a protest by the governor." Gov. Bobby Jindal: "We certainly cannot afford 24 hours' delay in deploying this equipment to fight this oil, keep it out of our wetlands."

NBC Nightly News (6/17, story 3, 2:15, Thompson, 8.37M) reported, "After a 24-hour shutdown, Louisiana's vacuum barges got the okay to go back to work. And that's exactly what the people here in Louisiana want is work." Gov. Bobby Jindal: "No excuse for these 16 barges to be sitting idle." Thompson: "Firing verbal ammunition at the Coast Guard which shut down 16 vacuum barges yesterday to be sure there were life jackets."

Government, BP Won't Say How Much Shoreline Has Been Fouled By Oil. ABC World News (6/17, story 2, 3:10, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported, "For four days, we've been trying to get an answer to one question -- how much total shoreline has been impacted by the oil since the spill started? But the united command of the government and BP has steadfastly refused to answer our question. All they will say is that as of tonight, 52 miles of shoreline are currently impacted."

Brooks: Federal Bureaucracy Impeding Gulf Cleanup. David Brooks, in his column for the New York Times (6/18, 1.09M), writes, "If you talk to elected leaders from Louisiana to Florida, they fill your ears with tales of incompetence -- of advice that was not heeded, of red tape stifling effective operations, of local knowledge that was cast aside and trampled. If you read the local news media from the gulf region, this anger flows out in article after article." According to Brooks, "We have vested too much authority in national officials who are really smart, but who are really distant," while "we should be leaving more power with local officials, who may not be as expert, but who have the advantage of being there on the ground."

BP Rig Supervisor Says He Was Fired For Noting Safety Concerns. Lucia Graves, writing for the Huffington Post (6/18), says Ken Abbott, "a former project control supervisor on BP's Atlantis deepwater oil rig, was fired in 2009 after expressing concerns about the safety of the operation." Abbott is quoted as saying, "I got a lot of pressure from the lead engineers and from the managers saying, 'Don't do that; don't push so much; we don't want to mess with that.' I feel like the real reason I was fired was because I was trying to raise a safety issue, and you know BP has a long history of getting rid of people who try to raise safety issues. I was one of those victims." Graves writes that "for months," Abbott "worked to obtain BP engineer-approved drawings with little, if any, progress. The more I insisted that we had to develop or obtain them, the more unpopular I became," he said, and "hostilities mounted until he was fired on February 5, 2009."

WSJournal Touts Offshore Drilling Safety Record Before April. The Wall Street Journal (6/18, 2.08M), in an editorial, argues that a close read of MMS data suggests that the oil industry has an excellent track record of averting major offshore oil spills. The Journal says nearly all the "spill" incidents in the Gulf in recent years were "minor" "passive" events caused by a succession of large hurricanes from 2004 to 2008.

OFFSHORE RIGS NOT AT HIGH RISK FOR TERRORIST ATTACK. Responding to a viewer question on what officials are doing to protect offshore oil rigs from terrorists, the CBS Evening News (6/17, story 4, 0:55, Couric, 6.1M) reported that "officials tell us terrorists are not likely to target oil rigs, and it's obvious-- they're isolated often far from shore, in deep waters, relatively easy to protect. But security experts are closely watching and improving defenses around other key infrastructure like pipelines, power grid, water treatment plants because those are vulnerable to physical attacks like bombings and also cyber-attacks which could shut down critical operations." CBS added, however, that offshore rigs are "not high on the risk list."

GREAT LAKES MAYORS SEEK MEETING TO DISCUSS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (6/18, Randall) reports, "Spurred by the expanding crisis over a massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, a group of Great Lakes mayors is pushing both the United States and Canada for a meeting to discuss disaster preparedness in the

lakes. ... Grand Rapids, Mich., Mayor George Heartwell, chair of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, said the mayors will send a joint letter to US Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and Canadian Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Gail Shea requesting an 'immediate meeting' to discuss whether federal disaster plans for the lakes are adequate. In remarks Thursday morning at the Pfister Hotel downtown, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Gary Doer, Canadian ambassador to the United States, touched upon similar priorities for preserving the Great Lakes, mentioning efforts to curb invasive species and to prevent the siphoning off of water to other regions."

BORKOWSKI SAYS UAVS MAY BE EXPANDED UNDER SBINET. The future of SBInet is getting coverage this morning in national print media and a number of publications on Capitol Hill after executive director Mark Borkowski testified Thursday that expanding the use of UAVs is being considered. Also discussed at Thursday's joint meeting of the House Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight, and the Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, as the AP (6/18, Gamboa) reports, was a new GAO audit that found "fixing the 'virtual fence' designed to guard the southern border is like trying to redirect a moving iceberg." While the SBInet system was originally intended "to monitor most of the 2,000-mile border with Mexico by 2011," it has been hampered by "technical problems and glitches" leading lawmakers to question "whether to keep investing in it. The Department of Homeland Security has suspended spending on the project."

The Arizona Daily Star (6/18, McCombs) reports that, according to the GAO, "officials have not reliably estimated the life cycle cost of the two systems up in Arizona, called 'Block 1.' 'To do so requires DHS to ensure that the estimate meets key practices that relevant guidance states are important to having an estimate that is comprehensive, well-documented, accurate, and credible,' the report says." Jeff Stein writes on the Washington Post (6/18) "Spy Talk" blog that "the report amounted to a grim picture of the project's future, noting its 'decreasing scope, uncertain timing, unclear value proposition, and limited life cycle management discipline and rigor.'"

CongressDaily (6/18, Strohman) reports that DHS "is continuing to reassess the problem-plagued SBInet border security network of computer-linked cameras, sensors and other technology after it experienced repeated technical problems and schedule delays." Borkowski "said unmanned aerial vehicles were not included in the SBInet plans when they were conceived but the department is now considering expanding its drone fleet to beef up border security." CongressDaily adds that "a long-standing obstacle to deploying more aerial drones in US civilian airspace has been getting approval from the FAA, which must ensure the unmanned aircraft do not collide with commercial aircraft and small private planes."

Federal Computer Week (6/18, Lipowicz) reports DHS "officials likely will stop future construction of a 'virtual-fence' security system along the US-Mexico border and instead augment the existing system with unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and mobile systems," according to Borkowski. He said the agency realizes "that the SBInet program has been a frustration." NextGov (6/18, Aitoro) reports DHS may end up pursuing "projects that are tailored to specific areas along the border," according to Borkowski. He said his "expectation is that we would not end up with SBInet along the border. Already that doesn't look like a wise thing to do."

CQ Homeland Security (6/18, Margetta) adds, meanwhile, that Management subcommittee Chairman Christopher Carney "questioned whether the federal government should try to get a refund on its SBInet investment from Boeing, the project's prime contractor. 'Fifty-three miles at a cost of \$1.1 billion is unacceptable,' he said." An AP (6/18, Gamboa) report focused on Carney's criticism of the money spent on SBInet reports that "Roger Krone, an executive with virtual fence contractor Boeing, disagreed with portrayals of the spending. He said only \$155 million was spent for the deployment of technology to monitor 55 miles of the Arizona border, a rate of \$2.8 million a mile."

BORDER OFFICIALS SAID TO BE LOOKING FOR PLANNED RESOURCES. Fox News' Special Report (6/17, 6:23 p.m. EDT) aired a report that, following passage of Arizona's controversial immigration law, President Obama "said he would be sending help to the region." Fox (La Jeunesse) added, however, that, "from Arizona to Washington officials say they have seen and heard nothing from the White House. ... Thursday at a House Homeland Security Committee hearing, acting Border Patrol chief Mike Fisher was asked about the troops." Fisher was shown saying, "It depends. The right combination of personnel, technology, and infrastructure." Fox continued that "Law enforcement on the front lines say violence and trafficking across the border are getting worse, and that unarmed guardsmen aren't enough."

BISHOP WARNS OF DRUG CARTEL PRESENCE IN US PARKLAND. FOX News (6/18) reports on its website, "Federal environmental laws are handcuffing US Border Patrol agents to a foot-and-horseback strategy as they try to battle Mexican drug cartels and illegal immigrants who are turning wide swaths of America's border with Mexico into a virtual no-man's land. Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah, ranking Republican on the House Parks and Public Lands Subcommittee, said the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge in southern Arizona -- part of which was closed in 2006 because it was considered too dangerous for Americans to visit -- is just the tip of the iceberg." Bishop "said there's plenty of other parkland along the border that's either closed to the public or is considered too dangerous because of concern about drug gangs, human smugglers and illegal immigrants, and that the problem is getting worse."

Mexico Targeting Drug Cartel Funds. NBC Nightly News (6/17, story 7, 2:20, Holt) reported that with drug cartel violence in Mexico on the rise, "President Felipe Calderon is trying a new tactic -- going after the cartel's money. Every year billions of dollars in suspicious deposits are placed in Mexico's banks. As of this week there is a limit to the amount of cash deposits. Critics say what President Calderon needs to do is stop waging a war against the cartels and take his army off the streets."

SHAHZAD INDICTED ON 10 TERRORISM, WEAPONS COUNTS. The CBS Evening News (6/17, story 5, 0:30, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "In New York, a federal grand jury has indicted the alleged Times Square bomber. Faisal Shahzad has been charged with 10 counts of terrorism and weapons violations including the attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction. ... If convicted he could be sentenced to life in prison."

The AP (6/18, Neumeister) notes that the indictment "added five charges to the original case against the 30-year-old Shahzad and also detailed in greater depth his alleged financing, saying Shahzad had received a total of \$12,000 from the militant group through cash drop-offs in Massachusetts and Long Island." Attorney General Holder said in a press release announcing the indictment, "The facts alleged in this indictment show that the Pakistani Taliban facilitated Faisal Shahzad's attempted attack on American soil. Our nation averted serious loss of life in this attempted bombing, but it is a reminder that we face an evolving threat that we must continue to fight with every tool available to the government."

The Washington Post (6/18, Miller, 684K) also notes Holder's statement and reports that the indictment "offers little new information about the plot, aside from details of alleged payments of \$5,000 and \$7,000 Shahzad is said to have received in two transactions from a person in Pakistan affiliated with the Pakistani Taliban. The first payment was collected Feb. 25 in Massachusetts, and the second about two weeks later in Ronkonkoma, NY. US officials declined to identify the alleged accomplice or to say whether he was in custody in Pakistan."

Also noting Holder's statement, the New York Times (6/18, Weiser, 1.09M) reports, "The Justice Department said Mr. Shahzad was expected to be arraigned on the new charges Monday in Federal District Court in Manhattan." The Times notes, "The office of Preet Bharara, the United States attorney in Manhattan, had until Monday to bring an indictment, hold a preliminary hearing and offer evidence of probable cause for an arrest, or seek another postponement with Mr. Shahzad's consent."

Politico (6/18, Gerstein, 25K) notes FBI New York acting ADIC George Venizelos said yesterday, "Shahzad was allegedly ready to commit a horrendous crime in the heart of New York. The FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) quickly went into high gear to identify and arrest Shahzad. We will not let our guard down as we work to protect our city, our citizens, our visitors and our country." Meanwhile, the Washington Times (6/18, Seper, 77K) reports US Attorney Preet Bharara said in a statement, "Today's 10-count indictment returned in the Southern District of New York charges Faisal Shahzad with conspiring with the Pakistani Taliban to wreak death and destruction in Times Square. This office will continue to work in lockstep with our partners at the FBI and the NYPD to protect New York City from the threat posed by terrorists and those who would support them."

Politico and the WTimes also note Holder's statement, as do Newsday (6/18, Riley, 371K), the New York Daily News (6/18, Shifrel, 588K), Bloomberg News (6/18, Hurtado) and AFP (6/18) in their stories on Shahzad's indictment. The Wall Street Journal (6/18, Bray, 2.08M) and Reuters (6/18, Katz) also report on the charges.

PISTOLE NOMINATION MOVES FORWARD. Aviation News (6/18) reports John Pistole's nomination to the head the TSA moved forward on two fronts Thursday, with "the Senate Commerce Committee, which held a hearing on the nomination last week," voting "unanimously to recommend the nomination to the full Senate," and the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee holding its own hearing. CQ Homeland Security (6/18, Korade) said Pistole acted like "any smart nominee would" when he "veered away" from Sen. Susan Collins' question about collective bargaining at the agency. "Pistole said he would be able to give Collins an answer - but only after conducting a review of the issue, which Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano has requested." His "nomination has not raised red flags so far, lawmakers say," and Sen. Joe Lieberman "said Thursday that he hopes to have the committee approve Pistole's nomination next week for a full Senate vote before Congress' July Fourth recess."

HSToday (6/18, McCarter) says Pistole appears to be "on his way to receiving a confirmation vote by the Senate before Congress departs on its Independence Day recess." He "certainly impressed the two senators--plus Susan Collins (R-Maine)--who asked questions about collective bargaining, intelligence, mass transit, and other topics. Pistole dazzled with every reply."

NEW YORK SEEKING DHS APPROVAL TO REOPEN STREET CLOSED AFTER 9/11. Bloomberg News (6/18, Dolmetsch) reports that members of Congress, the New York legislature, and New York City officials have written to

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano seeking permission to reopen "a street between New York police headquarters and the Manhattan federal courthouse closed since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks." The letter called on DHS "to work with local law enforcement to help determine how the street, Park Row, can be opened." Bloomberg notes DHS spokeswoman Amy Kudwa "said in a telephone interview that the department would respond through correspondence and not through the media."

GAO COMPLAINS OF LACK OF COOPERATION FROM AGENCIES. The Hill (6/18, Yager) reports GAO acting Comptroller General Gene Dodaro wrote to senators Tuesday that a number of "agencies are denying the investigative arm of Congress access to information, despite repeated attempts by officials and lawmakers to remedy the situation." Noting that the departments of Homeland Security, Justice, Defense, and Health and Human Services "have all stymied the GAO's access to information, according to the letter," the Hill adds that, in one "instance, the GAO was delayed for six months while waiting for the DHS to deliver a 2009 Homeland Security Institute report on the Office of Intelligence and Analysis." The agency "did not respond to a request for comment," but the Hill adds that Secretary Napolitano "signed a new directive" last week "that revises the manner in which DHS deals with GAO requests."

DHS SPONSORS FORUM FOR WOMEN IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. The Washington Post (6/18, Davidson) reports in its "Federal Diary" column that balancing "career and family responsibilities was a major focus of a forum Thursday on 'Building a Community for Women in the Federal Government,' sponsored by the Homeland Security Department at the National Museum of Women in the Arts." Keynote speaker Kathleen Martinez, the Labor Department's assistant secretary for disability employment policy used "humor" in relaying her "experiences as a blind Hispanic woman to make points about the need for greater diversity. ... In prepared remarks, she talked about the \$3 billion that Labor estimates corporations lose annually because of child-care issues."

CYBERSECURITY PUSH GAINS MOMENTUM IN SENATE, THOUGH DIFFERENCES OVER DETAILS REMAIN. Politico (6/18, Romm) reports that while a push to "boost federal cybersecurity are gaining serious steam in the Senate...disagreements linger in the chamber over who should oversee critical networks and how much power they should have." Politico reports having heard from "top Senate staffers" who say "three key flash points in the debate remain." One issue is who would be entrusted with overseeing cybersecurity in two bills introduced this year – one from Sens. Joe Lieberman and Susan Collins – chairman and ranking member of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, respectively – as well as Sen. Tom Carper, and another from Sen. John Rockefeller, chairman of the Commerce Committee, and Sen. Olympia Snowe. The Lieberman-Collins-Carper bill would give "powers to both a confirmed White House official and a cybersecurity expert in the Department of Homeland Security," while the Rockefeller-Snowe bill "would create a new White House post." Another issue is that "the Rockefeller-Snowe bill would require cybersecurity officials to be certified to work on federal networks and critical IT infrastructure, while the Lieberman-Collins-Carper bill would not." Disagreement also remains over "whether the White House should have the ability to declare a cybersecurity emergency, which would, in turn, require private networks to implement emergency action plans."

Federal Computer Week (6/18) reports, "The president already has adequate measures available to respond to cyber emergencies and doesn't need the additional tools that legislation now under consideration in the Senate would provide, according to Philip Reiting, deputy undersecretary of the National Protection and Programs Directorate at the Homeland Security Department," who testified earlier this week before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

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Leading the News:

US, COLUMBIAN OFFICIALS BUST "SUPER CARTEL." The CBS Evening News (6/17, story 6, 3:00, Couric) aired an exclusive report on the takedown of what US and Columbian law enforcement officials "call the super cartel: An international money laundering and drug trafficking network more sophisticated and more powerful than anything they'd seen before." CBS (Logan) added that Operation Pacific Rim began last September when police and ICE agents at the Colombian Port Buenaventura "intercepted a suspicious container of fertilizer" containing millions of dollars in cash. "CBS News joined the Colombian police and prosecutors and US ICE agents as they raided the super cartel's jungle labs and arrested dozens of narco-traffickers and hit men." And, CBS added, "Colombian police and US ICE agents are still hunting members of the super cartel, searching for their money and their drugs." CBS also covers the story on its website.

Operational News:

MORE THAN 1,200 CHARGED IN MASSIVE MORTGAGE FRAUD CRACKDOWN. There is heavy national and local print coverage this morning of Thursday's announcement that more than 500 people have been arrested across the country in the Operation Stolen Dreams mortgage fraud crackdown. The Orange County Register (6/18), which reports on "a series of mortgage fraud cases in Southern California as part of an ongoing nationwide crackdown against 'corrupt real estate professionals, bank employees who help facilitate fraud and those who prey upon distressed homeowners," notes ICE's involvement in the crackdown.

The Washington Post (6/18, Markon) reports, "More than 1,200 people have been charged in recent months in the largest-ever crackdown against mortgage fraud, the Justice Department announced Thursday. Since March 1, 1,215 people have been charged with mortgage-fraud-related offenses in states from California to New Jersey," Attorney General Eric Holder said. "The defendants, 485 of whom have been arrested, are responsible for more than \$2.3 billion in losses, he said." The crackdown "extended to the Washington area, where Neil H. MacBride, the US attorney in Alexandria, announced that seven of the defendants face charges in the Eastern District of Virginia."

The Los Angeles Times (6/18, Reckard, Puzanghera, Popper) reports, "White-collar crime experts said the size and scope of" the operation "represented an unprecedented crackdown on mortgage fraud." The Times adds, "The cases, including criminal charges against more than 30 defendants in Southern California, were announced at news conferences in Washington, New York, Ventura and elsewhere. They were coordinated by the Obama administration's Financial Fraud Enforcement Task Force, a recent collaboration among a host of federal and state agencies including the FBI, the Department of Housing and Urban Development and state attorneys general. 'We know that mortgage fraud ruins lives, destroys families and devastates whole communities, so attacking the problem from every possible angle is vital,'" Holder said in Washington. "These schemes are despicable, they are dangerous to our economy, and they will not be tolerated."

The AP (6/18, Ritter) frames its report with comments from Las Vegas FBI Special Agent Scott Hunter, "who has interviewed hundreds of so-called 'straw buyers' lured into buying homes by unscrupulous real estate agents, brokers and loan officers." Hunter said, "What happened here was, when the party stopped and they were not able to keep inflating the prices on these houses, the whole thing collapsed." The AP notes that at yesterday's press conference, "Mueller called mortgage fraud 'a risk to our economic stability' as a nation."

Bloomberg News (6/18, Blum) reports that the crackdown "also included 191 civil cases resulting in the recovery of more than \$147 million. 'This represents the largest collective enforcement effort ever brought to bear in confronting mortgage fraud,'" Holder said. The Financial Times (6/18, Kapner) also covers the crackdown.

Local Coverage. The crackdown also is receiving heavy coverage by local media across the country, primarily focusing on the local or regional indictments. Some examples: WNEM-TV Saginaw, MI (6/18) reports on its website, "Hundreds of FBI agents are working on task forces with other law enforcement agencies, FBI Director Robert Mueller said in prepared remarks. 'FBI agents and analysts are using intelligence enhanced surveillance [and] undercover operations to identify emerging trends and identify the key players behind large-scale fraud,' said Mueller. The nationwide probe netted 500 arrests since March, including seven in Michigan," and the "FBI expects to make even more arrests as its investigation continues."

The Myrtle Beach Sun-News (6/18, Wren) reports, "Federal officials on Thursday announced a crackdown on mortgage fraud in the Myrtle Beach area and statewide through the formation of a US attorney's financial crimes task force and an

additional full-time prosecutor to handle real-estate-related cases exclusively." The Sun-News notes, "Jeff Brunig, supervisor of the state's white-collar crimes program for the FBI, said 'a significant number of our high-dollar loss cases are in the Myrtle Beach area.' 'Any place where the price of real estate went up significantly in this state, we're seeing an increase in the growth of mortgage fraud,' Brunig said."

The South Florida Business Journal (6/18) reports that the crackdown "targeted mortgage fraudsters nationwide, including 86 in Florida who were allegedly responsible for more than \$76 million in fraudulent loans. Nationally, 1,215 defendants allegedly were responsible for more than \$2.3 billion in losses. 'This is a wake-up call to those in the mortgage industry who think they can get away with creating phony documents to line their pockets with stolen loan proceeds,' said Special Agent in Charge John V. Gillies of the FBI Miami Division, in a news release."

The Sarasota (FL) Herald-Tribune (6/18, Braga, Davis) reports, "An effort similar to the so-called Operation Stolen Dreams occurred two years ago, when the agency and the FBI announced widespread arrests of more than 400 people. It was not until the following month that federal prosecutors moved against Sarasota real estate investor Neil Mohammad Husani, indicting him and three partners on charges of mortgage fraud and money laundering. Criminal attorneys and other observers expect a similar pattern this time. 'The FBI tends to make a big splash in major media markets first. I'm sure investigations are proceeding in Sarasota. They may just may not be as far along,' said Jack McCabe, a Deerfield Beach real estate consultant."

The Miami Herald (6/18, Yanez) reports, "A seven-month, multiagency probe into mortgage fraud has led to federal charges against 86 people in South Florida and a slew of cases being prosecuted -- all part of a larger national crackdown, the US Attorney's Office in Miami announced Thursday. 'For millions of Americans, the dream of home ownership has become a nightmare,' US Attorney Wilfredo Ferrer said in a statement. 'The unscrupulous actions of individuals and companies who abuse the financial system and the trust of others for their own financial gain are immoral and illegal.'"

The AP (6/18, Dubois) reports from Portland, Oregon, that the operation "includes 39 defendants and 140 properties in Oregon. Dwight Holton, US attorney for Oregon, said Thursday the 39 people have been charged, pleaded guilty or have been sentenced since March 1. They include a dozen people involved in the collapse of Desert Sun Development." The AP adds, "The FBI in Oregon has received almost 5,000 reports of fraud since the height of the housing market in 2006, Holton said. Many of the investigations remain active, and additional federal indictments are expected."

The AP (6/18) reports from Phoenix, Arizona, "Federal indictments charging 38 people with taking part in various mortgage fraud schemes have been handed up in Arizona this month. The Arizonans charged include a man and woman from the Phoenix area accused of pocketing \$8.7 million from a scheme that used seminars to recruit straw buyers for homes. The woman was a mortgage broker who helped obtain loans in excess of the purchase price. US Attorney for Arizona Dennis Burke says the indictments show how pervasive mortgage fraud has become."

The Arizona Republic (6/18, Anderson) reports, "There have been 51 Arizona indictments and 13 convictions since the task force was assembled March 1, all of them involving allegations of fraud against lenders, a spokesman for the US Attorney's Office said. Of those, all 13 convictions and 38 indictments have come since June 1. Most of the indictments, convictions and fines stem from efforts to cheat mortgage lenders by various means during the real-estate boom, according to Wyn Hornbuckle, spokesman for the US Attorney's Office in Arizona."

KGTV-TV San Diego (CA) (6/18) reports, "Nine criminal cases will be prosecuted in San Diego as a result of a three-month nationwide crackdown on mortgage fraud, the US Attorney's Office announced Thursday."

The New Haven Register (6/18, Beach) reports, "Federal authorities today announced that 15 defendants, including attorneys, mortgage brokers and real estate agents, have been charged in three mortgage fraud schemes, some of them involving New Haven properties. The announcement, made here by David B. Fein, US attorney for the District of Connecticut, was linked to a disclosure today in Washington, D.C., by US Attorney General Eric Holder about "Operation Stolen Dreams," a nationwide targeting of individuals allegedly involved in mortgage fraud schemes."

The Chicago Sun-Times (6/18, Jackson) reports, "Seventeen Chicago-area residents were charged in a massive federal-state probe of about \$2 billion in mortgage fraud, authorities said Thursday. A joint initiative of the Justice Department and state attorneys general across the country, the investigation resulted in two lawsuits filed against Chicago-area mortgage rescue fraud companies, as well as 57 cease and desist demands sent by Illinois Attorney General Lisa Madigan."

The Detroit News (6/18, Wilkinson) reports, "Despite a crackdown on mortgage fraud in the region, local and federal officials conceded on Thursday they could prosecute many more cases involving losses that have cost homeowners, lenders and investors billions of dollars. More than three dozen people have been charged, indicted or pleaded guilty to

various aspects of mortgage fraud in recent weeks as part of a renewed push to prosecute those who took advantage of weakened lending standards to steal millions from lenders and investors, a task force of federal and state officials announced on Thursday. US Attorney Barbara McQuade said she...has restructured her office and is working with agents from the FBI, HUD, and Michigan law enforcement officials on targeting crimes that she said are tearing apart neighborhoods and communities that are often left with vacant, foreclosed homes that can become 'havens' for other crimes."

The Newark Star-Ledger (6/18, Ryan) reports, "They applied for mortgages using phony pay stubs showing wages never earned. They forged tax documents and bank statements. And they assumed the identities of people who had moved out of the country, hoping to use their clean credit records to trick bank officials. Those were among the allegations federal prosecutors outlined Wednesday as they unveiled charges against 28 real estate agents, investors, accountants and others caught in a sweeping mortgage-fraud sting in northern New Jersey."

Newsday (6/18, DeStefano) reports, "Dozens of suspects, including many from Long Island and Queens, were arrested Thursday as part of a nationwide mortgage fraud investigation that officials said led to local losses of more than \$29 million. The suspects were charged in eight separate cases coordinated with Operation Stolen Dreams, a Department of Justice mortgage fraud sweep that since March has netted nearly 500 suspects nationwide."

The Raleigh (NC) News & Observer (6/18, Bracken) reports, "A nationwide crackdown on mortgage fraud has resulted in money-laundering charges against a Knightdale business. The case against Kimithi "Kippy" Davis, who operated Pro Bowl Mortgage and Pro Bowl Consulting, was one of several highlighted by US Attorney George Holding at a news conference Thursday in Raleigh."

The Greenville (SC) Sun News (6/18, Wren) reports from Florence, SC, "Federal officials on Thursday announced a crackdown on mortgage fraud in the Myrtle Beach area and statewide through the formation of a US attorney's financial crimes task force and an additional full-time prosecutor to handle real-estate-related cases exclusively. 'The mortgage fraud problem is statewide, but the Myrtle Beach area is particularly vulnerable,' William Nettles, the US attorney for South Carolina, said during a news conference at Francis Marion University."

The Houston Chronicle /AP (6/18, Portlock) reports, "Federal prosecutors said Thursday that 92 people in Texas have been charged as part of a nationwide effort over the last three months to fight mortgage fraud and other financial crimes. Among those charged in Texas are 17 people accused in mortgage fraud related schemes in Houston, Jose Angel Moreno, the US Attorney for the Southern District, said at a news conference. Four of the 17 have pleaded guilty and two others have been fined and sentenced to prison, and the other 11 cases are pending, he said."

The Austin American Statesman (6/18) reports that Moreno "said four of the 17 defendants in Texas' southern district have pleaded guilty and two others have been sentenced to prison and must pay \$4.1 million in restitution. The remaining 11 defendants in the three-month investigation have been indicted and are awaiting trial, Moreno said."

The Charleston (WV) Gazette (6/18, Clevenger) reports, "A Putnam County couple was charged Thursday in federal court with duping out-of-state investors out of more than \$2.3 million by fraudulently inflating appraisals before reselling properties. In an information filed Thursday, prosecutors accused Deborah L. Joyce, 37, of Hurricane, of conspiring to commit bank and wire fraud as part of a scheme to flip properties in the Stonegate subdivision at prices far above their actual value. 'Mortgage fraud and its effects run deep,' said Booth Goodwin, US Attorney for the Southern District of West Virginia. 'It's not just important for the lenders or the investors on Wall Street, but as the attorney general pointed out today, it effects people and their communities.'"

AP (6/18) reports from Madison, Wisconsin, "Ten people in Wisconsin have been arrested as part of a national crackdown on mortgage fraud. US Attorney Stephen Sinnott in Wisconsin's western district says 10 people have been charged as part of the sweep. Four people have pleaded guilty to charges they defrauded banks and mortgage lenders by submitting false loan applications. A fifth person facing the same charges has a June 25 plea hearing."

REAL ESTATE DEVELOPER ARRESTED IN MONEY LAUNDERING CASE. The AP (6/18, Sherman) reports south Texas real estate developer Marin Herrera "was secretly a money laundering manager for a drug trafficking cell tied to Mexico's Gulf cartel, federal officials said Thursday." He "coordinated bulk cash shipments from drug sales in Atlanta, Chicago and Houston as they made their way back to the border and eventually into Mexico, Internal Revenue Service special agent Luis Reyna testified at a detention hearing Thursday." IRS Special Agent Luis Reyna said Herrera allegedly told an ICE agent following his arrest "that if he had known a co-defendant in a related case had been arrested earlier that morning, he would have fled to Mexico and not returned."

The McAllen (TX) Monitor (6/18, Roebuck) reports, "In a series of court hearings this week, government attorneys

accused" Herrera, along with Reynaldo Flores Jr., "of laundering money for the Matamoros-based Gulf Cartel and funneling their own cut of the proceeds into their real estate development company. 'They have significant deposits (into their business accounts) but no withdrawals or payments to contractors or subcontractors,' US Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agent Kevin Fornfeist testified Monday at a hearing for Flores. 'We can't prove any sales have actually been made.'"

SCULPTURES RETURNED TO CAMBODIA FOLLOWING ICE SEIZURE. AFP (6/18) reports on the US return Thursday of "seven sculptures created in the great Angkorian era that had been smuggled from Cambodia." US embassy spokesman John Johnson "said the sandstone artefacts, dating from between 1000 and 1500 AD, arrived by ship and were blessed by Buddhist monks in a handover ceremony in the southwestern port of Sihanoukville. The sculptures, which include a head of the Buddha, a large bas-relief and an engraved plinth, were recovered by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials in Los Angeles in 2008, Johnson added."

OFFICIALS' STATEMENTS SAID TO SHOW IRAN LIKELY SEEKING NUCLEAR WEAPON. In a report apparently based on WTOP's coverage earlier this month of statements from counter-proliferation officials in the US indicating that Iran is likely pursuing a nuclear weapons program, Federal News Radio (6/18, Green), on its website, reports, "The most damning allegation comes from the broad selection of items that are being smuggled that list Iran as their final destination. Clark Settles, chief of the Counter Proliferation Investigations unit, says the variety of items leaves little doubt of Iran's true intentions. 'If they were just acquiring items for uranium enrichment and not a lot of the other items that they've attempted to acquire -- from missile guidance, to triggered spark gaps that are used to detonate nuclear weapons -- if they were just trying acquire one thing and not the other, then argument would hold some water,' says Settles."

BULLETIN ISSUED FOR 17 MEMBERS OF AFGHAN MILITARY AWOL IN US. FOX News (6/18) reports the Naval Criminal Investigative Service in Dallas has issued a bulletin "for 17 members of the Afghan military who have gone AWOL from a Texas Air Force base where foreign military officers who are training to become pilots are taught English." The bulletin includes photos of the men, along with their dates of birth and their Treasury Enforcement Communications System Lookout numbers. It "requests, 'If any Afghan pictured herein is encountered, detain the subject and contact your local Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) office, the FBI or NCIS.'" Fox News' Fox Report (6/17, 7:40 p.m. EDT) aired a brief story on the bulletin. The San Antonio Express-News (6/18) also covers the bulletin.

ICE ARRESTS WOMAN IN ANN ARBOR. The Ann Arbor News (6/18) reports ICE agents "arrested a Mexican woman Wednesday in Ann Arbor who was previously ordered removed from the United States by a federal immigration judge, ICE spokesman Khaalid Walls said. The 42-year-old woman was taken into custody at her home without incident and will be temporarily detained before being returned to Mexico, Walls said." Margaret Harner, co-founder of The Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights, said "the woman is a mother of three children under age 13."

Policy and Issues News:

ICE UNDERGOING RESTRUCTURING. On its "FedBlog," Government Executive (6/18, Shoop) notes yesterday's Washington Post report on a reorganization at ICE in which the "the agency will now have three directorates, covering investigations, immigration and management." GovExec goes on to note a profile of Assistant Secretary Morton in this month's Government Executive magazine in which reporter Katherine McIntire Peters "noted that one of his big challenges in the current highly charged climate regarding immigration is increasing the agency's credibility when it comes to enforcing existing laws, to help convince lawmakers it can manage proposed immigration reforms. Morton said he would do that by focusing ICE's resources on criminal investigations: The bureau's highest enforcement priority is going after those who pose a national security threat or are criminal offenders. 'Whether or not everybody has the same view of how many immigrants should come into the country lawfully or not, most people agree that if you come here unlawfully and you start committing crimes, you're not the kind of person we want,' Morton says."

The Kansas City Star (6/18, Hart) runs a blog on the Washington Post article, reporting that "ICE officials are considering a strategy that has helped the FBI for years: the aid of Hollywood and other venues of popular culture. Timothy Calkins, a marketing professor at Northwestern University, said such efforts could be squandered if internal problems aren't addressed."

UNION REPRESENTING ICE OFFICERS QUESTIONS DETENTION CHANGES. CNN (6/18, Castillo) reports that ICE "leaders and rank-and-file agents are at odds over proposed reforms in the nation's immigration detention centers that would make the facilities more comfortable for some detainees." The shift "has met criticism from agents who work with detainees, who say they were left out of the decision process and that the changes will create safety risks for their officers. 'This has all been done very, very, very secretly,' Chris Crane, president of AFGE National Council 118-ICE, the union that represents more than 7,000 ICE officers, told CNN." Noting that the specific reforms offered by contractor CCA are still "being evaluated and have not been implemented," ICE spokeswoman Gillian Brigham said the agency "is

committed to making sensible reforms to its non-criminal detention system and will continue to consider reasonable approaches that seek to achieve those goals."

CLINTON: ADMINISTRATION WILL BRING LAWSUIT AGAINST ARIZONA IMMIGRATION LAW. The ACLU distribution of video showing Secretary Clinton saying in a June 8 interview with an Ecuadorean television station that the Administration "will be bringing a lawsuit" to challenge Arizona's controversial new immigration law has drawn national media attention in the US, though, as the Washington Post (6/18, A10, Markon) reports, "the Justice Department declined Thursday to confirm such a plan." Spokesman Matthew Miller would say only that the department "continues to review the law."

The AP (6/18, Myers) reports it is not clear "why Clinton made the comment since it's not her area." Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer called the situation "outrageous," saying that if the Federal government "intends to sue our state to prevent illegal immigration enforcement, the least it can do is inform us before it informs the citizens of another nation."

Reporting that Clinton's statements had "raised eyebrows," Fox News' Special Report (6/17, 6:22 p.m. EDT) aired footage of the interview, in which Clinton is shown saying, "President Obama has spoken out against the law, because he thinks that the Federal government should be determining immigration policy. And the Justice Department, under his direction, will be bringing a lawsuit against the act."

Migrants' Journey Through Mexico Fraught With Peril. The Washington Post (6/18, A16, Booth) reports that while the Mexican government "condemns" Arizona's immigration law, "illegal migrants passing through Mexico are routinely robbed, raped and kidnapped by criminal gangs that often work alongside corrupt police, according to human rights advocates." They say the country's "strict laws to protect the rights of illegal migrants are often ignored and that undocumented migrants from Central America face a brutal passage through the country." Migrants are "held for ransom, increasingly at the hands of Mexico's powerful drug cartels," and often "tortured -- threatened with execution, beaten with bats and submerged in buckets of water or excrement."

Quiet Nebraska Town Split Over Referendum On Immigration Law. The New York Times (6/18, Davey) reports that in the "ordinarily...serene" Nebraska city of Fremont, "the fight over illegal immigration has boiled over." Debate over a law, to be decided in a special election Monday, that would "ban businesses from hiring illegal immigrants and bar landlords from renting to them," has led to "awkward silences for some who fear offending their neighbors (whose position they cannot be certain of), and, for others, volleys of suspicion." Meanwhile, the referendum enters "a legally complicated realm given the federal role in handling immigration; a lawsuit is all but certain if it passes."

The Wall Street Journal (6/18, Etter) also depicts Fremont as a quiet town divided by the immigration debate in its report on the upcoming vote.

COUNTY OFFICIAL WANTS STATEWIDE IMMIGRATION CRACKDOWN IN VIRGINIA. The Washington Post (6/18, B4, Buske) reports Prince William Board of County Supervisors Chairman Corey A. Stewart "is calling on Virginia legislators to pass a law cracking down on illegal immigration similar to a controversial Arizona measure." He "said he will spend the rest of the year lobbying the General Assembly to pass legislation that enhances law enforcement powers to capture, detain and deport illegal aliens; curbs illegal day laboring; and creates specific state penalties for illegal immigrants." The Post adds, meanwhile, that "Nancy Lyall of the immigrant advocacy group Mexicans Without Borders called the proposal 'irresponsible.'"

The Washington (DC) Examiner (6/18, Sherfinski) reports, "Gov. Bob McDonnell and administration officials will review the proposal, spokesman Tucker Martin wrote in an e-mail. 'The governor is a strong proponent of reforming our current immigration system to ensure that the laws of this nation are obeyed and upheld, and lawful immigration is encouraged and facilitated,' Martin wrote."

DETAINED IMMIGRANT HOPING TO HELP AILING FATHER IN CANADA. The Baltimore Sun (6/18, Hermann) reports on the case of Canadian Clinton B. McCracken, who "wants is to donate a kidney to his ailing father in Alberta." He "is not a typical immigrant fighting deportation," wanting "desperately...to get out, to go home, to help his father and to start a new life far from the research labs at the University of Maryland and the rowhouse in Ridgely's Delight that he rented with his fiancée, Carrie John." He "had initially been serving his probation at home, until federal immigration authorities picked him up on Saturday and sent him to Pennsylvania. His lawyer isn't sure why the sudden detention was warranted, and authorities declined to comment on specific cases." The Sun adds that ICE spokeswoman Ernestine Fobbs "would not comment on the McCracken case, but she did concede that 'getting removed from the country can be a long process.'"

GEORGIA POLITICIANS WANT STRICTER POLICY TOWARD ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT STUDENTS. The Rockdale Citizen (6/18) reports Georgia state Sen. John Douglas "is one of 15 Republican lawmakers who has signed a letter

encouraging the Board of Regents to reevaluate its policy allowing illegal immigrants to attend public colleges and universities." The board "is examining how best to check residency and citizenship of all students who apply to the state's 35 colleges and universities in light of the controversial case of Kennesaw State University senior Jessica Colotl. Colotl, whose parents brought her to the US from Mexico more than 10 years ago, was arrested March 30 after being pulled over by university police for a traffic violation. ... Cobb County authorities turned her over to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. ICE released Colotl and deferred her case for a year to allow her to complete her classes."

WXIA-TV Atlanta, GA (6/18, Watson) reports the board "has already directed the state's 35 colleges and universities to verify all students' residency status and to make sure no illegal aliens are paying in state tuition or are receiving financial aid. University officials have until the middle of August to complete the verification. But the group of Senators says it's not enough to verify status, that the Board of Regents must go further."

In Brief:

ALABAMA MAN CONVICTED OF RECEIVING, POSSESSING CHILD PORN. The Gadsden (AL) Times (6/17) reported, Phillip Ross Simons of Altoona, Alabama, was convicted Wednesday "for receiving and possessing child pornography, US Attorney Joyce White Vance announced. US District Court Judge L. Scott Coogler ordered US marshals to take Simmons into custody following the verdict. A sentencing date has not been scheduled." The Times notes, "The case was investigated by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the FBI and the US Secret Service." WVTM-TV Birmingham (6/17) also reported on Simmons' conviction.

MONTANA MAN CHARGED WITH PRODUCING, SELLING CHILD PORN. The Great Falls (MT) Tribune (6/17) reported Alejandro Arturo Scholz of Helena "is accused of producing and selling child pornography." Scholtz "was arrested after a search warrant was issued in May to seize alleged child pornography evidence from his Helena apartment." The Tribune noted, "The investigation was a cooperative effort between the FBI, Helena Police Department, US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and the Montana Division of Criminal Investigation."

VIRGINIA MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORN CHARGES. WAVY-TV Norfolk, VA (6/18) reports Chesapeake man Josef Hunter "pleaded guilty Thursday to child pornography charges after an investigation revealed images on his computer of pre-pubescent children engaged in sexual acts with adults, and sadistic and masochistic acts." He "was indicted on charges in February after the Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) searched and seized computers and other media storage from his residence that contained the pornographic images."

MEMPHIS MAN ACCUSED OF SEX WITH UNDERAGE GIRL UNDER ICE HOLD. The Memphis Commercial Appeal (6/18) reports Memphis man Luis Gonzalez "surrendered to Bartlett police this afternoon on a charge that he had sexual relations with a 16-year-old girl over a 7-month period." He "also is an alleged undocumented immigrant, according to Bartlett police Insp. Jeff Cox." According to Cox, ICE "has a hold on the suspect."

MAN UNDER ICE HOLD PLEADS GUILTY TO CAUSING DEATHS IN ALABAMA CRASH. The Dothan (AL) Eagle (6/18, Eloffson) reports Daleville man faces Freddie DeLeon Perez "up to 20 years in prison after he pleaded guilty Tuesday to causing the deaths of an Enterprise couple in a two-vehicle crash. Assistant Coffee County District Attorney Scherryl Harrison "said Perez, 24, accepted the guilty plea after the prosecution had already presented 10 witnesses as part of its evidence." The Eagle notes that ICE "has a hold on Perez."

ICE PARTICIPATES IN IDAHO ANTI-DRUG EFFORT. The Rexburg (ID) Standard Journal (6/18) reports, "Teton County (Idaho) Sheriff's Office, working in conjunction with Idaho State Police Investigations, United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, United States Marshal's Service, Idaho Falls Police Department, and the Davis County (Utah) Drug Task Force, served 11 federal drug conspiracy arrest warrants today in eastern Idaho and northern Utah, the US Attorney's Office announced. As a result, Jesus Mara Figueroa, 51, of Teton, a lawful permanent resident, and several co-conspirators living throughout the Teton Valley and in Utah have been taken into federal custody."

ICE ASSISTS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DRUG CARTEL CRACKDOWN. The Camarillo (CA) Acorn (6/18, Moskowitz) reports, "Federal and local police made multiple arrests in three Southern California counties last week as part of a nationwide crackdown on Mexican-based drug cartels that operate in the US. As part of the drug bust, police recovered 28.2 pounds of heroin, 15 pounds of methamphetamines, three handguns and several thousand dollars in cash from multiple homes." The Acorn notes ICE participation in the effort.

MS-13 MEMBER ARRESTED IN ARLINGTON. The Arlington (VA) Connection (6/18, Pope) reports, "An Arlington member of the violent Salvadorian gang Mara Salvatrucha received 20 years earlier this month for a conspiracy to extort money from an inter-state prostitution ring. Court papers show that Alcides Umana, 23, is an illegal immigrant from El

Salvador who was a member of the street gang known as 'MS-13.'" The Connection notes that ICE was among law enforcement agencies working on the case.

ICE PLACES DETAINERS ON SUSPECTS ARRESTED AT CALIFORNIA VINEYARD. On its website, KMPH-TV Fresno, CA (6/18) reports, "Madera Narcotics Agents made a drug raid Wednesday in a rather unusual spot. Agents with the Madera County Narcotic Enforcement Team and County Gang Enforcement Team arrested 4 people for drug trafficking, after seizing thousands of marijuana plants from a westside vineyard." KMPH adds that ICE officials "aided the case, placing immigration detainers on all four suspects who they believe have ties to drug trafficking organizations."

UTAH MAN ACCUSED OF POSING AS ICE OFFICER. The Deseret Morning News (UT) (6/18, Groves) reports South Salt Lake man Eduardo Cruz "has been accused of impersonating a federal customs officer and binding a man before robbing him." According to a victim telling of an encounter with the man Sunday, "Cruz pulled out a handgun and claimed to be a US Immigration and Customs Enforcement officer. Cruz, 44, then bound the man's wrists with a zip tie while robbing him of \$515, a driver's license and Mexico consular ID card, a cell phone and camera, according to charges filed Thursday in 3rd District Court."

HOUSTON MAN PLEADS GUILTY TO CHILD PORN CHARGE. The Pittsburgh Tribune-Review (6/18) report Dave Dean of Houston, Texas, "pleaded guilty Thursday in US District Court, Downtown, to a charge of participating in an international child-pornography ring." Dean "was one of eight men arrested in the November bust of 'Stephen's Group' – a ring that prosecutors believe had more than 100 members." ICE began investigating the group after "the arrest last year of an unidentified man in Western Pennsylvania."

KENYAN NATIONAL SENTENCED FOR UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS SCAM. The Worcester (MA) Telegram & Gazette (6/18, Hammel) reports, "A Kenyan national who used to live in Worcester was sentenced yesterday in U.S. District Court to 81 months in prison for being part of a scheme to secure more than \$600,000 in unemployment benefits. From about March 2006 through June 2008, the defendant, Peter Mwangi, 35, formerly of 2 Delldale St., registered 11 fictitious employers with the Massachusetts Division of Unemployment Assistance and filed hundreds of fraudulent claims in the names of supposed former employees of these businesses, according to Assistant U.S. Attorney Sandra S. Bower." Mwangi, "who previously had been ordered removed from the country, was taken into administrative custody by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement in June 2008."

Top DHS News:

ALLEN ANNOUNCES RELIEF WELL DRILLING AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. While BP CEO Tony Hayward's appearance before a House panel is dominating media coverage (including the lead stories on all three network news broadcasts last night) of the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, the handling of the disaster continues to gain widespread attention. The New Orleans Times-Picayune (6/18, White) reports Adm. Thad Allen said Thursday that work "on a relief well that is expected to be the longterm solution for stopping the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico is ahead of schedule but still unlikely to be completed before August." He "said the Development Driller III is 'starting to close in on the well' but he was hesitant to say that the job would be completed soon because of the numerous delays BP has encountered to date in its effort to stop or contain the oil flow."

The AP (6/18, Mohr) reports, meanwhile, that Allen "toured hard hit areas of the Gulf Coast a day after a local official called for his ouster." He "was in Louisiana Thursday to assess oil cleanup. It came the same day state and local officials blasted the federal government for temporarily shutting down 16 barges used to suck up the crude. Plaquemines (PLAK-uh-menz) Parish President Billy Nungesser told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Allen is not the right man to oversee the federal response."

In its viewer question segment on the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, the CBS Evening News (6/17, story 3, 2:00, Couric, 6.1M) aired a report on how a hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico might impact the oil spill response, stating that a storm could "wreck containment booms, force cleanup crews off the water, and delay drilling of the relief wells that are now the only hope to stop the leak. There are even fears hurricane-driven rains could be black with oil."

House Panel Faults Coast Guard's Drilling Rig Oversight. The Los Angeles Times (6/18, Geiger, Hamburger, Bureau, 776K) reports the House subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation "castigated the Coast Guard on Thursday for being insufficiently aggressive in tracking and inspecting foreign oil drill vessels such as the Deepwater Horizon. ... Under harsh questioning, Coast Guard Rear Adm. Kevin Cook said the Deepwater Horizon, registered to the tiny Republic of the Marshall Islands, operated under a different command structure than would have been permitted for a similar vessel operating under the US flag. ... 'This is our watch, and I know for a fact we can do better,' said Rep. Elijah E. Cummings (D-Md.), chair of the subcommittee." Rep. James Oberstar, chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, "expressed skepticism about the international regulatory system."

Jindal, Riley Complain About Disorganization Of Cleanup Efforts. ABC World News (6/17, story 2, 3:10, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported on the "complaint from the Gulf that cleanup efforts are disorganized 59 days into the spill." ABC (Muir) added, "For the last 24 hours, the barges carrying giant vacuums sat here under orders not to move. All 16 of these barges have been halted?" Gov. Bobby Jindal: "The most frustrating thing." Muir: "Louisiana's governor told us he wasn't told why. The President has said you can pick up the phone and call him. Did you tell him this?" Jindal: "We talked to the White House yesterday, promised us they were going to get it done as quickly as possible. And the problem is, every time you talk to somebody different in the Coast Guard, you got a different answer." In Alabama today, Governor Bob Riley "told us he asked the Coast Guard to find ocean boom tall enough to handle ocean waves. They went all the way to Bahrain to find it. And when it came time to deploy it here." Gov. Bob Riley: "It was picked up and moved to Louisiana." Muir: "Without it, oil came ashore in Alabama."

The CBS Evening News (6/17, story 2, 2:40, Teague, 6.1M) reported, "There is so much anger here, not just at BP but at the Federal Government, especially after the Coast Guard shut down several vacuum boats yesterday, capable of removing 1,000 gallons of oil a day. The problem was inspection certificates, but today, the order was rescinded after a protest by the governor." Gov. Bobby Jindal: "We certainly cannot afford 24 hours' delay in deploying this equipment to fight this oil, keep it out of our wetlands."

NBC Nightly News (6/17, story 3, 2:15, Thompson, 8.37M) reported, "After a 24-hour shutdown, Louisiana's vacuum barges got the okay to go back to work. And that's exactly what the people here in Louisiana want is work." Gov. Bobby Jindal: "No excuse for these 16 barges to be sitting idle." Thompson: "Firing verbal ammunition at the Coast Guard which shut down 16 vacuum barges yesterday to be sure there were life jackets."

Government, BP Won't Say How Much Shoreline Has Been Fouled By Oil. ABC World News (6/17, story 2, 3:10, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported, "For four days, we've been trying to get an answer to one question -- how much total shoreline has been impacted by the oil since the spill started? But the united command of the government and BP has steadfastly refused to answer our question. All they will say is that as of tonight, 52 miles of shoreline are currently impacted."

Brooks: Federal Bureaucracy Impeding Gulf Cleanup. David Brooks, in his column for the New York Times (6/18, 1.09M), writes, "If you talk to elected leaders from Louisiana to Florida, they fill your ears with tales of incompetence -- of advice that was not heeded, of red tape stifling effective operations, of local knowledge that was cast aside and trampled. If you read the local news media from the gulf region, this anger flows out in article after article." According to Brooks, "We have vested too much authority in national officials who are really smart, but who are really distant," while "we should be leaving more power with local officials, who may not be as expert, but who have the advantage of being there on the ground."

BP Rig Supervisor Says He Was Fired For Noting Safety Concerns. Lucia Graves, writing for the Huffington Post (6/18), says Ken Abbott, "a former project control supervisor on BP's Atlantis deepwater oil rig, was fired in 2009 after expressing concerns about the safety of the operation." Abbott is quoted as saying, "I got a lot of pressure from the lead engineers and from the managers saying, 'Don't do that; don't push so much; we don't want to mess with that.' I feel like the real reason I was fired was because I was trying to raise a safety issue, and you know BP has a long history of getting rid of people who try to raise safety issues. I was one of those victims." Graves writes that "for months," Abbott "worked to obtain BP engineer-approved drawings with little, if any, progress. The more I insisted that we had to develop or obtain them, the more unpopular I became," he said, "and 'hostilities mounted until he was fired on February 5, 2009.'"

WSJournal Touts Offshore Drilling Safety Record Before April. The Wall Street Journal (6/18, 2.08M), in an editorial, argues that a close read of MMS data suggests that the oil industry has an excellent track record of averting major offshore oil spills. The Journal says nearly all the "spill" incidents in the Gulf in recent years were "minor" "passive" events caused by a succession of large hurricanes from 2004 to 2008.

OFFSHORE RIGS NOT AT HIGH RISK FOR TERRORIST ATTACK. Responding to a viewer question on what officials are doing to protect offshore oil rigs terrorists, the CBS Evening News (6/17, story 4, 0:55, Couric, 6.1M) reported that "officials tell us terrorists are not likely to target oil rigs, and it's obvious-- they're isolated often far from shore, in deep waters, relatively easy to protect. But security experts are closely watching and improving defenses around other key infrastructure like pipelines, power grid, water treatment plants because those are vulnerable to physical attacks like bombings and also cyber-attacks which could shut down critical operations." CBS added, however, that offshore rigs are "not high on the risk list."

GREAT LAKES MAYORS SEEK MEETING TO DISCUSS DISASTER PREPAREDNESS. The Milwaukee Journal Sentinel (6/18, Randall) reports, "Spurred by the expanding crisis over a massive oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, a group of Great Lakes mayors is pushing both the United States and Canada for a meeting to discuss disaster preparedness in the

lakes. ... Grand Rapids, Mich., Mayor George Heartwell, chair of the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative, said the mayors will send a joint letter to US Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano and Canadian Minister of Fisheries and Oceans Gail Shea requesting an 'immediate meeting' to discuss whether federal disaster plans for the lakes are adequate. In remarks Thursday morning at the Pfister Hotel downtown, Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett and Gary Doer, Canadian ambassador to the United States, touched upon similar priorities for preserving the Great Lakes, mentioning efforts to curb invasive species and to prevent the siphoning off of water to other regions."

BORKOWSKI SAYS UAVS MAY BE EXPANDED UNDER SBINET. The future of SBInet is getting coverage this morning in national print media and a number of publications on Capitol Hill after executive director Mark Borkowski testified Thursday that expanding the use of UAVs is being considered. Also discussed at Thursday's joint meeting of the House Subcommittee on Management, Investigations and Oversight, and the Subcommittee on Border, Maritime and Global Counterterrorism, as the AP (6/18, Gamboa) reports, was a new GAO audit that found "fixing the 'virtual fence' designed to guard the southern border is like trying to redirect a moving iceberg." While the SBInet system was originally intended "to monitor most of the 2,000-mile border with Mexico by 2011," it has been hampered by "technical problems and glitches" leading lawmakers to question "whether to keep investing in it. The Department of Homeland Security has suspended spending on the project."

The Arizona Daily Star (6/18, McCombs) reports that, according to the GAO, "officials have not reliably estimated the life cycle cost of the two systems up in Arizona, called 'Block 1.' To do so requires DHS to ensure that the estimate meets key practices that relevant guidance states are important to having an estimate that is comprehensive, well-documented, accurate, and credible," the report says." Jeff Stein writes on the Washington Post (6/18) "Spy Talk" blog that "the report amounted to a grim picture of the project's future, noting its 'decreasing scope, uncertain timing, unclear value proposition, and limited life cycle management discipline and rigor.'"

CongressDaily (6/18, Strohman) reports that DHS "is continuing to reassess the problem-plagued SBInet border security network of computer-linked cameras, sensors and other technology after it experienced repeated technical problems and schedule delays." Borkowski "said unmanned aerial vehicles were not included in the SBInet plans when they were conceived but the department is now considering expanding its drone fleet to beef up border security." CongressDaily adds that "a long-standing obstacle to deploying more aerial drones in US civilian airspace has been getting approval from the FAA, which must ensure the unmanned aircraft do not collide with commercial aircraft and small private planes."

Federal Computer Week (6/18, Lipowicz) reports DHS "officials likely will stop future construction of a 'virtual-fence' security system along the US-Mexico border and instead augment the existing system with unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) and mobile systems," according to Borkowski. He said the agency realizes "that the SBInet program has been a frustration." NextGov (6/18, Aitoro) reports DHS may end up pursuing "projects that are tailored to specific areas along the border," according to Borkowski. He said his "expectation is that we would not end up with SBInet along the border. Already that doesn't look like a wise thing to do."

CQ Homeland Security (6/18, Margetta) adds, meanwhile, that Management subcommittee Chairman Christopher Carney "questioned whether the federal government should try to get a refund on its SBInet investment from Boeing, the project's prime contractor. 'Fifty-three miles at a cost of \$1.1 billion is unacceptable,' he said." An AP (6/18, Gamboa) report focused on Carney's criticism of the money spent on SBInet reports that "Roger Krone, an executive with virtual fence contractor Boeing, disagreed with portrayals of the spending. He said only \$155 million was spent for the deployment of technology to monitor 55 miles of the Arizona border, a rate of \$2.8 million a mile."

BORDER OFFICIALS SAID TO BE LOOKING FOR PLANNED RESOURCES. Fox News' Special Report (6/17, 6:23 p.m. EDT) aired a report that, following passage of Arizona's controversial immigration law, President Obama "said he would be sending help to the region." Fox (La Jeunesse) added, however, that, "from Arizona to Washington officials say they have seen and heard nothing from the White House. ... Thursday at a House Homeland Security Committee hearing, acting Border Patrol chief Mike Fisher was asked about the troops." Fisher was shown saying, "It depends. The right combination of personnel, technology, and infrastructure." Fox continued that "Law enforcement on the front lines say violence and trafficking across the border are getting worse, and that unarmed guardsmen aren't enough."

BISHOP WARNS OF DRUG CARTEL PRESENCE IN US PARKLAND. FOX News (6/18) reports on its website, "Federal environmental laws are handcuffing US Border Patrol agents to a foot-and-horseback strategy as they try to battle Mexican drug cartels and illegal immigrants who are turning wide swaths of America's border with Mexico into a virtual no-man's land. Rep. Rob Bishop, R-Utah, ranking Republican on the House Parks and Public Lands Subcommittee, said the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge in southern Arizona -- part of which was closed in 2006 because it was considered too dangerous for Americans to visit -- is just the tip of the iceberg." Bishop "said there's plenty of other parkland along the border that's either closed to the public or is considered too dangerous because of concern about drug gangs, human smugglers and illegal immigrants, and that the problem is getting worse."

Mexico Targeting Drug Cartel Funds. NBC Nightly News (6/17, story 7, 2:20, Holt) reported that with drug cartel violence in Mexico on the rise, "President Felipe Calderon is trying a new tactic -- going after the cartel's money. Every year billions of dollars in suspicious deposits are placed in Mexico's banks. As of this week there is a limit to the amount of cash deposits. Critics say what President Calderon needs to do is stop waging a war against the cartels and take his army off the streets."

SHAHZAD INDICTED ON 10 TERRORISM, WEAPONS COUNTS. The CBS Evening News (6/17, story 5, 0:30, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "In New York, a federal grand jury has indicted the alleged Times Square bomber. Faisal Shahzad has been charged with 10 counts of terrorism and weapons violations including the attempted use of a weapon of mass destruction. ... If convicted he could be sentenced to life in prison."

The AP (6/18, Neumeister) notes that the indictment "added five charges to the original case against the 30-year-old Shahzad and also detailed in greater depth his alleged financing, saying Shahzad had received a total of \$12,000 from the militant group through cash drop-offs in Massachusetts and Long Island." Attorney General Holder said in a press release announcing the indictment, "The facts alleged in this indictment show that the Pakistani Taliban facilitated Faisal Shahzad's attempted attack on American soil. Our nation averted serious loss of life in this attempted bombing, but it is a reminder that we face an evolving threat that we must continue to fight with every tool available to the government."

The Washington Post (6/18, Miller, 684K) also notes Holder's statement and reports that the indictment "offers little new information about the plot, aside from details of alleged payments of \$5,000 and \$7,000 Shahzad is said to have received in two transactions from a person in Pakistan affiliated with the Pakistani Taliban. The first payment was collected Feb. 25 in Massachusetts, and the second about two weeks later in Ronkonkoma, NY. US officials declined to identify the alleged accomplice or to say whether he was in custody in Pakistan."

Also noting Holder's statement, the New York Times (6/18, Weiser, 1.09M) reports, "The Justice Department said Mr. Shahzad was expected to be arraigned on the new charges Monday in Federal District Court in Manhattan." The Times notes, "The office of Preet Bharara, the United States attorney in Manhattan, had until Monday to bring an indictment, hold a preliminary hearing and offer evidence of probable cause for an arrest, or seek another postponement with Mr. Shahzad's consent."

Politico (6/18, Gerstein, 25K) notes FBI New York acting ADIC George Venizelos said yesterday, "Shahzad was allegedly ready to commit a horrendous crime in the heart of New York. The FBI's Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF) quickly went into high gear to identify and arrest Shahzad. We will not let our guard down as we work to protect our city, our citizens, our visitors and our country." Meanwhile, the Washington Times (6/18, Seper, 77K) reports US Attorney Preet Bharara said in a statement, "Today's 10-count indictment returned in the Southern District of New York charges Faisal Shahzad with conspiring with the Pakistani Taliban to wreak death and destruction in Times Square. This office will continue to work in lockstep with our partners at the FBI and the NYPD to protect New York City from the threat posed by terrorists and those who would support them."

Politico and the WTimes also note Holder's statement, as do Newsday (6/18, Riley, 371K), the New York Daily News (6/18, Shifrel, 588K), Bloomberg News (6/18, Hurtado) and AFP (6/18) in their stories on Shahzad's indictment. The Wall Street Journal (6/18, Bray, 2.08M) and Reuters (6/18, Katz) also report on the charges.

PISTOLE NOMINATION MOVES FORWARD. Aviation News (6/18) reports John Pistole's nomination to the head the TSA moved forward on two fronts Thursday, with "the Senate Commerce Committee, which held a hearing on the nomination last week," voting "unanimously to recommend the nomination to the full Senate," and the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee holding its own hearing. CQ Homeland Security (6/18, Korade) said Pistole acted like "any smart nominee would" when he "veered away" from Sen. Susan Collins' question about collective bargaining at the agency. "Pistole said he would be able to give Collins an answer - but only after conducting a review of the issue, which Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano has requested." His "nomination has not raised red flags so far, lawmakers say," and Sen. Joe Lieberman "said Thursday that he hopes to have the committee approve Pistole's nomination next week for a full Senate vote before Congress' July Fourth recess."

HSToday (6/18, McCarter) says Pistole appears to be "on his way to receiving a confirmation vote by the Senate before Congress departs on its Independence Day recess." He "certainly impressed the two senators--plus Susan Collins (R-Maine)--who asked questions about collective bargaining, intelligence, mass transit, and other topics. Pistole dazzled with every reply."

NEW YORK SEEKING DHS APPROVAL TO REOPEN STREET CLOSED AFTER 9/11. Bloomberg News (6/18, Dolmetsch) reports that members of Congress, the New York legislature, and New York City officials have written to

Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano seeking permission to reopen "a street between New York police headquarters and the Manhattan federal courthouse closed since the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks." The letter called on DHS "to work with local law enforcement to help determine how the street, Park Row, can be opened." Bloomberg notes DHS spokeswoman Amy Kudwa "said in a telephone interview that the department would respond through correspondence and not through the media."

GAO COMPLAINS OF LACK OF COOPERATION FROM AGENCIES. The Hill (6/18, Yager) reports GAO acting Comptroller General Gene Dodaro wrote to senators Tuesday that a number of "agencies are denying the investigative arm of Congress access to information, despite repeated attempts by officials and lawmakers to remedy the situation." Noting that the departments of Homeland Security, Justice, Defense, and Health and Human Services "have all stymied the GAO's access to information, according to the letter," the Hill adds that, in one "instance, the GAO was delayed for six months while waiting for the DHS to deliver a 2009 Homeland Security Institute report on the Office of Intelligence and Analysis." The agency "did not respond to a request for comment," but the Hill adds that Secretary Napolitano "signed a new directive" last week "that revises the manner in which DHS deals with GAO requests."

DHS SPONSORS FORUM FOR WOMEN IN FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. The Washington Post (6/18, Davidson) reports in its "Federal Diary" column that balancing "career and family responsibilities was a major focus of a forum Thursday on 'Building a Community for Women in the Federal Government,' sponsored by the Homeland Security Department at the National Museum of Women in the Arts." Keynote speaker Kathleen Martinez, the Labor Department's assistant secretary for disability employment policy used "humor" in relaying her "experiences as a blind Hispanic woman to make points about the need for greater diversity. ... In prepared remarks, she talked about the \$3 billion that Labor estimates corporations lose annually because of child-care issues."

CYBERSECURITY PUSH GAINS MOMENTUM IN SENATE, THOUGH DIFFERENCES OVER DETAILS REMAIN.

Politico (6/18, Romm) reports that while a push to "boost federal cybersecurity are gaining serious steam in the Senate...disagreements linger in the chamber over who should oversee critical networks and how much power they should have." Politico reports having heard from "top Senate staffers" who say "three key flash points in the debate remain." One issue is who would be entrusted with overseeing cybersecurity in two bills introduced this year – one from Sens. Joe Lieberman and Susan Collins – chairman and ranking member of the Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee, respectively - as well as Sen. Tom Carper, and another from Sen. John Rockefeller, chairman of the Commerce Committee, and Sen. Olympia Snowe. The Lieberman-Collins-Carper bill would give "powers to both a confirmed White House official and a cybersecurity expert in the Department of Homeland Security," while the Rockefeller-Snowe bill "would create a new White House post." Another issue is that "the Rockefeller-Snowe bill would require cybersecurity officials to be certified to work on federal networks and critical IT infrastructure, while the Lieberman-Collins-Carper bill would not." Disagreement also remains over "whether the White House should have the ability to declare a cybersecurity emergency, which would, in turn, require private networks to implement emergency action plans."

Federal Computer Week (6/18) reports, "The president already has adequate measures available to respond to cyber emergencies and doesn't need the additional tools that legislation now under consideration in the Senate would provide, according to Philip Reiting, deputy undersecretary of the National Protection and Programs Directorate at the Homeland Security Department," who testified earlier this week before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee.

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Leading the News:

FIVE IFCO SYSTEMS MANAGERS INDICTED. The Houston Chronicle (6/4, Lezon, 427K) reports five managers at Houston-based IFCO Systems North America "have been indicted by a federal grand jury for allegedly conspiring to employ illegal immigrants." They "are charged with offenses related to illegal immigration and employment-related practices, federal officials said." The Chronicle adds that the investigation began after "a tip to Immigration and Customs Enforcement in February 2005 that illegal immigrants at an IFCO plant in Albany, N.Y., were seen ripping up their W-2 forms. In April 2006, ICE agents arrested 1,187 illegal immigrants at more than 40 locations nationwide, including Texas."

The San Antonio Express-News (6/4, Lezon) reports that, specifically, the five "are charged with offenses related to employing unauthorized immigrants, federal officials said." The five, named as Charles Davidson, Christopher Tiesman, Kenneth Gines, Haskell "Buddy" Ross, and Wendy Mudra, all pled not guilty. "Officials began investigating the company after a tip to Immigration and Customs Enforcement in February 2005 that unauthorized immigrants at an IFCO plant in Albany, N.Y., were seen ripping up their W-2 forms. In April 2006, ICE agents arrested 1,187 people suspected of being unauthorized immigrants at more than 40 IFCO locations nationwide."

Operational News:

SOME WANT CHRISTIE'S TO REMOVE GREEK, ROMAN ANTIQUITIES FROM AUCTION. The Wall Street Journal (6/4, Alberge, 2.08M) reports on calls from some experts that Christie's International remove three Greek and Roman antiquities from an auction next week over concerns that they were illicitly excavated in Italy. ICE special agent James McAndrew said he is examining the June 10 sale as he would any other, with Christie's cooperation.

TASK FORCE CRACKING DOWN ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN TEXAS. Comparing the stories to the 2008 film Taken, in which "two American girls on a pleasure trip to France are kidnapped from their apartment and thrown into a brutal world of modern-day slavery and forced prostitution," the Fort Worth (TX) Star-Telegram (6/4, Montgomery) reports Texas lawmakers on Thursday "heard grim real-life episodes of human trafficking as law enforcement officials described a burgeoning criminal enterprise that has spread across Texas and other states." The Star-Telegram adds that Dallas police Lt. Thon Overstreet "opened testimony at a legislative hearing by revealing a coordinated law enforcement strike at three locations in the Metroplex on Thursday to arrest suspects in a human trafficking network in North Texas." He said more "raids are likely to follow." Thursday's operation was "being conducted by the North Texas Human Trafficking Task Force, which began operations in January. Participants include vice officers from Dallas, Fort Worth and Arlington as well as federal agencies such as US Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

FIFTEEN ARRESTED IN MILWAUKEE OPERATION COMMUNITY SHIELD EFFORT. WISN-TV Milwaukee (6/4) reports on its website that ICE agents and Milwaukee police "said they arrested 15 illegal immigrant gang members on Wednesday and Thursday" under Operation Community Shield. "All but one of the people arrested are foreign-born members and associates of the following street gangs: Brown Pride, Latin Kings, Mexican Posse and C-14, ICE said. Of the 15 men arrested, all are Mexican nationals except for one individual from the former Yugoslavia, according to ICE."

WUVM-FM Milwaukee (6/4, Pitrof) reports on its website that ICE "has been working for five years to arrest and deport foreign-born members of violent street gangs." Since launching Operation Community Shield "in 2005, it's arrested more than 17,000 reputed gang members across the country."

ICE CONFIRMS ILLEGAL ENTRY OF PAKISTANI CITIZEN FROM MEXICO. KVOA-TV Tucson (6/4) reports on its website that ICE confirmed "a Pakistani citizen crossed the border illegally from Mexico into Arizona on May 20th. ICE says the man was apprehended by Border Patrol on the Tohono O'odham reservation and turned over to ICE."

MS-13 LEADER MAKES COURT APPEARANCE IN SANTA CRUZ. The San Jose Mercury News (6/4, Squires, 224K) reports Jose Abrego-Galdamez, the MS-13 gang leader "arrested in Santa Cruz on a federal immigration violation charge made his first court appearance Thursday afternoon but did not enter a plea, according to federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials." He "is being held without bond and will be back in court June 8, ICE spokeswoman Virginia Kice said." His May 28 arrest was the first since Santa Cruz police "and ICE officials teamed up a month ago to

address gang issues in Santa Cruz."

ICE AGENTS SEIZE METH AT PROGRESO INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE. The McAllen (TX) Monitor (6/4, 47K) reports ICE agents "seized 23 pounds of methamphetamine Sunday at the Progreso International Bridge. Agents inspected a Volkswagen Jetta driven by a Mexican national. After referring the vehicle to a secondary inspection station, agents seized nine hidden packages of methamphetamine with an estimated value of \$346,000."

ICE SEIZES 1,200 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION FROM MCALLEN HOME. The McAllen (TX) Monitor (6/4, 47K) reports ICE agents "seized 1,200 rounds of ammunition in two seizures Wednesday at a northwest McAllen home. Agents found 419 ammunition cartridges, one loaded AK-47 rifle and two AK-47 magazines after following a man suspected of being in the country illegally to his residence on the 4100 block of Nightshade Avenue, near the intersection of Nolana and North Ware Road. Eladio Ramos Barrera, 30, told agents that he purchased the weapons and bullets from a friend for hunting and target practice but that he had previously served more than four months in prison on federal cocaine charges, according to a criminal complaint filed in his case."

MAN SUSPECTED IN SOUTH BEND MURDER IN US ILLEGALLY. The South Bend (IN) Tribune (6/4, Bien, 68K) reports Rios Baltazar, "accused of beating his roommate to death with a baseball bat and throwing his body in the St. Joseph River," was in the country illegally, according to ICE, as was victim Miguel Rivera. "Baltazar is facing murder charges in the case. But federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials say they placed a detainer on him. That means he shouldn't be released from police custody unless it is to immigration officials."

ONE TON OF MARIJUANA SEIZED FROM MASSACHUSETTS APARTMENT. The AP (6/4) reports Boston man Edgar Gonzalez "has been arrested after authorities say they seized about one ton of marijuana from his Boston apartment." He "was arrested Wednesday in what authorities are calling the single largest seizure of marijuana in Boston's recent history."

CNN (6/4) reports on its website that "Boston police were originally conducting a separate search Wednesday when they witnessed what they described as a suspicious man fleeing from a building, according to" a press release from Suffolk County, Massachusetts, District Attorney Daniel F. Conley. "Police intercepted the man, identified as Gonzalez, and noticed the door to his apartment was open." CNN notes, "Because of an existing immigration detention order by US Customs and Immigrations Enforcement as well as his behavior in trying to flee, officers were able to conduct a 'protective sweep' of his residence, authorities said."

The Dorchester (MA) Reporter (6/4, 22K) reports, "Once inside, officers were hit by the strong odor of marijuana, which they noticed was coming from a giant pile of bundled green leafy material, the DA's office says. After police obtained a search warrant, they found, in addition to the pot, rolls of plastic shrink wrap, digital scales, and a vacuum sealer." Gonzalez "was charged with trafficking in 2,000 to 10,000 lbs of marijuana, which could land him in state prison for 15 years."

The Boston Globe (6/4, Valencia, 325K) reports Gonzalez "was ordered held in lieu of \$1 million cash bail after his arraignment. A native of the Dominican Republic, he is also wanted for possible immigration violations by the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and will be referred to that agency even if he posts bail."

On their websites, WHDH-TV Boston (6/4) and WFXT-TV (6/4) Dedham, MA, and WBZ-AM Boston (6/3), also cover the story.

TEXAS CITY COUNCILMAN ARRESTED BY ICE ON MARIJUANA CHARGES. The San Antonio Express-News (6/4, Contreras) reports ICE arrested Nixon, TX City Councilman Auvye Trammel during a bust that broke up "an alleged marijuana-trafficking ring" on Thursday. Trammel was indicted in San Antonio Wednesday "on charges of conspiring to traffic more than 100 kilograms of marijuana and specific incidents of possessing more than 50 kilograms of marijuana."

Policy and Issues News:

NAPOLITANO: NUMBERS SHOW EFFORTS TO SECURE BORDER ARE WORKING. Secretary Napolitano writes in an op-ed for the Arizona Republic (6/4, 393K) that, while she shares "the frustration that Arizona and other border communities feel, from the cartel-related violence in Mexico to the tragic murder of Robert Krentz in Cochise County," it "is simply false" to say the Administration has ignored the border. "The people of Arizona need to know that our border - the US-Mexican border - has been one of my key priorities as secretary." Highlighting improved law enforcement numbers on the border, Napolitano continues, that the results have come "because the US government has devoted more resources - in terms of manpower, technology, infrastructure - to the southwestern border over the past 16 months than at any point in America's history." Acknowledging that there is still more to be done, Napolitano adds that "President Barack Obama recently requested \$500 million more to bolster law enforcement and security at the southwestern border and will deploy

1,200 National Guard troops to assist the ongoing efforts to secure the border and combat the cartels. These are common-sense measures to strengthen and expand efforts that have already proved successful."

OBAMA, BREWER DISCUSS BORDER, IMMIGRATION REFORM. Media reports are describing the White House meeting between President Barack Obama and Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer in generally positive terms. The basis for much of that positive coverage appears to be Brewer's statement after meeting Obama, when she called their conversation a "success." The story was not covered on the network newscasts, but received extensive attention on print media and local Arizona television.

Under the headline "Obama-Brewer Summit On Illegal Immigration Eases Tensions," the Christian Science Monitor (6/4, Feldmann, Writer, 48K) reports that the White House and Brewer "both reacted positively" to the "half-hour meeting," which "was the culmination of weeks of negative rhetoric coming from both sides." "White House Talk Lightens Tone Of Dispute On Immigration Law" is the headline in New York Times (6/4, Cooper, 1.09M), which reports that while Obama and Brewer "have not been shy in taking jabs at each other over immigration policy...their meeting Thursday in the Oval Office appeared to change the tone -- if not the substance -- of their dispute."

The Arizona Republic (6/4, Rough, 393K) notes that Brewer said she got "a promise that officials from Obama's administration would head to Arizona within the next two weeks to discuss border-security issues and the deployment of 1,200 National Guard troops." Brewer "said Obama indicated in their meeting that the 'majority' of those troops and additional federal resources would be coming to Arizona, but did not get specifics." Added the Governor, "I feel like we accomplished what we set out to do."

The Arizona Daily Star (6/4, Fischer, 110K) reports that Brewer "said she specifically told the president the federal government needs to build more fencing along the international border." Obama disagreed, but "despite that, the governor was pleased with the outcome." Said Brewer, "I feel it was a successful meeting." Adds the Star, "Much of that, Brewer said, is based on that commitment from Obama to keep her in the loop about his plans for the border."

Fox News' Special Report (6/3, 6:06 p.m. EDT) aired a report that aides say Brewer and Obama "generally agree on what's needed, it's a question of timing." Gibbs was shown saying, "She's got a point of view that you have to do border security first, the President has a view that we have to have comprehensive immigration reform."

On CNN's John King USA (6/3, 7:48 p.m. EDT), Brewer was shown saying, in an interview after her meeting with Obama, that she was "very hopeful that [Obama] is putting out his hand to help with a solution. And he knows exactly what that solution, and that is to secure our border, and then we can deal with those other issues."

The AP (6/4, Superville, Gamboa) reports, "Neither side appeared to give ground on the contentious issue although both talked about seeking a bipartisan solution."

The meeting received wide coverage on Arizona television, where most of the stories (reflecting Brewer's own stated assessment) also cast the meeting in a positive light. KVOA-TV Tucson, AZ (6/3, 7:01 p.m., 15,439), for example, reported the meeting as its lead story, and said Brewer said "she and Mr. Obama have agreed to try to work together on a solution to the nation's immigration and border security woes." The Governor "says the President also assured her that most of the 1,200 National Guard troops that he is sending to the border with Mexico will be coming to Arizona," the report added.

KPNX-TV Phoenix, AZ (6/3, 9:00 p.m., 64,959) reported that when Brewer "arrived out of that meeting...she was very confident." Brewer said, "We agreed to try to work together in order to find some solution. We know we're not going to agree on certain issues until other issues are worked out." The report said "Brewer seemed pleased about her half hour meeting with the President."

KSAZ-TV Phoenix, AZ (6/3, 3:01 p.m., 47,908) reported, "After the meeting the Governor said it was a very positive meeting." She did "make it clear she wants the border secured and construction to begin on a border fence."

KPHO-TV Phoenix, AZ (6/3, 3:00 p.m., 46,062) noted Brewer "says she is encouraged" by the meeting.

In other border states, some stories tended to balance Brewer's latest comments with the President's previous criticism of Arizona's new immigration law. KASA-TV Albuquerque, NM (6/3, 11:10 p.m., 53862) reported that "Arizona's controversial new immigration law had the state's governor meeting face-to-face with...Obama." Brewer said to reporters afterwards, "I believe we're protecting the people of Arizona and beyond that I believe we are protecting the people of America...we need to secure our border." KASA said President Obama "has called Arizona's law misguided, and warned police could abuse their power to ask suspected illegal immigrants to prove they're in the country legally."

KPSPLP-TV Palm Springs, CA (6/3, 9:30 p.m., 4,649) said that Brewer didn't get any specific assurance about the border fence from the President. Brewer was seen talking to reporters, "I would like to see construction started on a fence on the border, and I tried to get that kind of information from him today...I was not successful."

KTLA-TV Los Angeles (6/3, 9:06 p.m., 63,159) reported that "neither side gave much ground during the half hour conversation." The President "urged Brewer to be his partner in overhauling the immigration system."

More positive was the assessment on KKFX-TV Santa Barbara, CA (6/3, 10:12 p.m., 12,611), which reported that President Obama and Brewer "have agreed to try to work together on a solution to the nation's immigration and border security problems." Similarly, KUSI-TV San Diego (6/3, 9:33 p.m., 38,110) noted that Brewer "says she and the president have agreed to try to work together on a solution to the nation's immigration and border security woes."

KTEN-TV Sherman, TX (6/3, 11:06 p.m., 11,801) quoted Brewer as saying, "I am encouraged that there is going to be much better dialogue between the Federal government and the state of Arizona. Now, I hope that's not wishful thinking...I hope that is positive thinking."

Asked by the Huffington Post's Sam Stein (6/4) "whether the dialogue with the president would be continuous, Brewer replied: 'I would hope so. I think that we said, we hoped that we would have better dialogue and he did agree that the correspondence that was mailed to him [from her] was not responded in a timely manner and that he would make sure that that would not happen any more.'"

The Washington Times (6/4, Dinan, 77K) says "Brewer went head-to-head with...Obama as she demanded he take more steps to secure the US-Mexico border," while "several hundred yards away, outside the White House gates, dozens of immigration rights protesters denounced Arizona's new immigration law and chanted, 'Jan Brewer, shame on you.'"

Also skeptical about the meeting's outcome is the Los Angeles Times (6/4, Dilanian, 776K), which says Obama and Brewer "made no progress in bridging the enormous gulf that divides them -- and the country -- over illegal immigration and border security." Obama "believes...that enforcement should accompany a comprehensive change in immigration law," while "Brewer and other Republicans say they can't support immigration reform until the border is more tightly controlled."

AFP (6/4), however, says the President and Brewer "agreed Thursday that inaction on US immigration reform was 'unacceptable.'" The White House said in a statement, "The President and Governor agreed that the lack of action to fix the broken system at the federal level is unacceptable." Bloomberg News (6/4, Chen, Brower) notes Brewer called the meeting "cordial," even as she "stressed the need to 'secure our borders' with Mexico."

The Hill (6/4, Fabian, 21K) reports, "According to the official White House readout of the meeting, Obama relayed his concern with the Arizona law and said that his administration has been successful in reducing violence and drug trade along the border." The Washington Post (6/4, A3, Shear, 684K) reports that the White House also "said Obama would like Brewer to work with him to help pass comprehensive changes to the immigration system that would provide a path to citizenship for those already in the country illegally." White House press secretary Robert Gibbs "told reporters that, in particular, the president hoped Brewer would help persuade Sen. John McCain (R-Ariz.) to support broad immigration legislation, as he did several times earlier this decade." USA Today (6/4, Jackson, 2.11M), Roll Call (6/4, Bendery) and Wall Street Journal (6/4, A4, Radnofsky, 2.08M) run similar stories.

Obama Says Legal Challenge To Arizona Law Strictly Up To DOJ. Interviewed on CNN's Larry King Live (6/2, King), Obama said he would not comment on whether or not the Administration would challenge the Arizona immigration law, adding, "That's really the job of the Justice Department. And, you know, I made a commitment early on that I wouldn't be putting my hand -- thumb on the scales when these kinds of decisions are made. I've expressed a personal opinion, which is that although I understand the frustration of the people of Arizona when it comes to the inflow of illegal immigrants, I don't think this is the right way to do it." Obama added that "without comprehensive immigration reform, that is Congress' responsibility, we are not going to solve this problem and that's what we have to do."

Brewer: No Economic Impact From Boycotts. The Huffington Post's Sam Stein (6/4) reports, "Weeks after a coalition of unions, progressive groups, and Hispanic organizations pledged to boycott Arizona over the state's tough new immigration law," Brewer "said on Thursday that there has been no tangible effect." The Governor asked by "the Huffington Post...if there had been economic impact from the anti-tourism campaign launched by critics of the new law," responded, "At this point in time, I don't think we have felt any of that impact."

Government Data Show Border Region Has Low Crime Rate. The Phoenix Business Journal (6/4, Sunnucks)

reported, "Brewer, State Sen. Russell Pearce, Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio and others supporting the state's new immigration law say it is needed to stem waves of crime. However, new reports show crime is on the decline." The officials' rhetoric worries economic developers, tourism officials and others who want to attract high-wage jobs to the state. They say it sends a negative message that could dissuade visitors, skilled workers and companies from coming to the state."

Poll: Most in Michigan Believe Illegal Immigration Not Impacting Local Economy. The Detroit Free Press (6/4, Bell, 287K) reports a Free Press-WXYZ-TV poll of 600 likely voters conducted May 22-26 (+/- 4%) has found that 56 percent in Michigan "believe illegal immigration is important or a major problem for the state, but even more, 62%, say it isn't damaging the local economy."

WPost Backs Day-Laborer Center in Fairfax County. The Washington Post (6/4, A18, 684K) runs an editorial supporting "a proposed day-laborer center in western Fairfax County," saying that opponents are engaging in "magical thinking" by hoping the workers – "some illegal, some not" – will simply disappear. The Post applauds developer Albert Dwoskin and Fairfax County Supervisor Michael R. Frey for trying "to address the problem" in the absence of congressional action. Meanwhile, opponent Del. Timothy D. Hugo "loves making hay -- but changes nothing -- by bashing illegal immigrants."

EIGHT ARRESTED FOLLOWING IMMIGRATION PROTEST IN CALIFORNIA. The Orange County Register (6/4, Mello, Carcamo, Irving, 243K) reports, "Eight protesters remained in jail Thursday night after being arrested when they chained themselves together and blocked Santa Ana Boulevard to decry immigration enforcement practices and Arizona's controversial immigration law. The protesters declined to give police their names, causing authorities problems when they tried to book them into Santa Ana Jail." The Register adds that the group used "ropes, duct tape, bolts, and PVC pipes" to link "themselves together into a circular chain in the westbound lanes of busy Santa Ana Boulevard."

The AP (6/4) adds that a police spokesman said the detained protesters "will be cited and released if they cooperate with officers at the jail. The spokesman said the group did not advise officials about the protest so they couldn't prepare for it."

KCAL-TV Los Angeles (6/4) reports on its website that Santa Ana police Cpl. Anthony Bertagna said the protesters "jumped out in front of cars on Santa Ana Boulevard in front of the (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) detention facility east of Flower Street."

MEXICAN INTERIOR REPATRIATION PROGRAM RESUMED. KOLD-TV Tucson, AZ (6/4, Jun) reports DHS "has joined Mexico government officials to resume daily flights that return Mexican nationals to their hometowns. The Mexican Interior Repatriation Program (MIRP) began in 2004." Victor Manjarrez, the Border Patrol's Tucson sector chief, said repatriation is intended to "disrupt the cycle of human smuggling," and is accomplished "by returning Mexican migrants to the interior of Mexico, away from the smuggling organizations and the border area."

DC POLICE CHIEF BACKS SECURE COMMUNITIES PARTICIPATION. The AP (6/4) reports, "Police Chief Cathy Lanier says the District of Columbia is the region's lone jurisdiction that does not participate in" ICE's Secure Communities program. "Lanier told WTOP-FM Thursday that she's concerned that 16 jurisdictions in Maryland and Virginia surrounding Washington have all joined Secure Communities, which sends inmates' fingerprint information to the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Lanier says there have been at least a few murders in which the person responsible for the slaying had been arrested on several occasions in Washington but was never identified."

NEVADA SUPREME COURT JUSTICE TOUTS PROGRAM TO STREAMLINE DEPORTATIONS. The Nevada News Bureau (6/4, Whaley) reports Nevada Supreme Court Justice James Hardesty said the state's program to "pardon selected illegal resident inmates so they could be deported to free up space in the prison system was in his view successful. Hardesty said the review resulted in 106 nonviolent inmates being granted conditional pardons in exchange for a waiver of any immigration hearing and agreement to be deported to their country of origin." ICE spokeswoman Virginia Kice said "the agency has created a program for early release and deportation of nonviolent illegal immigrants similar to what Nevada did through its pardons program. Called Rapid REPAT, for Removal of Eligible Parolees Accepted for Transfer, the program is designed to allow selected criminal aliens incarcerated in US prisons and jails to accept early release in exchange for voluntarily returning to their country of origin."

COOPERATION BETWEEN ELGIN, ILLINOIS POLICE AND ICE DETAILED. The Courier (IL) News (6/4, Danahey) reports Elgin, IL "Police Chief Jeff Swoboda says his department is taking a proactive, strategic approach to addressing the issue of illegal immigrants and crime in" his city. Two weeks ago, Chief Swoboda met with Gary Hartwig, the head of ICE's Office of Investigations in Chicago, "to discuss what Elgin police are doing and what they might do down the road" in partnering with ICE to enforce immigration laws. ICE spokeswoman Gail Montenegro said, "We've had a long and proactive working relationship with the Elgin Police Department, as well as with other communities in the area. ICE's

strong working relationship with Elgin dates back to before 2000, when the Immigration and Naturalization Service was in charge of enforcing immigration laws." Montenegro added that the Elgin Police and ICE work closely on efforts to curb identify theft, document fraud, and gang activity.

DEATH OF MIGRANT PROTESTED AT US-MEXICO BORDER CROSSING. The AP (6/4) reports dozens gathered at each side of the San Ysidro border crossing between San Diego and Tijuana Thursday "to protest the death of a migrant after a US immigration officer shot him with a stun gun." The AP notes that a US coroner has ruled the death of Anastacio Hernandez a homicide. "The Mexican government said in a statement Thursday that it will use 'all diplomatic resources available' to bring justice in the case."

The San Diego Union-Tribune (6/4, Dibble, 278K) reports, "Hernandez had lived illegally in the United States since entering the country as a teenager. The US Department of Homeland Security and the San Diego Police Department are investigating the Friday night incident."

GAY BRAZILIAN GRANTED HUMANITARIAN PAROLE. The Boston Globe (6/4, Sacchetti) reports Tim Coco and Genesio Oliveria, a same-sex couple that married in Massachusetts in 2005, were reunited on Wednesday "after federal immigration officials took the rare step of granting" Genesio Oliveria, a Brazilian citizen, "permission to stay for one year on humanitarian grounds." ICE granted Oliveria humanitarian parole. According to agency spokesman Chris Bently, "Parole is a rarely used mechanism that permits otherwise inadmissible people to enter the United States for 'urgent humanitarian reasons' or 'significant public benefit.'" Sec. Napolitano lobbied to bring Oliveria to the US, as did Sen. Kerry and Attorney General Holder. The executive director of the Center for Immigration Studies, Mark Krikoria blasted the move and said, "It's a side-door attempt at changing the Defense of Marriage Act. That's the problem with our immigration laws; it's just this vast collection of exceptions for people who get the attention of a particular bureaucrat or judge or politician."

In Brief:

MAN HELD IN HIT AND RUN HAS ICE HOLD. The Journal Times (6/4, Fiori) of Wisconsin reports "Jorge Dominguez, 38, of Burlington, is in custody for allegedly causing a car crash Monday night and fleeing the scene." ICE confirmed on Thursday that Dominguez is an illegal immigrant. Dominguez has been in and out of jails in Wisconsin since 2008. ICE spokesman, Carl Rusnok said "When local police or sheriffs' departments arrest an illegal immigrant like Dominguez for such criminal charges, they are supposed to inform ICE, which will place a detainer hold on that individual so that when they are released they go to ICE for possible deportation." Local officials in Wisconsin did not determine ICE had placed a hold on Dominguez when arrested earlier. "This time Dominguez is being held on ICE detainer in the Kenosha County Jail and ICE is investigating why he was previously released for Racine County offences."

MAN ORDERED TO RETURN TO CANADA AFTER PLEADING GUILTY TO DOMESTIC ABUSE. KTVQ-TV Billings, MT (6/4) reports on its website that Lincoln County resident Donald Roy Fehr "has been ordered to leave the country after pleading guilty to several incidents of domestic abuse." The Canadian national "waived his appeal rights and will be returned to his home country upon arrival of his Canadian travel documents. The Eureka Border Patrol Station, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, the Lincoln County District Attorney's Office, the Office of Detention and Removal for Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Helena and CBP's Office of Chief Counsel worked jointly on the case."

NORTH DAKOTA MAN FACES CHILD PORN CHARGES. KEYR-TV Bismarck (ND) (6/4) reports on its website that the United States District Court made a criminal complaint last week, alleging that he "knowingly received, distributed and possessed numerous images depicting the sexual exploitation of children. ... Special Agent, Derek Davis, with Immigration and Customs Enforcement in Minot, received information that Webb was involved in a 'chat log' from a computer seized in Australia. The chat log appeared to discuss the live abuse of a minor child located in Australia, as well as two more children in North Dakota."

TWO UNDER ICE HOLDS IN GEORGIA COUNTERFEITING CASE. The Cherokee Tribune (GA) (6/4, Fuller) reports, "Three people residing in an apartment in Woodstock have been arrested in connection with a counterfeiting operation. A search warrant was executed at an apartment at the Heights near Towne Lake Parkway by the FBI/Cherokee and FBI/Whitfield County Safe Streets Gang Task Forces, the Cherokee Sheriff's Office Criminal Investigations Unit and the Woodstock Police Department." The Tribune notes that all "are believed to be illegal immigrants," and ICE "has placed holds on the two males." WGCL-TV Atlanta, GA (6/4, Starzyk) and WSB-TV Atlanta (6/4) covered the case on their websites.

JAILED IDENTITY THIEF HAS ICE DETAINER. The MetroWest (MA) Daily News (6/4, Crocetti) reports "Wilki Dias Fernandes, 20, was arrested Wednesday after an officer recognized him from the photo in a previously seized fake identification." Fernandes, a native of Brazil, has been placed on detainer by ICE, since he "appears to have a warrant of

removal from the country." Awaiting trial in jail, Fernandes faces charges of identity theft and possession of cocaine.

CAPE VERDE NATIVE IN JAIL HAD BEEN HELD BY ICE. The Attleboro (MA) Sun Chronicle (6/4, Linton) reports in a story about the continued incarceration of Luis Mendonca, 21, of Rhode Island, for shoplifting in April 2009 that he "was held by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement. An immigration judge Tuesday found there was insufficient cause to deport him." He is a native of Cape Verde. In October 2009, "Mendonca was allegedly beaten by a Providence detective in a highly publicized incident captured by a surveillance camera after he allegedly assaulted two Rhode Island School of Design security officers."

MINOT SCHOOL TECHNICIAN CAUGHT BY ICE PRODUCING CHILD PORN. The Minot Daily News (6/4, Caldwell) reports that ICE uncovered child pornography on the computer of Christian Robert Webb, employed by the Minot, ND school district as a computer technician. ICE Special Agent Derek David said in a sworn statement he "received an investigative referral involving a 'chat log' isolated from a computer seized by law enforcement officials in Australia. That chat log allegedly refers to the live abuse of an Australian child as well as two minor children in Minot, one male and one female, and originated from a computer in Minot." Agents determined the location of the computer and noticed it was owned by the school district, who gave ICE permission to search school-owned hardware throughout Webb's home. "Davis also states that because there were indications that live children were being actively sexually abused, he and another agent approached Webb at a school property in downtown Minot and requested an interview." Webb was arrested and faces federal charges.

FORMER FIREFIGHTER SENTENCED ON CHILD PORN CHARGES. The Wheeling (WV) Intelligencer (6/4, Johnson) reports Christopher Lamb, 35, and a former Wheeling, WV firefighter "was sentenced to 4 years and six months in prison Thursday for possession of child pornography." ICE agents testified that they began investigating Lamb in November 2008 after his email address was connected to a child porn site operating in Italy. Lamb pled guilty, reducing his sentence and fines associated with his crime.

MAN SENTENCED FOR ANIMAL CRUELTY IN NEBRASKA IN ICE CUSTODY. The AP (6/4) reports, "The Nebraska Humane Society says 13 pit bulls seized in western Douglas County were part of a dogfighting ring." The dogs' owner, Manuel Espinoza-Avalos, has been "sentenced to 10 days in jail for animal cruelty and failure to hold a kennel license." He is in ICE custody.

ICE HAS DETAINER ON MAN JAILED SIX YEARS AFTER DEADLY WRECK. On its website, NEWS14-TV Charlotte (NC) (6/4, Kernodle, Gaier) reports, "A man who evaded police after a deadly wreck 6-years-ago is now behind bars. Jovany Morales was arrested Monday for assault on a female, but investigators later learned he was wanted on a DWI and felony death by vehicle charge stemming from a February 2004 accident that killed 30-year-old Frank 'Buddy' Cline." NEWS14 adds that ICE "confirms it does have a detainer on Morales, but would not say if he is in the country illegally."

COAST GUARD SEIZES NEARLY 1,000 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA OFF HALLANDALE BEACH. The South Florida Sun-Sentinel (6/4, Santana, 212K) reports, "A Coast Guard crew found close to a thousand pounds of marijuana aboard a boat it stopped off the coast of Hallandale Beach on Thursday afternoon, officials said. The crew seized the marijuana and detained two suspected smugglers," who "were in the custody of Customs and Border Protection officers and Immigration and Customs Enforcement special agents Thursday night, according to the Coast Guard. The suspects' identities were not released Thursday."

CBP INTERCEPTS 83 POUNDS OF COCAINE IN ARIZONA. The Yuma Sun (6/4, WILKEN) reports CBP office stopped "more than 83 pounds of cocaine" from entering the US at San Luis, AZ Point of Entry on Wednesday. "According to a news release from CBP Thursday, officers arrested a 24-year-old man in connection with the failed drug-smuggling attempt." Teresa Small, a public affairs supervisor for CBP said "Thursday that it was a 'pretty significant' amount of cocaine." The accused smuggler now sits in ICE custody, as do the passengers in his vehicle.

CBP OFFICERS DISCOVER COCAINE IN GAS TANK IN FAILED DRUG SMUGGLING ATTEMPT. On its website, KGUN-TV Tucson (AZ) (6/4, Pryor) reports CBP officers at the San Luis Port of Entry "arrested a 24 year-old man in connection with a failed drug smuggling attempt." KUGN-TV also reports, "Officers located 83 pounds of Cocaine inside the gas tank area." The man was turned over to ICE for processing.

CBP SEIZE 234 POUNDS OF MARIJUANA. On its website, KGUN-TV Tucson (AZ) (6/4, Pryor) reports on the CBP arrest of a "man for attempting to smuggle marijuana into the United States." KUGN-TV also reports that authorities found "four metal boxes inside the gas tank" of the man's vehicle and it contained "234 pounds of marijuana." The man was turned over to ICE.

Top DHS News:

GOVERNMENT TO CLOSE MORSES LINE BORDER STATION. Describing the government as a Goliath deciding the dispute "just wasn't worth the fight," the AP (6/4, Curran) reports that the Administration "has decided to close a tiny US-Canada border station rather than push ahead with a controversial plan to expand it by seizing a dairy farmer's land, officials announced Thursday." CBP "had sought to renovate the sleepy Morses Line port of entry in Franklin - which gets about 2 1/2 vehicles an hour - by seizing a 2.2-acre parcel from the Rainville family dairy farm, which adjoins the station." Sen. Patrick Leahy announced Thursday that Secretary Napolitano "had agreed to close the station instead, calling it the only appropriate course of action." The New York Times (6/4, A15, 1.09M) runs a brief AP report on the development.

The Burlington (VT) Free Press (6/4, Sutkoski, 37K) reports the Administration decision "is a victory for the Rainville family, which had been fighting the proposal by the federal government to expand and renovate the crossing. ... Brian Rainville, the farmers' son, said Thursday he was elated by news of the closure."

Vermont Public Radio (6/4, Sneyd) aired a report that Leahy said "there was no national security need to expand at Morses Line." Leahy was heard saying, "If it'd been a very heavy crossing, it'd be one thing. But it's such a small crossing, there's other crossings nearby. It raised a real issue." WPTZ-TV Plattsburgh, NY (6/4) runs a report on its website.

US, FRANCE AGREE TO ESTABLISH IMMIGRATION ADVISORY PROGRAM. Aviation News (6/4) reports DHS announced in a statement Thursday that "the US and France have established an arrangement to implement the Immigration Advisory Program (IAP) -- which allows for the identification of high-risk travelers at foreign airports before they board aircraft bound for the US -- at Paris' Charles De Gaulle International Airport." Secretary Napolitano said the "collaboration will enhance both the United States' and France's capabilities to protect our immigration systems as well as the global aviation network from abuse by terrorists and transnational criminals."

KELLY REIGNITES NYC ANTI-TERROR FUNDING CONTROVERSY WITH SHOT AT DHS. Newsday (6/4, Brune, 371K) reports the dispute over NYC anti-terrorism funding ignited by the failed Times Square bombing last month "re-emerged Thursday in a New York City Council hearing" when New York Police Commissioner Ray Kelly, without naming her, "took a shot at Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano for her implied suggestion last month that New York is sitting on unspent grants. But according to experts, officials and records, New York spends federal homeland funds at an agonizingly slow pace and delays can be found at every level of government, from Washington on down. Kelly said his department has obligated every dollar and criticized DHS for taking more than a year and a half to release grant funds."

US INDICTS TEXAS MAN ON CHARGES OF PROVIDING MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR AL QAEDA. The AP (6/4, Yost) reports, "The Justice Department alleged Thursday in a new terrorism case" that US citizen "Barry Walter Bujol of Hempstead, Texas, had been communicating via e-mail with Anwar al-Awlaki," allegedly trying "to supply al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula with personnel, currency and other items." The AP notes, "The FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force began investigating Bujol in 2008 and according to documents in the case, the FBI introduced a confidential source who Bujol believed was an operative of al-Qaida in the Arabian Peninsula."

The Houston Chronicle (6/4, 427K) reports that "Bujol was arrested by federal agents at the Port of Houston while boarding a ship bound for the Middle East." The Chronicle notes FBI Houston SAC Richard Powers said in a statement yesterday, "This arrest is a sobering reminder of the threat we continue to face. It remains the FBI's overriding priority to predict and prevent terrorist attacks, at home and abroad." US Attorney Jose Angel Moreno added, "Protecting the American public from the threat of terrorism, both international and home-grown, is the highest priority of the US Department of Justice and the US Attorney's Office for the Southern District of Texas."

The Wall Street Journal (6/4, Perez, 2.08M) notes that Bujol's is the most recent in a string of disrupted home-grown terror plots and also reports Moreno said, "Continued vigilance to uncover terrorist activity by law enforcement at all levels, including the recruitment of US citizens, is essential to our efforts in preventing this type of activity." The Journal goes on to report the details of the FBI investigation.

The New York Times (6/4, Shane, 1.09M) reports al-Awlaki "sent him from Yemen a copy of his tract '44 Ways of Supporting Jihad,' prosecutors said." The FBI, "after learning of the e-mail messages, sent an informer posing as a member of Al Qaeda in the Arabian Peninsula to contact Mr. Bujol" and supply him "equipment for the group, including global positioning system devices, telephone calling cards and a military compass." Reuters (6/4, Allen) and AFP (6/4) also report on the charges against Bujol.

FBI ARRESTS OHIO COUPLE ON CHARGES OF PROVIDING MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR HEZBOLLAH. The AP (6/4) reports that the FBI on Thursday arrested dual US-Lebanese citizens Hor and Amera Akl of Toledo, Ohio, "on charges they conspired to provide thousands of dollars" to Hezbollah. The Akls "were taken into custody after an FBI informant provided them with \$200,000 in cash, which they were preparing to hide in a vehicle that was to be shipped to

Lebanon, prosecutors said." The AP notes, "Prosecutors said Hor Akl traveled to Lebanon in March to arrange the delivery of money." and FBI Cleveland Special Agent in Charge C. Frank Figliuzzi said in a statement yesterday, "Those who willfully work to fund terror with US dollars must understand that the FBI works even harder to ensure that they fail."

WNWO-TV Toledo (6/3, Raghuveer) reported on its website from a broadcast story that US Attorney Steven M. Dettelbach said in a Thursday statement, "This case demonstrates our continued commitment to prosecuting those who seek to aid terrorists and terrorist organizations, whether they do so from our backyards, or abroad. Furthermore, those who seek to take illegal advantage of our government, judicial and financial institutions, for their personal benefit or for the benefit of others, will not be ignored." The Toledo Blade (6/4, 114K) notes, "The Akls expected to receive a fee or commission for arranging the transfer of funds, the complaint alleges. It also claims that Mr. Akl in March traveled to Lebanon to make arrangements for the delivery of the money to Hezbollah." The Blade also quotes Dettelbach's statement.

CNN (6/3, Cratty) reported on its website, "The FBI says it gave \$200,000 in cash to its informant Thursday, who then went to the Akl's...home. The FBI was watching and went into the residence a short time later. According to the criminal complaint, the FBI found the Akls wearing latex gloves and preparing to pack the money into car accessories."

BP MAKES PROGRESS IN EFFORT TO CAP SEVERED PIPELINE. ABC World News (6/3, lead story, 2:50, Gutman, 8.2M) reported pressure is growing on BP "to try to contain that well, and today, Diane, just a little bit of progress." All day, "a squad of deep sea robots worked to smooth out this jagged cut left by the shears." Right now, "underwater robots are preparing to jam that cap atop the severed pipeline."

The AP (6/4, Bluestein) reports, "Live video showed that an inverted funnel-like cap slightly wider than a severed pipe was being maneuvered into place Thursday night over the oil spewing from a busted well. However, the gushing oil made it very difficult to tell if the cap was fitting well." A rubber seal "on the inside will attempt to keep oil from escaping, though engineers acknowledge some crude will still come out." The Los Angeles Times (6/4, Boxall, Roosevelt, 776K) reports, "Live video streams showed oil still billowing around the cap, as engineers worked to make sure it was correctly aligned."

The CBS Evening News (6/3, lead story, 3:35, Strassmann, 6.1M) reported, "The containment cap is BP's next step. The risk - cutting the pipe could release another 100,000 gallons a day." NBC Nightly News (6/3, lead story, 2:50, Thompson, 8.37M) reported, "Cutting the pipe proved arduous. A diamond saw got stuck in the pipe. Delaying the process for a day."

The Washington Post (6/4, Achenbach, 684K) reports BP engineers "used giant shears Thursday to cut the damaged riser pipe just above the blowout preventer that sits atop the leaking well." The engineers "worked all day and into the night on the next, critically important maneuver: trying to cap the hydrocarbon geyser with a 'top hat' containment dome that, if all goes right, will capture the oil and gas and funnel it to a ship at the surface."

The New York Times (6/4, Robertson, Berger, Fountain, 1.09M) reports technicians "prepared to cap the severed pipe later in the day with a dome that they hoped would allow them to funnel the oil to tankers on the surface." The Wall Street Journal (6/4, Daker, Wisniewski, 2.08M) also reports the story.

BP Could Earn \$1.4 Million Daily On Captured Oil. McClatchy (6/4, Bolstad) reports, BP's "runaway deepwater well could still become a moneymaker for the company, even as it tries to stem the gush of crude oil that's fouling the Gulf of Mexico." If the "current containment effort works - and BP and the government say they're optimistic that it will - the oil giant will salvage much of the oil that's now spewing from the crumpled pipes on the ocean floor. That captured oil, McClatchy estimates, could generate more than \$1.4 million in revenue for BP each day."

Rahall Wants BP To Pay Royalties On Lost Oil. Politico (6/4, Sherman, 25K) reports Rep. Nick Rahall, the "top Democrat on the House Natural Resources committee wants Attorney General Eric Holder to force BP to pay back oil drilling royalties that the government is losing as a result of the massive oil leak in the Gulf of Mexico." Rahall, "in a letter to Holder this week, asked that the Justice department take 'legal action to recover damages owed to the United States for lost royalties.'" The Wall Street Journal (6/4, Power, 2.08M) also reports the story.

BP's Effort To Drill Relief Wells Noted. NBC Nightly News (6/3, story 9, 2:10, Costello, 8.37M) reported, "Ever since the Deepwater Horizon well exploded, experts said a relief well would probably be the best and final way to end the flow of oil. Now, from the ocean surface BP is drilling two relief wells. 5,000 feet to the ocean floor then down to 18,000 feet at an angle through two miles of rock, to intersect the damaged well." It's "been described as trying to hit a dinner plate two miles under the ocean's floor."

The New York Times (6/4, Fountain, 1:09M) reports the "two wells, aimed at the bottom of the runaway well that has spewed millions of gallons of oil into the gulf, represent the most conventional solution to the disaster and the one that

experts say is all but certain to succeed. Once either of the relief wells strikes pay dirt, the plan is to pump heavy drilling mud and cement down it to bring the blowout under control and permanently seal the damaged well."

BP Says Workers With Health Concerns Should Come Forward. ABC World News (6/3, story 4, 1:50, Cuomo, 8.2M) reported that in response to view emails that questioned how they would be treated if they came forward with health concerns related to the spill cleanup, "Finally, BP came forward with a written statement on the record, and it might make all the difference. They said, Diane, 'Workers with health issues are encouraged to report their conditions without fear of reprisal.' That's what these men and women have been waiting for. I called back, I said, what does that mean? Will they be punished? Should they come forward? They said yes, come forward."

McClatchy (6/4, Taylor) reports Federal regulators "suspect a cleaning fluid may have sickened seven workers last week who were employed to stem the spread of oil in the Gulf, according to health and labor officials." If true, "the cause of the illness contradicts claims by BP's CEO, Tony Hayward, who claimed the illness may be unrelated to the spill and instead could be the symptoms of food poisoning." The theory "is being pursued as a growing number of workers are beginning to voice concerns that a different chemical, the dispersant Corexit, is making them sick."

Government Computer Models Show Oil Spill Could Hit East Coast, Europe. ABC World News (6/3, story 2, :25, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported, "Today government scientists created a computer model of the movement of the oil. You saw what was happening in Louisiana, and as we told you, it is now the sheen, at least, four miles from Florida. But at this rate, the oil could be carried, according to the computer model, up the East Coast in about 80 days and heading toward Europe soon there after."

The CBS Evening News (6/3, story 3, 2:20, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "With Mississippi, Alabama, and now Florida in the spill's path, scientists have another concern - six different computer models all show oil moving around south Florida and up the East Coast." Synte Peacock, National Center for Atmospheric Research: "It was just shocking to see how fast it got out there. No one expected that." NBC Nightly News (6/3, lead story, 2:50, Thompson, 8.37M) reported, "Tonight BP is promising to be on the Gulf Coast for a very long time, to clean up all the oil and to make right all the lives ruined by this spill."

NBC Nightly News (6/3, lead story, 2:50, Thompson, 8.37M) reported, "The oil's impact could soon stretch beyond the gulf. Computer models today from the Center of Atmospheric Research show the oil gets into the loop current, it could be on Florida's Atlantic coast in just weeks and travel all the way past Cape Hatteras, North Carolina. Potentially devastating more of America's coastline."

Froomkin Says Federal Estimates Of Oil Flow Still On The Lower End. In his Huffington Post (6/4) blog, Dan Froomkin says, "Last week's much-ballyhooed new federal estimate of how much oil is spewing into the Gulf of Mexico -- 12,000 to 19,000 barrels a day, or two to four times as much as the original estimate -- remains a low-ball figure." The numbers "released by the government last week and quickly adopted by the mass media actually represent the lower range of 'lower bounds' generated by using conservative assumptions and flawed measures, according to documents released on Thursday."

Florida Readies For Arrival Of Oil. The CBS Evening News (6/3, story 3, 2:20, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "Day after day, the spill keeps growing and threatening more and more coastline from Louisiana to Mississippi and Alabama. Florida is next. Governor Charlie Crist says the oil is within four miles of the Panhandle." CBS (Cobiella) added, "Crews have laid three layers of boom around Florida's bays and wetlands and Escambia County is spending millions of dollars from their own emergency hurricane budget to make sure those booms stay in place because they don't trust BP to do it." As the "oil threatens Florida's Panhandle, the state is fighting to keep its \$65 billion tourism industry alive with a campaign online saying they're open for business and there's no oil here. In Pensacola, tourists are already cancelling reservations."

NBC Nightly News (6/3, story 4, 1:05, Potter, 8.37M) reported, "Buck Lee oversees Pensacola beach, and says while there is no way to stop oil from coming ashore here, there could be a better cleanup plan than the one offered by BP and the Federal Government." Buck Lee: "I always believed the states and local government can do a better job. We know what we need."

USA Today (6/4, Jervis, 2.11M) reports as "crude from the gushing Gulf of Mexico well lingers less than 10 miles off the Florida coast, regional leaders and oil response crews brace for its environmental and economic impact." Until "the well is capped, Florida's beaches remain under threat. A larger, thicker plume of oil was detected about 35 miles off Pensacola's coast, Mayor Mike Wiggins said."

Nelson Calls On Obama To Use More Military Assets To Combat Spill. The Hill (6/4, Bolton, 21K) reports Democratic Sen. Bill Nelson "has called on President Barack Obama to do more to contain the fallout from the Gulf oil spill." Nelson

"on Thursday called for the White House to send more military assets to the Gulf before the giant oil slick hits Florida's beaches."

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Leading the News:

OBAMA CALLS FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM, PATH TO CITIZENSHIP FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS. Coverage of

President Obama's speech on immigration reform gives very long odds for the President's proposals to become law in the current political climate. In fact, a number of media analyses (including stories on all the network newscasts) suggest the upcoming election campaigns (with the Latino vote a significant force in border states) could be the main impetus behind Obama's words.

NBC Nightly News (7/1, story 4, 0:55, Curry, 8.37M), for example, reported, "Many political observers believe what Mr. Obama said" in his address "may be more designed to help his party win the Hispanic vote in the upcoming mid-term elections than anything else, because it's unlikely that the White House and Democrats in Congress will be able to push through a new immigration law this year."

ABC World News (7/1, story 5, 2:05, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported that it was Obama's "first formal speech" on the issue "since he took office," and added (Karl) that the President "called for comprehensive reform, including a way for the 11 million illegal immigrants now in the United States to become documented workers and taxpaying citizens." However, added ABC, "Obama's friends and foes say he's done little to push for reform." Sen. Orrin Hatch was shown saying, "You are telling me in a year and a half they couldn't have come up with an immigration bill that might have a shot with that kind of an overwhelming majority in both houses. No, come on. They are playing politics with this and a dog gone disgrace."

The CBS Evening News (7/1, story 6, 2:15, Pelley, 6.1M) also said Obama delivered a speech on immigration "for the first time since he was elected," launching "what will undoubtedly be one of his toughest political fights." CBS added that "bipartisan agreement on immigration reform seems unlikely this year," and "this political third rail has the power to burn both parties."

The New York Times (7/2, Baker, 1.09M) reports, "The president's decision to elevate the issue reflected more of a political strategy than a legislative one since the White House has no plan to actually push a bill this year through a Congress already consumed by other issues." The Times adds that "Obama's focus appeared intended to frame the debate for the approaching election to appeal to Hispanic voters who could be critical in several states." Republicans "fired back, casting Mr. Obama's speech as cynical demagoguery."

AFP (7/2) likewise reports, "Few political observers believe immigration reform will pass before November's mid-term elections, and many suspect a bid to appease Hispanic voters, a crucial Democratic constituency."

McClatchy (7/2, Douglas) reports, "Despite the poor outlook for action, Obama and Democrats are trying to show increasingly impatient Hispanic leaders and voters -- who solidly backed Obama in 2008 -- that they're on their side." McClatchy adds that "Obama's speech, his first major address on immigration since he was elected, offered no new specifics and no timetable or deadline for enacting a bill."

The Wall Street Journal (7/2, Meckler, 2.08M) quotes Obama as saying, "The system is broken, and everybody knows it."

Obama, the Washington Post (7/2, Savage, 684K) reports, "piled new pressure on Republicans on Thursday," turning "a spotlight on 11" GOP "senators who had backed reform attempts in 2006, arguing that progress is being 'held hostage' by 'political posturing, special-interest wrangling and...the pervasive sentiment in Washington that tackling such a thorny and emotional issue is inherently bad politics.'" The Post adds, "Hispanics could play an important part in the Democrats' fortunes in the midterm elections. Two-thirds of Hispanic voters backed Obama in 2008."

Politico (7/2, Thrush, Wong, 25K) reports that the speech "took a decidedly political turn when the president called out Senate Republicans for standing in the way of reform." The AP (7/2, Superville) quotes the President as saying, "Reform that brings accountability to our immigration system cannot pass without Republican votes. ... That is the political and mathematical reality." The AP adds that "many immigrant advocates praised the president's comments."

The Christian Science Monitor (7/2, Feldmann, 48K) notes the Obama said, "I'm ready to move forward. The majority of Democrats are ready to move forward. And I believe the majority of Americans are ready to move forward."

Under the headline "Obama Calls Out GOP On Immigration," the Los Angeles Times (7/2, Nicholas, Parsons, 776K) reports, "It was the third time in as many days that Obama singled out Republicans as an obstructionist force, blaming them in his earlier appearances for defending oil giant BP in the aftermath of the Gulf Coast oil spill and for opposing stronger financial regulatory legislation." Adds the Times, "The president's remarks this week represented the clearest preview yet of the message the White House intends to highlight in this year's midterm election: Republicans' stubborn refusal to help solve national problems."

The Contra Costa Times (7/2, Times, 186K) reports, "Shifting the onus on Republicans did not sit well with Tamar Jacoby, president of ImmigrationWorks USA, a nationwide federation of small business owners." Said Jacoby, "He's still scolding

and blaming Republicans rather than reaching out to them. ... I think he really needs to reach across the divide, to the 60 percent of Americans who support the Arizona law."

KASA-TV Albuquerque (7/1, 11:08 p.m. MT) said "President Obama today asked Democrats and Republicans to put aside political differences and pass a new federal immigration policy to handle the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants in the US." The footage showed President Obama saying, "Under the pressure of partisanship and election year politics, many of the 11 republican senators who voted for reform in the past have now backed away from their previous support."

Obama Also Criticizes Arizona Law. The **CBS Evening News** (7/1, story 6, 2:15, Whitaker, 6.1M) that in his remarks, "like thousands who have hit the streets recently," Obama "criticized Arizona's new immigration law which requires police to check for citizenship as divisive and unenforceable. Eighteen localities around the country now refuse to do business with Arizona because of the law. Twenty-two states are considering legislation similar to Arizona's." Said Obama, "These laws also have the potential of violating the rights of innocent American citizens and legal residents." CBS added that Arizona Governor Jan Brewer "dismissed President Obama's speech as disappointing, the latest in a series of blasts she's fired at the President." Brewer was shown saying, "Do your job. Secure our borders."

Republicans Urge Obama To Visit Border. **Politico** (7/2, Thrush, Wong, 25K) reports, "Republicans greeted...Obama's call to arms on immigration reform Thursday with a demand of their own: that Obama visit the troubled US-Mexico border and see for himself why it must be secured."

Bloomberg News (7/2, Runnigen, Johnston) reports that Sen. John Cornyn "criticized the president for not making immigration a priority during his first year in office as he had promised." Said Cornyn, "Eighteen months into his presidency, he continues to deliver words, but no action." Likewise, the **Dallas Morning News** (7/2, Gillman) reports that Obama's speech "fell flat" with Cornyn, who "rapped the president for giving no more than lip service to an issue he promised to tackle during his first year in office." Cornyn said he hadn't "seen anything to demonstrate that he has used any political capital or made this a priority."

Under the headline "Obama Alienates GOP Over Immigration Bill," the **Washington Times** (7/2, Dinan, 77K) reports, "Obama went into Thursday's major policy speech on immigration hoping to convince Republicans to join him in passing a bill, but walked out facing a bigger divide than ever -- including having irked one key lawmaker who had been his major Republican ally on the issue." Rep. Jeff Flake, of Arizona, who was "the lone Republican lawmaker to attend Mr. Obama's speech," said that "Obama's speech seemed less about winning legislation and more about winning political points with Democratic voters and liberal advocates." He also "said Mr. Obama was wrong to say the US-Mexico border in Arizona 'is more secure today than at any time in the past 20 years.'"

KPNX-TV Phoenix (7/1, 8:05 p.m. AT) reported, "Republicans swing back today at the President's criticisms." KPNX aired a clip of House Minority Leader Boehner saying, "The time for excuses is over...for someone who asked to be held to a higher standard, President Obama spends an awful lot of time making excuses and whining about others. The American people want leadership from this White House and not childish partisanship."

KGUN-TV Tucson (7/1, 9:03 p.m. AT) reported that even as the President blames "pressures of partisanship and election-year politics" for the stalled immigration effort, "the Republicans are firing back." KGUN said Republicans "are not taking the president's criticism sitting down...many on the Right insist it is the president himself who is holding up immigration reform by not first sealing our border." Sen. John McCain "wasted no time" responding to the president, the station added. His spokesperson said that "if the president had actually visited the Arizona-Mexico border, he would understand the real threats Americans are facing from violence along the border related to drug trafficking and human smuggling."

Obama Praises Bush's Support For Reform. **ABC World News** (7/1, story 5, 2:05, Karl, 8.2M) reported that "Obama's words" yesterday "echoed President Bush's when he tried and failed to get congress to pass reform." **The Hill** (7/2, Youngman, Hooper, 21K) notes that the President said, "Despite the courageous leadership in the past shown by many Democrats and some Republicans -- including, by the way, my predecessor, President Bush -- [demagoguery] has been the custom." Adds The Hill, "Obama has rarely praised Bush publicly and has repeatedly blamed him for an array of domestic and international problems the US is confronting."

Bill Planned In Arizona To Target Children Of Undocumented Immigrants. **NBC Nightly News** (7/1, story 5, 1:30, Curry) noted that the President's speech also featured criticism of the controversial immigration law in Arizona, where state Sen. Russell Pearce is "planning to introduce a law that requires a child born in Arizona to have at least one documented parent in order to be given citizenship at birth. This after the state made headlines for passing Pearce's last bill which requires local police to check for proof of citizenship of anyone they suspect might be in the country illegally."

Perry Describes "Testy" Conversation With Napolitano. The AP (7/2) reports Gov. Rick Perry said a call with Secretary Napolitano Wednesday "became 'testy' when he tried to steer a phone conversation about Texas' preparations for Hurricane Alex into a discussion about border security." Regarding the storm, Perry said he told Napolitano, "yes, I have all the help I need, but I don't have all the help I need along the border of Texas." He said he added, "The idea that you would send 250 National Guard troops to a 1,200-mile border and think that is anything but an affront is beyond me." DHS spokesman Matt Chandler "said the 250 troops were just a part of the resources being directed at the border." The agency "has dedicated unprecedented manpower, technology, and infrastructure resources to the southwest border over the course of the past 17 months," Chandler said.

KVUE-TV Austin (TX) (7/2, Bartlett) reports on its website that Perry said Thursday at a lunchtime address before the National Latino Peace Officers Association meeting in Austin that Washington is "sitting on their Hill, playing their fiddles, while the border between Mexico and the United States is burning. ... Burning with terrorists, burning with drug cartels and we need action."

NYTimes: Obama Should Act To Lift "Burden Of Fear From Peaceable Immigrant Communities." The New York Times (7/2, 1.09M) editorializes, "Obama's first major speech on immigration had the eloquence and clarity we have come to expect when he engages a wrenching national debate." However, "Obama's call to action applies not just to Congress but to himself as well." He "has presidential powers, and he should use them," lifting "the burden of fear from peaceable immigrant communities. His administration is widely expected to bring a lawsuit soon challenging the deeply unjust Arizona law." While "Obama should not suspend all enforcement against illegal immigrants...he can reset the administration's enforcement priorities to focus on dangerous and convicted criminals and rein in the operations that his Department of Homeland Security has promoted that enable local law enforcement to engage in the racial profiling he rightly denounces."

Bullets That Struck El Paso City Hall Sent For Analysis. The El Paso Times (7/2, Ybarra, Licón) reports, "Mexican authorities said the seven bullets that pierced the walls of El Paso City Hall on Tuesday could have been fired by Mexican federal agents." The Times adds, however, that "no Mexican agency...is taking responsibility for the bullets that hit City Hall." El Paso Police Chief Greg Allen "said Thursday at a news conference that he has not sent the two bullets found at City Hall to a lab for ballistics testing." Allen also said that he is not in favor of sending soldiers to the border. "I think, right now, we have a dedicated agency, namely the Border Patrol and ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement), in place and they should be beefed up before the utilization of military on the border," Allen said.

Twenty-One Killed In Gun Battle Near US Border. The AP (7/2) reports, "A massive gun battle between rival drug and migrant-trafficking gangs near the US border left 21 people dead on Thursday, prosecutors said. The clash occurred in a sparsely populated area about 12 miles (20 kilometers) from the Arizona border."

Operational News:

ICE CAPTURES MAN WANTED FOR MORE THAN A DECADE IN DEADLY TEXAS SHOOTING. There is significant local coverage of the ICE capture Tuesday of Fidel Mora Yanez, an undocumented immigrant on the lam for 10 years since he was accused in a deadly Texas shooting. The Asheboro (NC) Courier-Tribune (7/2, Cavallier) reports that Yanez was identified in Asheboro, North Carolina, "at the BP gas station on East Dixie Drive Tuesday morning and then was taken into custody during a traffic stop about a mile away, according to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) spokeswoman, Barbara Gonzalez. ICE officers, with the help of law enforcement officers from the Asheboro Police Department and the Randolph County Sheriff's Office, had Yanez under surveillance since June 22. That's when they received a tip he was living in the Asheboro area under the alias, Bernardo Castanon Villanueva, and was working in construction, Gonzalez said."

The Charlotte (NC) Observer (7/2) runs an AP report that "Yanez was in the Mecklenburg County jail today awaiting extradition to Houston. It was not immediately clear if he had an attorney or when he would be extradited. Despite the decade between the shootings and Yanez's arrest, Gonzalez says these kinds of cases show a tough stance on crime. 'It sends a very strong message to criminals that, whether it be 10 days or 10 years, we're going to catch up with you,' Gonzalez said. 'We're committed to ensuring that our communities are safe.'"

KIAH-TV Houston, and WBTV-TV Charlotte each run brief AP reports noting that "Gonzalez says Yanez had been living under an assumed name and told authorities he had been in the area since 2001."

The Houston Chronicle (6/2, Glenn) reports that "Yanez was charged with murder for the August 2000 slaying of Nicholas Deangel Clemente, 20, at the victim's home in the 6100 block of Glenmont. He also was charged with wounding two other people who were at the house during the disturbance, police said. Yanez will face federal immigration charges for being in

the country illegally in addition to the murder and assault charges, officials said."

WCCB-TV Charlotte, NC (7/2) reports on its website that Houston Police Assistant Chief Michael A. Dirden expressed gratitude "for the assistance we received from ICE on the arrest of this suspect. Their effort is indicative of the outstanding cooperation local law enforcement receives from our federal partners on a daily basis." WCCB also aired coverage on Yanez's arrest.

NEWS14-TV Charlotte (7/2, Kernodle), WBTV-TV Charlotte (7/2), WXII-TV Greensboro, NC (7/1, 11:05 p.m. EDT), WGHP-TV Greensboro, NC (on its website and on air), WFMY-TV Greensboro, NC (on its website and on air), and KWTX-TV Waco, TX (7/2) all covered the arrest.

ICE STING NABS 23 PHILADELPHIA CABBIES. The Philadelphia Daily News (7/2, Campisi) reports, "Weeks ago the Philadelphia Parking Authority mailed a letter to immigrant cabdrivers telling them that credit-card payments were owed to them and to come to the PPA to get paid, drivers said. When 26 drivers showed up at the PPA garage and impoundment offices in South Philadelphia Wednesday, 23 wound up handcuffed by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents who determined the cabbies were in the United States illegally, according to ICE spokesman Mark Medvesky." He "said the sting had been conducted because cabdrivers have access to areas of Philadelphia International Airport where the public doesn't normally go. 'We consider this a public-safety issue. We're constantly looking for places with vulnerabilities, like the airport,' he said."

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA STUDENTS EXPRESS CONCERN OVER ARRESTS. The Missoulian (7/2, Moy) reports "shocked" Middle Eastern students at the University of Montana "want to know what prompted the detainment" last week of three Saudi students by DHS agents. They were arrested "for 'overstaying their visas,' according to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement," and "incarcerated for a week in several holding facilities before being released from custody pending a court date that has not yet been determined. However, university officials were told the arrests were the result of a misunderstanding or mistake by federal authorities who later apologized."

MAN CONVICTED OF IMPERSONATING FEDERAL AGENT. The San Jose Mercury News (7/2, Bishop) reports Redwood City man Frank Salvador Solorza "was convicted of impersonating a federal immigration official and trying to extort thousands of dollars from six illegal immigrants, the US Attorney's Office said Thursday." According to federal prosecutors, he and "others claimed to be officials from a government immigration agency and demanded money from six people to 'clear up the immigration status of each individual.'" Victims who received letters warning of deportation "contacted US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), which launched an investigation." Noting that Solorza allegedly wore a clown disguise when picking up payments, the Mercury News adds that Mark Wollman, special agent in charge of ICE's Homeland Security Investigations office in San Francisco, said in a statement that while he dressed "as a clown, his actions are no laughing matter."

CONVICTED DRUG DEALER DEPORTED TO NEW ZEALAND. The Costa Mesa (CA) Daily Pilot (7/2) reports, "Stephen David Royds, a convicted drug dealer who kept his girlfriend's body preserved on dry ice in a swank Newport Beach hotel room for a year, has returned to his native New Zealand after being released from prison, federal officials said Thursday." He "was paroled in May after serving more than a year and a half of a four-year sentence for felony drug charges" and deported by ICE on June 25.

ICE PARTICIPATES IN SWEEP RESULTING IN 15 ARRESTS IN YAKIMA VALLEY. The Yakima Herald-Republic (7/2) notes ICE involvement in a Yakima Valley operation resulting "in 15 arrests" of individuals facing charges including "unlawful possession of firearms, narcotics trafficking and immigration violations."

INTERNET PIRACY CRACKDOWN COMES AMID "TWILIGHT" PHENOMENON. Noting the excitement over the third installment of the "Twilight" film series, which was released domestically at midnight Wednesday, FOX News (7/2) reports on its website that "security leaders Norton noted a prominent spike this week in contaminated search results for 'Twilight: Eclipse' - with some common searches returning more than 50 percent malicious results. This means that web surfers have more than a one-in-two chance of clicking on a link that can unleash viruses, key logging programs (where criminals can monitor everything you type), and an array of other nasty computer bugs causing trouble for users." Fox adds, meanwhile, that those hoping to avoid "the crazy cinema crowds and indulge in 'Eclipse' right from the comforts of your very own bedroom this weekend" may be thwarted by "the launch Wednesday of 'Operation In Our Sites,' a new initiative targeting Internet counterfeiting and piracy, otherwise known by law as the theft of intellectual property (IP)."

BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA REOPENS FOLLOWING ICE ARRESTS. The Orange County Register (7/2, Carcamo) reports staff at Fullerton, California's, Terra Universal called clients Wednesday "reassuring them it was business as usual" one day after ICE agents "served a federal criminal search warrant, shutting down the company's computers and cutting off their shipping. And, the company attorney said, costing the company at least \$150,000 in business." The 43

arrested "were released a few hours later pending immigration hearings," according to Lori Haley. She "said she could not release any more information - including names - because the criminal investigation is ongoing and the search warrant is under seal. 'When we do a search warrant our goal is to have minimal impact for the company,' Haley said. 'We're there to gather evidence.'"

The Register (7/2, Carcamo) also reports the story of Yadira Barragan, a naturalized US citizen who "unknowingly married a man who is in the US illegally." Their life "came crashing down when immigration officials Tuesday raided a Fullerton high-tech manufacturer, Terra Universal, and her husband became one of the 43 workers immigration officials detained on suspicion of being in the country illegally."

Policy and Issues News:

SECURE COMMUNITIES COMING TO SOME NEW YORK JAILS THIS FALL. The Wall Street Journal (7/2, Reddy) reports on the recent agreement between New York's Division of Criminal Justice Services and ICE to bring Secure Communities to jails in some communities starting in the fall. ICE says which communities will launch the program first has not been decided. Spokesman Harold Ort said the agency is "still doing outreach in New York state and that's going to continue throughout July and August. ... There is no activation of Secure Communities scheduled at this point."

SAN FRANCISCO TURNS 29 OVER TO ICE DURING FIRST NINE DAYS OF SECURE COMMUNITIES. The San Francisco Examiner (7/2, Worth) reports that the first nine days of Secure Communities in San Francisco has seen the transfer of 29 undocumented immigrants to ICE. "Neither Immigration and Customs Enforcement nor the Sheriff's Department could say whether any of those detained had been arrested on misdemeanors." While the number is close to the 30 people who were detained during the same period last year under the old system, "Sheriff Mike Hennessey said this comparison does not provide the whole picture, because about 25 percent fewer people are being booked this year compared to last, due to The City's crime lab scandal. If the pool were the same as it was last year, the number of detentions this year might have been higher."

NUTTER SAYS HE WANTS NEW INFORMATION-SHARING AGREEMENT WITH ICE. The Philadelphia Inquirer (7/2, Gelbart) reports Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter "detailed his objection Thursday to continuing to allow federal immigration authorities access to city arrest records, saying the computerized record system automatically releases information about victims and witnesses of crimes as well as those arrested on criminal offenses. He said technological changes needed to be made to the city's Preliminary Arraignment Reporting System (PARS) to safeguard victims and witnesses who are immigrants whose identification might result in deportation." He "emphasized that the city wants to strike a new information-sharing agreement with federal authorities, but not at the expense of the release of data about victims and witnesses who may be undocumented."

In Brief:

ICE PARTICIPATES IN OPERATION CABELLO DE TROYA IN NEBRASKA. The North Platte (NE) Bulletin (7/2, Schwartz) notes ICE's involvement in multi-agency federal investigation that "culminated in 12 methamphetamine and firearm arm related arrests in Western Nebraska. A federal grand jury unsealed the indictment on June 28. The investigation was dubbed 'Operation Cabello de Troya,' according to the U.S. Attorney's Office."

CHEF ARRESTED ON CHILD PORN CHARGES. On its website, KGO-TV San Francisco (7/2) reports on the arrest of Giovanni Dimaio, "a well-known chef suspected of possessing and distributing child pornography over the Internet." He "has been booked into Santa Cruz County Jail. Investigators say he was found possessing and distributing images of children engaged in sexual acts and sexually explicit poses. Because Dimaio is a citizen of Italy, his case has been referred to Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

CALGARY MAN TURNED OVER TO ICE AFTER CHILD PORN SEIZED. The Blaine (WA) Northern Light (7/2) reports CBP officers "seized 250 images of alleged child pornography and erotica from a 44-year-old Calgary, Alberta man on June 20." Andre Beaudoin "and the seized disks were turned over to special agents of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for further investigation and prosecution by state authorities."

MAN ACCUSED IN SEXUAL ASSAULT FACES DEPORTATION TO MEXICO. KATV-TV Little Rock (7/2, Hoffmeyer) reports on its website that Mexican national Fernando Pinon Monjaras "is awaiting deportation from the United States" after allegedly sexually assaulting a minor. He was arrested by ICE "in June 2009 for sexually assaulting an eleven-year-old in Springdale. He pleaded guilty to those charges and was sentenced to 72 months in prison." KTHV-TV Little Rock, AR (7/2, Terrebonne) covers the story on its website.

THREE UNDER ICE DETAINERS FOLLOWING DRUG ARRESTS IN VIRGINIA. On its website, WHSV-TV Harrisonburg, VA (7/2) reports from Harrisonburg that "three searches and five arrests have netted thousands of dollars worth of drugs in what authorities are calling a methamphetamine operation. ... The Rockingham County Sheriff's Office has placed federal detainees on all three illegal immigrants through the 287G program. The program sends local law enforcement officers to get training from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency and deputizes them so they can enforce immigration laws."

ONE OF TWO ARRESTED IN VIRGINIA SEXUAL ASSAULT UNDER ICE HOLD. The Newport News (VA) Daily Press (7/2) reports on the arrests of Tito Guirao-Aguilar and Samuel Eli Jacobo-Guirao "in connection with the sexual assault of a six-year-old girl." The Daily Press adds that "Guirao-Aguilar is also being held under an Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainer, which generally precedes deportation proceedings."

ICE DETAINER PLACED ON NEW YORK MAN ACCUSED OF ROBBING ROOMMATE. The Westchester Journal News (7/2, Corcoran) reports an ICE detainer "has been placed on a suspected illegal immigrant charged with stealing cash and jewelry from a roommate, state police said today. Guillermo Lopez, 24, a Brewster resident from Guatemala, was charged Wednesday by Brewster state police with third-degree grand larceny, a felony, stemming from the incident at a Route 22 apartment."

Top DHS News:

PISTOLE SWORN IN AT TSA AMID LAUNCH OF "SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING CAMPAIGN. Most sources covering the events are combining Thursday's swearing-in of former FBI Deputy Director John Pistole as TSA administrator and Secretary Napolitano's announcement of a new transit security push. NBC Nightly News (7/1, story 8, 2:05, Curry), for example, reports that Pistole's swearing-in, after 18 months without a permanent leader at the TSA, came "amid a heavy police rush at rail stations up and down the East Coast over this holiday week. Against a backdrop of attacks on trains and stations in Madrid, Mumbai, London and Moscow in recent years, Homeland Security rolled out a new national 'See Something, Say Something' program." Secretary Napolitano was shown saying, "The focus is solely on suspicious actions or behaviors associated with crime." Later, Pistole highlighted the failed Christmas Day bombing over Detroit as representing "the biggest threat to aviation." He added that intelligence indicates "the individual who constructed that device is still out there, still alive, and the concern is that he has constructed similar devices that other people may use."

The AP (7/2, Dou) reports Napolitano's announcement, "part of a national information-sharing partnership with Amtrak," came at "Penn Station, one of the world's busiest train stations. The slogan was inspired by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's admonition to traditionally mind-your-own-business New Yorkers." Noting that the failed Times Square bombing in May was thwarted after "street vendors...noticed a smoking SUV with its blinkers on, engine running and no one inside," the AP adds that "Napolitano called 'If you see something, say something' one of the most successful public efforts to date." The announcement came two days after a security assessment from DHS that "said...there are no specific terrorist plots currently against mass transit in the US, but that the systems are considered desirable targets because they are critical infrastructure." The Anderson (IN) Herald Bulletin (7/2) also covers the swearing in of Pistole, an Anderson native.

Also reporting Thursday's announcement and swearing-in of Pistole, the Washington Post (7/2, Bolden) notes on its "Dr. Gridlock" blog that D.C. Metro "and other transit authorities staged anti-terrorism exercises to demonstrate their vigilance and to practice coordination of efforts with law enforcement agencies. In December, Metro created a 20-member anti-terrorism unit funded by a \$9.6 million grant from the Department of Homeland Security."

Napolitano was shown on WNYW-TV New York (7/1, 6:12 p.m. EDT) saying, "By reporting suspicious activity, the public itself can help authorities prevent crime and terrorist acts, save lives, and identify perpetrators even after the fact." NY1-TV New York City, NY (7/2, Mancini) reports on its website that "New Yorkers said they were pleased that the initiative is spreading." One was quoted as saying that the campaign is "in the interest of everybody." WNBC-TV New York (7/1, 6:08 p.m. EDT), WCBS-TV New York (7/1, 5:33 pm. EDT), and WABC-TV New York (7/1, 5:09 p.m. EDT) all aired coverage of Thursday's announcement, as did Fox News' Live Desk (7/1, 1:34 pm. EDT).

The Newark Star-Ledger (7/2, Strunsky) reports that on their ride aboard an Amtrak Acela train from New York to Washington D.C., Napolitano and Pistole met "New Jersey's senior US Senator, Frank Lautenberg, who this week was named chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Appropriation's Subcommittee, replacing the late Sen. Robert Byrd. Lautenberg has accused homeland security officials of neglecting ground-based transportation in favor of airline security. But today, Lautenberg's office released a statement saying that today's event was, 'an important step forward.' Napolitano and Pistole also said they looked forward to meeting with the senator."

The Philadelphia Inquirer (7/2, Nussbaum) reports the station in Philadelphia "looked like an armed camp - or an airport - as the vast departure hall was filled with TSA officers, canine officers with their bomb-sniffing dogs, Amtrak police with body armor and semiautomatic rifles, Homeland Security police, and Philadelphia police." Napolitano "said Amtrak and federal law enforcement agencies had created a new information-sharing capability to make it easier to spread the word about possible terrorist activities. And, to involve the traveling public in the effort, her department borrowed the slogan that has been used by New York City's transit agency for years."

WHYY-FM Philadelphia (7/2, MacDonald) reports on its website that Napolitano also stopped at Philadelphia's 30th Street Station to "enlist help from passengers." WCAU-TV Philadelphia (7/1, 6:24 p.m. EDT) and WPVI-TV Philadelphia each aired brief reports on Napolitano's stop in the city.

ALLEN: ALEX HAS "SIGNIFICANTLY HAMPERED" SKIMMING OPERATIONS. The Washington Post (7/2, Sonmez) reports on its website that Allen said Thursday that Hurricane Alex has "significantly hampered" skimming operations, and that officials were essentially "waiting for the weather to abate so we can move on with recovery operations." Allen "said there is no certain date for skimming to resume but that 'it will be weather-based.'" The AP (7/2) reports, "Oil clean-up crews have their work cut out for them on Pensacola Beach, Florida where days of rough surf washed more oil. Meanwhile, newly retired Admiral Thad Allen was dressed in civilian clothes Thursday as he transitioned from the US Coast Guard to a senior executive on Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano's staff."

The Los Angeles Times (7/2, Fausset, Hennessy-Fiske) reports, "Lingering high seas from Hurricane Alex continued to thwart gulf oil cleanup efforts Thursday, idling all skimming boats from Louisiana to the Florida Panhandle for a third consecutive day." Despite being downgraded to a tropical storm Thursday, Alex "continued to cause trouble far to the east, delivering waves as high as 7 feet that have made skimming operations impossible."

CNN (7/2), meanwhile, reports on its website early this morning that with "former Hurricane Alex" having "lost nearly all of its punch, many in the Gulf states were hoping that Friday would be the day that they could get back to cleaning up the massive oil spill."

Alex Pushes Oil Into Louisiana Marshes. CNN's Anderson Cooper 360 (7/1, 10:22 p.m. EDT) reported, "Hours after 12-foot waves from Hurricane Alex eased, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal heads out to survey the damage. The governor doesn't like what he sees. ... After days of winds from Alex pushing oil toward [Grand Terre Island] and the rest of the Gulf Coast, the governor says oil is now even deeper into the marshy grass. The oil, he says, is killing the baby fish, along with the mangroves where they mature."

Allen Expresses Confidence In Relief Wells. The Hill (7/2, Geman, 21K) reports incident commander Adm. Thad Allen expressed confidence Thursday "that 'relief wells' BP is drilling to end the leak will prove effective." Allen said relief wells "are a familiar operation for oil companies -- unlike the other ad-hoc efforts to cap BP's blown-out Gulf of Mexico well." Allen said, "Relief wells are things that these companies have done before, not just BP but all the companies. The methods they are using, the technologies they are using, it has all been proven."

High Temperatures Slow Progress Of Cleanup Crews. The Los Angeles Times (7/2, Sahagun, Times, 776K) has a feature on oil spill cleanup crews. Workers "are sealed inside protective uniforms that zip up to the neck," and "when the heat index hits triple digits -- an easy thing to do in monsoon season -- BP safety rules require that cleanup crews alternate between 20 minutes of hard labor and 40 minutes of cooling off and hydrating under shady tarps. That routine hasn't won the crew much sympathy -- or thanks."

Oil Entering Gulf Seafood Chain. McClatchy (7/2, Pender) reports University of Southern Mississippi and Tulane University scientists "have spotted the first indications oil is entering the Gulf seafood chain -- in crab larvae -- and one expert warns the effect on fisheries could last 'years, probably not a matter of months' and affect many species." The researchers "have found droplets of oil in the larvae of blue crabs and fiddler crabs sampled from Louisiana to Pensacola, Fla."

Oil Spill Impacts Chesapeake Bay Oyster Industry. The Washington Post (7/2, Fahrenthold, 684K) has a report on how the Gulf of Mexico oil spill is impacting Chesapeake Bay oyster shuckers. Though "the nearest glob of leaked oil is more than 800 miles away," the Chesapeake Bay industry has been importing oysters "since the 1970s, when the Chesapeake's famous oyster harvest was starting to decline."

Sale Of "Formaldehyde-Consumed" Trailers To Oil Spill Responders Criticized. Thursday's front page New York Times article reporting on the "return" of FEMA trailers to the Gulf Coast is receiving significant follow-up coverage from national and regional press. The Times reported that "more than 20" of trailers, which have been found to contain high levels of formaldehyde and have been banned from long-term use by the government, have been sold by disaster

contracting firm Alpha 1 to cleanup workers responding to the BP oil spill. The story received especially heavy coverage from CNN, who noted the trailer sales in at least three segments yesterday.

CNN's Newsroom (7/1, 10:53 a.m. EDT, Phillips) reported, "Kudos to The New York Times for exposing the latest outrage within the oil disaster. Apparently, the formaldehyde-consuming trailers are now being sold to clean-up workers and companies in the Gulf so they either have a place to live or a house that their wives and children can stay in so they can all visit after work. We have already talked about the health risks involved with cleaning up this oil spill. Now some of our workers are living in trailers exposed to a chemical that can cause nasal cancer and respiratory problems." The trailer sales were also noted during a panel discussion on CNN's John King USA (7/1, 7:42 p.m. EDT), with King saying the story "hits the outrage meter pretty far to the total."

In an interview taped for CNN's Anderson Cooper 360 (7/1, 10:14 p.m. EDT), Rep. Ed Markey said the sale of the trailers to cleanup workers is "stunning on the one hand, but not surprising." Markey said it's "absolutely preposterous that workers who are asked to go out to clean up toxic materials are then going home to trailers, toxic trailers loaded with formaldehyde that are not fit for human habitation. But, again, unfortunately, it fits into the very pattern which has begun 74 days ago and continues until today."

The New York Times (7/2, A18, Urbina) reports Mississippi Rep. Bennie Thompson, the chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security, is calling for an investigation into the sales. In a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder, Thompson, "a Democrat who was one of the most vocal opponents of the public sale of the trailers, also demanded that the General Services Administration and FEMA provide documents by July 15 indicating how each agency has enforced the legally binding requirements on the buyers of the trailers."

According to the Jackson (MS) Clarion-Ledger (7/1, Berry), the letter, which was also addressed to FEMA Administrator Fugate and GSA Administrator Martha Johnson, said, "Clearly your effort to prevent the resale of these trailers for human habitation have failed. It is simply irresponsible for our federal government to allow this to continue to happen." The New Orleans Times-Picayune (7/1), NPR's (7/1, Neuman) "The Two-Way" blog, AOL News (7/1), and Mother Jones (7/1, Sheppard) also covered the story.

MEXICO BEARS BRUNT OF ALEX AS TEXAS SEES LITTLE DAMAGE. The AP (7/2, Weber, Sherman) reports from Brownsville, Texas, where "shelters emptied and flooded streets receded Thursday after Hurricane Alex swiped Texas and let the Rio Grande Valley escape with a mostly mild test run barely a month into the Atlantic hurricane season." Alex "weakened" to a tropical storm early yesterday, bringing heavy rain to "much of northeastern Mexico" and "paralyzing the major city of Monterrey." Texas, meanwhile, was "spared...with little more than soaking thunderstorms." AP reports "no injuries or major damage were reported" in the state, "and pumps sucked out high water in only a few remaining areas by Thursday morning."

The Los Angeles Times (7/2, Ellingwood) reports Alex did significant damage in northern Mexico, where "remnants" of the storm "raked" the region "with damaging winds and heavy rains, knocking out power to thousands of homes and causing floods that killed at least two people."

The Weather Channel (7/2, Avery) reports early this morning that "with winds no longer an issue, the main threat from Alex's remnants are now heavy rainfall." The Weather Channel reports "an additional two to four inches of rainfall is possible in parts of southern Texas, with locally heavier amounts possible." Such precipitation would "lead to flash flooding and mudslides, with the greatest threats being in the mountains." Meanwhile, "there is still the outside chance of an isolated tornado or two in South Texas in association with Alex's remnants."

Texas-based news outlets typically describe Alex's impact on the US side of the border as being relatively mild. KRIV-TV Houston (7/1, Carey), for example, reported Alex "took lives in Mexico, but as daylight returned on Thursday morning, it appeared southeast Texas avoided the worst of it."

The McAllen (TX) Monitor (7/1, Barajas) reported, "Locals and business owners woke with sighs of relief Thursday to news that Hurricane Alex had left South Padre Island largely unscathed, despite alarming predictions of the storm's severity earlier this week. The hurricane, which made landfall late Wednesday roughly 100 miles south on the Mexican coast, brought with it heavy rains and strong winds that closed the Queen Isabella Memorial Bridge. Still, the storm failed to cause any serious damage to Island homes or businesses, officials here said Thursday."

The Seguin (TX) Gazette-Enterprise (7/2) reports FEMA's "staging area in Seguin will likely be closing down in the next few days. Garrison Martin, federal staging manager, said that most of the supplies gathered in anticipation of Hurricane Alex will not be needed along the South Texas border." Martin said his team is "in the process of demobilizing and sending it all back."

The Austin (TX) American Statesman (7/1, Ward) reported, "With nasty weather waning, state emergency management chief Nim Kidd says Texas this afternoon will start winding down its disaster-relief efforts in South Texas for Hurricane Alex. Speaking to reporters a few minutes ago at an Omni Hotel briefing in Austin with Gov. Rick Perry, Kidd said some first-responders could begin returning to their bases this afternoon. He expects that most of the state response to Alex - more than 100 buses, ambulances, trucks, aircraft, rescue personnel and disaster teams, among others - will be withdrawn by late tomorrow, so long as local officials no longer need their help."

FOUR COAST GUARD PETTY OFFICERS CHARGED IN SAN DIEGO BAY INCIDENT. The AP (7/2, Spagat) reports, "The Coast Guard filed criminal charges Thursday against four petty officers who were in a patrol boat that slammed into a civilian craft during a Christmas parade on San Diego Bay, killing an 8-year-old boy and injuring five others. The four face charges ranging from involuntary manslaughter to negligent homicide and dereliction of duty. Some charges are punishable by several years in prison upon conviction in military court." The Los Angeles Times (7/2) and USA Today (7/2) also cover the development.

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Leading the News:

OBAMA CALLS FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM, PATH TO CITIZENSHIP FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS. Coverage of

President Obama's speech on immigration reform gives very long odds for the President's proposals to become law in the current political climate. In fact, a number of media analyses (including stories on all the network newscasts) suggest the upcoming election campaigns (with the Latino vote a significant force in border states) could be the main impetus behind Obama's words.

NBC Nightly News (7/1, story 4, 0:55, Curry, 8.37M), for example, reported, "Many political observers believe what Mr. Obama said" in his address "may be more designed to help his party win the Hispanic vote in the upcoming mid-term elections than anything else, because it's unlikely that the White House and Democrats in Congress will be able to push through a new immigration law this year."

ABC World News (7/1, story 5, 2:05, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported that it was Obama's "first formal speech" on the issue "since he took office," and added (Karl) that the President "called for comprehensive reform, including a way for the 11 million illegal immigrants now in the United States to become documented workers and taxpaying citizens." However, added ABC, "Obama's friends and foes say he's done little to push for reform." Sen. Orrin Hatch was shown saying, "You are telling me in a year and a half they couldn't have come up with an immigration bill that might have a shot with that kind of an overwhelming majority in both houses. No, come on. They are playing politics with this and a dog gone disgrace."

The CBS Evening News (7/1, story 6, 2:15, Pelley, 6.1M) also said Obama delivered a speech on immigration "for the first time since he was elected," launching "what will undoubtedly be one of his toughest political fights." CBS added that "bipartisan agreement on immigration reform seems unlikely this year," and "this political third rail has the power to burn both parties."

The New York Times (7/2, Baker, 1.09M) reports, "The president's decision to elevate the issue reflected more of a political strategy than a legislative one since the White House has no plan to actually push a bill this year through a Congress already consumed by other issues." The Times adds that "Obama's focus appeared intended to frame the debate for the approaching election to appeal to Hispanic voters who could be critical in several states." Republicans "fired back, casting Mr. Obama's speech as cynical demagoguery."

AFP (7/2) likewise reports, "Few political observers believe immigration reform will pass before November's mid-term elections, and many suspect a bid to appease Hispanic voters, a crucial Democratic constituency."

McClatchy (7/2, Douglas) reports, "Despite the poor outlook for action, Obama and Democrats are trying to show increasingly impatient Hispanic leaders and voters -- who solidly backed Obama in 2008 -- that they're on their side." McClatchy adds that "Obama's speech, his first major address on immigration since he was elected, offered no new specifics and no timetable or deadline for enacting a bill."

The Wall Street Journal (7/2, Meckler, 2.08M) quotes Obama as saying, "The system is broken, and everybody knows it."

Obama, the Washington Post (7/2, Savage, 684K) reports, "piled new pressure on Republicans on Thursday," turning "a spotlight on 11" GOP "senators who had backed reform attempts in 2006, arguing that progress is being 'held hostage' by 'political posturing, special-interest wrangling and...the pervasive sentiment in Washington that tackling such a thorny and emotional issue is inherently bad politics.'" The Post adds, "Hispanics could play an important part in the Democrats' fortunes in the midterm elections. Two-thirds of Hispanic voters backed Obama in 2008."

Politico (7/2, Thrush, Wong, 25K) reports that the speech "took a decidedly political turn when the president called out Senate Republicans for standing in the way of reform." The AP (7/2, Superville) quotes the President as saying, "Reform that brings accountability to our immigration system cannot pass without Republican votes. ... That is the political and mathematical reality." The AP adds that "many immigrant advocates praised the president's comments."

The Christian Science Monitor (7/2, Feldmann, 48K) notes the Obama said, "I'm ready to move forward. The majority of Democrats are ready to move forward. And I believe the majority of Americans are ready to move forward."

Under the headline "Obama Calls Out GOP On Immigration," the Los Angeles Times (7/2, Nicholas, Parsons, 776K) reports, "It was the third time in as many days that Obama singled out Republicans as an obstructionist force, blaming them in his earlier appearances for defending oil giant BP in the aftermath of the Gulf Coast oil spill and for opposing stronger financial regulatory legislation." Adds the Times, "The president's remarks this week represented the clearest preview yet of the message the White House intends to highlight in this year's midterm election: Republicans' stubborn refusal to help solve national problems."

The Contra Costa Times (7/2, Times, 186K) reports, "Shifting the onus on Republicans did not sit well with Tamar Jacoby, president of ImmigrationWorks USA, a nationwide federation of small business owners." Said Jacoby, "He's still scolding

and blaming Republicans rather than reaching out to them. ... I think he really needs to reach across the divide, to the 60 percent of Americans who support the Arizona law."

KASA-TV Albuquerque (7/1, 11:08 p.m. MT) said "President Obama today asked Democrats and Republicans to put aside political differences and pass a new federal immigration policy to handle the estimated 11 million undocumented immigrants in the US." The footage showed President Obama saying, "Under the pressure of partisanship and election year politics, many of the 11 republican senators who voted for reform in the past have now backed away from their previous support."

Obama Also Criticizes Arizona Law. The CBS Evening News (7/1, story 6, 2:15, Whitaker, 6.1M) that in his remarks, "like thousands who have hit the streets recently," Obama "criticized Arizona's new immigration law which requires police to check for citizenship as divisive and unenforceable. Eighteen localities around the country now refuse to do business with Arizona because of the law. Twenty-two states are considering legislation similar to Arizona's." Said Obama, "These laws also have the potential of violating the rights of innocent American citizens and legal residents." CBS added that Arizona Governor Jan Brewer "dismissed President Obama's speech as disappointing, the latest in a series of blasts she's fired at the President." Brewer was shown saying, "Do your job. Secure our borders."

Republicans Urge Obama To Visit Border. Politico (7/2, Thrush, Wong, 25K) reports, "Republicans greeted...Obama's call to arms on immigration reform Thursday with a demand of their own: that Obama visit the troubled US-Mexico border and see for himself why it must be secured."

Bloomberg News (7/2, Runnigen, Johnston) reports that Sen. John Cornyn "criticized the president for not making immigration a priority during his first year in office as he had promised." Said Cornyn, "Eighteen months into his presidency, he continues to deliver words, but no action." Likewise, the Dallas Morning News (7/2, Gillman) reports that Obama's speech "fell flat" with Cornyn, who "rapped the president for giving no more than lip service to an issue he promised to tackle during his first year in office." Cornyn said he hadn't "seen anything to demonstrate that he has used any political capital or made this a priority."

Under the headline "Obama Alienates GOP Over Immigration Bill," the Washington Times (7/2, Dinan, 77K) reports, "Obama went into Thursday's major policy speech on immigration hoping to convince Republicans to join him in passing a bill, but walked out facing a bigger divide than ever -- including having irked one key lawmaker who had been his major Republican ally on the issue." Rep. Jeff Flake, of Arizona, who was "the lone Republican lawmaker to attend Mr. Obama's speech," said that "Obama's speech seemed less about winning legislation and more about winning political points with Democratic voters and liberal advocates." He also "said Mr. Obama was wrong to say the US-Mexico border in Arizona 'is more secure today than at any time in the past 20 years.'"

KPNX-TV Phoenix (7/1, 8:05 p.m. AT) reported, "Republicans swing back today at the President's criticisms." KPNX aired a clip of House Minority Leader Boehner saying, "The time for excuses is over...for someone who asked to be held to a higher standard, President Obama spends an awful lot of time making excuses and whining about others. The American people want leadership from this White House and not childish partisanship."

KGUN-TV Tucson (7/1, 9:03 p.m. AT) reported that even as the President blames "pressures of partisanship and election-year politics" for the stalled immigration effort, "the Republicans are firing back." KGUN said Republicans "are not taking the president's criticism sitting down...many on the Right insist it is the president himself who is holding up immigration reform by not first sealing our border." Sen. John McCain "wasted no time" responding to the president, the station added. His spokesperson said that "if the president had actually visited the Arizona-Mexico border, he would understand the real threats Americans are facing from violence along the border related to drug trafficking and human smuggling."

Obama Praises Bush's Support For Reform. ABC World News (7/1, story 5, 2:05, Karl, 8.2M) reported that "Obama's words" yesterday "echoed President Bush's when he tried and failed to get congress to pass reform." The Hill (7/2, Youngman, Hooper, 21K) notes that the President said, "Despite the courageous leadership in the past shown by many Democrats and some Republicans -- including, by the way, my predecessor, President Bush -- [demagoguery] has been the custom." Adds The Hill, "Obama has rarely praised Bush publicly and has repeatedly blamed him for an array of domestic and international problems the US is confronting."

Bill Planned In Arizona To Target Children Of Undocumented Immigrants. NBC Nightly News (7/1, story 5, 1:30, Curry) noted that the President's speech also featured criticism of the controversial immigration law in Arizona, where state Sen. Russell Pearce is "planning to introduce a law that requires a child born in Arizona to have at least one documented parent in order to be given citizenship at birth. This after the state made headlines for passing Pearce's last bill which requires local police to check for proof of citizenship of anyone they suspect might be in the country illegally."

Perry Describes "Testy" Conversation With Napolitano. The AP (7/2) reports Gov. Rick Perry said a call with Secretary Napolitano Wednesday "became 'testy' when he tried to steer a phone conversation about Texas' preparations for Hurricane Alex into a discussion about border security." Regarding the storm, Perry said he told Napolitano, "yes, I have all the help I need, but I don't have all the help I need along the border of Texas." He said he added, "The idea that you would send 250 National Guard troops to a 1,200-mile border and think that is anything but an affront is beyond me." DHS spokesman Matt Chandler "said the 250 troops were just a part of the resources being directed at the border." The agency "has dedicated unprecedented manpower, technology, and infrastructure resources to the southwest border over the course of the past 17 months," Chandler said.

KVUE-TV Austin (TX) (7/2, Bartlett) reports on its website that Perry said Thursday at a lunchtime address before the National Latino Peace Officers Association meeting in Austin that Washington is "sitting on their Hill, playing their fiddles, while the border between Mexico and the United States is burning. ... Burning with terrorists, burning with drug cartels and we need action."

NYTimes: Obama Should Act To Lift "Burden Of Fear From Peaceable Immigrant Communities." The New York Times (7/2, 1.09M) editorializes, "Obama's first major speech on immigration had the eloquence and clarity we have come to expect when he engages a wrenching national debate." However, "Obama's call to action applies not just to Congress but to himself as well." He "has presidential powers, and he should use them," lifting "the burden of fear from peaceable immigrant communities. His administration is widely expected to bring a lawsuit soon challenging the deeply unjust Arizona law." While "Obama should not suspend all enforcement against illegal immigrants...he can reset the administration's enforcement priorities to focus on dangerous and convicted criminals and rein in the operations that his Department of Homeland Security has promoted that enable local law enforcement to engage in the racial profiling he rightly denounces."

Bullets That Struck El Paso City Hall Sent For Analysis. The El Paso Times (7/2, Ybarra, Licón) reports, "Mexican authorities said the seven bullets that pierced the walls of El Paso City Hall on Tuesday could have been fired by Mexican federal agents." The Times adds, however, that "no Mexican agency...is taking responsibility for the bullets that hit City Hall." El Paso Police Chief Greg Allen "said Thursday at a news conference that he has not sent the two bullets found at City Hall to a lab for ballistics testing." Allen also said that he is not in favor of sending soldiers to the border. "I think, right now, we have a dedicated agency, namely the Border Patrol and ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement), in place and they should be beefed up before the utilization of military on the border," Allen said.

Twenty-One Killed In Gun Battle Near US Border. The AP (7/2) reports, "A massive gun battle between rival drug and migrant-trafficking gangs near the US border left 21 people dead on Thursday, prosecutors said. The clash occurred in a sparsely populated area about 12 miles (20 kilometers) from the Arizona border."

Operational News:

ICE CAPTURES MAN WANTED FOR MORE THAN A DECADE IN DEADLY TEXAS SHOOTING. There is significant local coverage of the ICE capture Tuesday of Fidel Mora Yanez, an undocumented immigrant on the lam for 10 years since he was accused in a deadly Texas shooting. The Asheboro (NC) Courier-Tribune (7/2, Cavallier) reports that Yanez was identified in Asheboro, North Carolina, "at the BP gas station on East Dixie Drive Tuesday morning and then was taken into custody during a traffic stop about a mile away, according to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) spokeswoman, Barbara Gonzalez. ICE officers, with the help of law enforcement officers from the Asheboro Police Department and the Randolph County Sheriff's Office, had Yanez under surveillance since June 22. That's when they received a tip he was living in the Asheboro area under the alias, Bernardo Castanon Villanueva, and was working in construction, Gonzalez said."

The Charlotte (NC) Observer (7/2) runs an AP report that "Yanez was in the Mecklenburg County jail today awaiting extradition to Houston. It was not immediately clear if he had an attorney or when he would be extradited. Despite the decade between the shootings and Yanez's arrest, Gonzalez says these kinds of cases show a tough stance on crime. 'It sends a very strong message to criminals that, whether it be 10 days . or 10 years, we're going to catch up with you,' Gonzalez said. 'We're committed to ensuring that our communities are safe.'"

KIAH-TV Houston, and WBTV-TV Charlotte each run brief AP reports noting that "Gonzalez says Yanez had been living under an assumed name and told authorities he had been in the area since 2001."

The Houston Chronicle (6/2, Glenn) reports that "Yanez was charged with murder for the August 2000 slaying of Nicholas Deangel Clemente, 20, at the victim's home in the 6100 block of Glenmont. He also was charged with wounding two other people who were at the house during the disturbance, police said. Yanez will face federal immigration charges for being in

the country illegally in addition to the murder and assault charges, officials said."

WCCB-TV Charlotte, NC (7/2) reports on its website that Houston Police Assistant Chief Michael A. Dirden expressed gratitude "for the assistance we received from ICE on the arrest of this suspect. Their effort is indicative of the outstanding cooperation local law enforcement receives from our federal partners on a daily basis." WCCB also aired coverage on Yanez's arrest.

NEWS14-TV Charlotte (7/2, Kernodle), WBTV-TV Charlotte (7/2), WXII-TV Greensboro, NC (7/1, 11:05 p.m. EDT), WGHP-TV Greensboro, NC (on its website and on air), WFMY-TV Greensboro, NC (on its website and on air), and KWTX-TV Waco, TX (7/2) all covered the arrest.

ICE STING NABS 23 PHILADELPHIA CABBIES. The Philadelphia Daily News (7/2, Campisi) reports, "Weeks ago the Philadelphia Parking Authority mailed a letter to immigrant cabdrivers telling them that credit-card payments were owed to them and to come to the PPA to get paid, drivers said. When 26 drivers showed up at the PPA garage and impoundment offices in South Philadelphia Wednesday, 23 wound up handcuffed by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents who determined the cabbies were in the United States illegally, according to ICE spokesman Mark Medvesky." He "said the sting had been conducted because cabdrivers have access to areas of Philadelphia International Airport where the public doesn't normally go. 'We consider this a public-safety issue. We're constantly looking for places with vulnerabilities, like the airport,' he said."

UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA STUDENTS EXPRESS CONCERN OVER ARRESTS. The Missoulian (7/2, Moy) reports "shocked" Middle Eastern students at the University of Montana "want to know what prompted the detainment" last week of three Saudi students by DHS agents. They were arrested "for 'overstaying their visas,' according to US Immigration and Customs Enforcement," and "incarcerated for a week in several holding facilities before being released from custody pending a court date that has not yet been determined. However, university officials were told the arrests were the result of a misunderstanding or mistake by federal authorities who later apologized."

MAN CONVICTED OF IMPERSONATING FEDERAL AGENT. The San Jose Mercury News (7/2, Bishop) reports Redwood City man Frank Salvador Solorza "was convicted of impersonating a federal immigration official and trying to extort thousands of dollars from six illegal immigrants, the US Attorney's Office said Thursday." According to federal prosecutors, he and "others claimed to be officials from a government immigration agency and demanded money from six people to 'clear up the immigration status of each individual.'" Victims who received letters warning of deportation "contacted US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), which launched an investigation." Noting that Solorza allegedly wore a clown disguise when picking up payments, the Mercury News adds that Mark Wollman, special agent in charge of ICE's Homeland Security Investigations office in San Francisco, said in a statement that while he dressed "as a clown, his actions are no laughing matter."

CONVICTED DRUG DEALER DEPORTED TO NEW ZEALAND. The Costa Mesa (CA) Daily Pilot (7/2) reports, "Stephen David Royds, a convicted drug dealer who kept his girlfriend's body preserved on dry ice in a swank Newport Beach hotel room for a year, has returned to his native New Zealand after being released from prison, federal officials said Thursday." He "was paroled in May after serving more than a year and a half of a four-year sentence for felony drug charges" and deported by ICE on June 25.

ICE PARTICIPATES IN SWEEP RESULTING IN 15 ARRESTS IN YAKIMA VALLEY. The Yakima Herald-Republic (7/2) notes ICE involvement in a Yakima Valley operation resulting "in 15 arrests" of individuals facing charges including "unlawful possession of firearms, narcotics trafficking and immigration violations."

INTERNET PIRACY CRACKDOWN COMES AMID "TWILIGHT" PHENOMENON. Noting the excitement over the third installment of the "Twilight" film series, which was released domestically at midnight Wednesday, FOX News (7/2) reports on its website that "security leaders Norton noted a prominent spike this week in contaminated search results for 'Twilight: Eclipse' - with some common searches returning more than 50 percent malicious results. This means that web surfers have more than a one-in-two chance of clicking on a link that can unleash viruses, key logging programs (where criminals can monitor everything you type), and an array of other nasty computer bugs causing trouble for users." Fox adds, meanwhile, that those hoping to avoid "the crazy cinema crowds and indulge in 'Eclipse' right from the comforts of your very own bedroom this weekend" may be thwarted by "the launch Wednesday of 'Operation In Our Sites,' a new initiative targeting Internet counterfeiting and piracy, otherwise known by law as the theft of intellectual property (IP)."

BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA REOPENS FOLLOWING ICE ARRESTS. The Orange County Register (7/2, Carcamo) reports staff at Fullerton, California's, Terra Universal called clients Wednesday "reassuring them it was business as usual" one day after ICE agents "served a federal criminal search warrant, shutting down the company's computers and cutting off their shipping. And, the company attorney said, costing the company at least \$150,000 in business." The 43

arrested "were released a few hours later pending immigration hearings," according to Lori Haley. She "said she could not release any more information - including names - because the criminal investigation is ongoing and the search warrant is under seal. 'When we do a search warrant our goal is to have minimal impact for the company,' Haley said. 'We're there to gather evidence.'"

The Register (7/2, Carcamo) also reports the story of Yadira Barragan, a naturalized US citizen who "unknowingly married a man who is in the US illegally." Their life "came crashing down when immigration officials Tuesday raided a Fullerton high-tech manufacturer, Terra Universal, and her husband became one of the 43 workers immigration officials detained on suspicion of being in the country illegally."

Policy and Issues News:

SECURE COMMUNITIES COMING TO SOME NEW YORK JAILS THIS FALL. The Wall Street Journal (7/2, Reddy) reports on the recent agreement between New York's Division of Criminal Justice Services and ICE to bring Secure Communities to jails in some communities starting in the fall. ICE says which communities will launch the program first has not been decided. Spokesman Harold Ort said the agency is "still doing outreach in New York state and that's going to continue throughout July and August. ... There is no activation of Secure Communities scheduled at this point."

SAN FRANCISCO TURNS 29 OVER TO ICE DURING FIRST NINE DAYS OF SECURE COMMUNITIES. The San Francisco Examiner (7/2, Worth) reports that the first nine days of Secure Communities in San Francisco has seen the transfer of 29 undocumented immigrants to ICE. "Neither Immigration and Customs Enforcement nor the Sheriff's Department could say whether any of those detained had been arrested on misdemeanors." While the number is close to the 30 people who were detained during the same period last year under the old system, "Sheriff Mike Hennessey said this comparison does not provide the whole picture, because about 25 percent fewer people are being booked this year compared to last, due to The City's crime lab scandal. If the pool were the same as it was last year, the number of detentions this year might have been higher."

NUTTER SAYS HE WANTS NEW INFORMATION-SHARING AGREEMENT WITH ICE. The Philadelphia Inquirer (7/2, Gelbart) reports Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter "detailed his objection Thursday to continuing to allow federal immigration authorities access to city arrest records, saying the computerized record system automatically releases information about victims and witnesses of crimes as well as those arrested on criminal offenses. He said technological changes needed to be made to the city's Preliminary Arraignment Reporting System (PARS) to safeguard victims and witnesses who are immigrants whose identification might result in deportation." He "emphasized that the city wants to strike a new information-sharing agreement with federal authorities, but not at the expense of the release of data about victims and witnesses who may be undocumented."

In Brief:

ICE PARTICIPATES IN OPERATION CABELLO DE TROYA IN NEBRASKA. The North Platte (NE) Bulletin (7/2, Schwartz) notes ICE's involvement in multi-agency federal investigation that "culminated in 12 methamphetamine and firearm arm related arrests in Western Nebraska. A federal grand jury unsealed the indictment on June 28. The investigation was dubbed 'Operation Cabello de Troya,' according to the U.S. Attorney's Office."

CHEF ARRESTED ON CHILD PORN CHARGES. On its website, KGO-TV San Francisco (7/2) reports on the arrest of Giovanni Dimaio, "a well-known chef suspected of possessing and distributing child pornography over the Internet." He "has been booked into Santa Cruz County Jail. Investigators say he was found possessing and distributing images of children engaged in sexual acts and sexually explicit poses. Because Dimaio is a citizen of Italy, his case has been referred to Immigration and Customs Enforcement."

CALGARY MAN TURNED OVER TO ICE AFTER CHILD PORN SEIZED. The Blaine (WA) Northern Light (7/2) reports CBP officers "seized 250 images of alleged child pornography and erotica from a 44-year-old Calgary, Alberta man on June 20." Andre Beaudoin "and the seized disks were turned over to special agents of US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for further investigation and prosecution by state authorities."

MAN ACCUSED IN SEXUAL ASSAULT FACES DEPORTATION TO MEXICO. KATV-TV Little Rock (7/2, Hoffmeyer) reports on its website that Mexican national Fernando Pinon Monjaras "is awaiting deportation from the United States" after allegedly sexually assaulting a minor. He was arrested by ICE "in June 2009 for sexually assaulting an eleven-year-old in Springdale. He pleaded guilty to those charges and was sentenced to 72 months in prison." KTHV-TV Little Rock, AR (7/2, Terrebonne) covers the story on its website.

THREE UNDER ICE DETAINERS FOLLOWING DRUG ARRESTS IN VIRGINIA. On its website, WHSV-TV Harrisonburg, VA (7/2) reports from Harrisonburg that "three searches and five arrests have netted thousands of dollars worth of drugs in what authorities are calling a methamphetamine operation. ... The Rockingham County Sheriff's Office has placed federal detainees on all three illegal immigrants through the 287G program. The program sends local law enforcement officers to get training from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency and deputizes them so they can enforce immigration laws."

ONE OF TWO ARRESTED IN VIRGINIA SEXUAL ASSAULT UNDER ICE HOLD. The Newport News (VA) Daily Press (7/2) reports on the arrests of Tito Guirao-Aguilar and Samuel Eli Jacobo-Guirao "in connection with the sexual assault of a six-year-old girl." The Daily Press adds that "Guirao-Aguilar is also being held under an Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainee, which generally precedes deportation proceedings."

ICE DETAINER PLACED ON NEW YORK MAN ACCUSED OF ROBBING ROOMMATE. The Westchester Journal News (7/2, Corcoran) reports an ICE detainee "has been placed on a suspected illegal immigrant charged with stealing cash and jewelry from a roommate, state police said today. Guillermo Lopez, 24, a Brewster resident from Guatemala, was charged Wednesday by Brewster state police with third-degree grand larceny, a felony, stemming from the incident at a Route 22 apartment."

Top DHS News:

PISTOLE SWORN IN AT TSA AMID LAUNCH OF "SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING CAMPAIGN. Most sources covering the events are combining Thursday's swearing-in of former FBI Deputy Director John Pistole as TSA administrator and Secretary Napolitano's announcement of a new transit security push. NBC Nightly News (7/1, story 8, 2:05, Curry), for example, reports that Pistole's swearing-in, after 18 months without a permanent leader at the TSA, came "amid a heavy police rush at rail stations up and down the East Coast over this holiday week. Against a backdrop of attacks on trains and stations in Madrid, Mumbai, London and Moscow in recent years, Homeland Security rolled out a new national 'See Something, Say Something' program." Secretary Napolitano was shown saying, "The focus is solely on suspicious actions or behaviors associated with crime." Later, Pistole highlighted the failed Christmas Day bombing over Detroit as representing "the biggest threat to aviation." He added that intelligence indicates "the individual who constructed that device is still out there, still alive, and the concern is that he has constructed similar devices that other people may use."

The AP (7/2, Dou) reports Napolitano's announcement, "part of a national information-sharing partnership with Amtrak," came at "Penn Station, one of the world's busiest train stations. The slogan was inspired by the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's admonition to traditionally mind-your-own-business New Yorkers." Noting that the failed Times Square bombing in May was thwarted after "street vendors...noticed a smoking SUV with its blinkers on, engine running and no one inside," the AP adds that "Napolitano called 'If you see something, say something' one of the most successful public efforts to date." The announcement came two days after a security assessment from DHS that "said...there are no specific terrorist plots currently against mass transit in the US, but that the systems are considered desirable targets because they are critical infrastructure." The Anderson (IN) Herald Bulletin (7/2) also covers the swearing in of Pistole, an Anderson native.

Also reporting Thursday's announcement and swearing-in of Pistole, the Washington Post (7/2, Bolden) notes on its "Dr. Gridlock" blog that D.C. Metro "and other transit authorities staged anti-terrorism exercises to demonstrate their vigilance and to practice coordination of efforts with law enforcement agencies. In December, Metro created a 20-member anti-terrorism unit funded by a \$9.6 million grant from the Department of Homeland Security."

Napolitano was shown on WNYW-TV New York (7/1, 6:12 p.m. EDT) saying, "By reporting suspicious activity, the public itself can help authorities prevent crime and terrorist acts, save lives, and identify perpetrators even after the fact." NY1-TV New York City, NY (7/2, Mancini) reports on its website that "New Yorkers said they were pleased that the initiative is spreading." One was quoted as saying that the campaign is "in the interest of everybody." WNBC-TV New York (7/1, 6:08 p.m. EDT), WCBS-TV New York (7/1, 5:33 pm. EDT), and WABC-TV New York (7/1, 5:09 p.m. EDT) all aired coverage of Thursday's announcement, as did Fox News' Live Desk (7/1, 1:34 pm. EDT).

The Newark Star-Ledger (7/2, Strunsky) reports that on their ride aboard an Amtrak Acela train from New York to Washington D.C., Napolitano and Pistole met "New Jersey's senior US Senator, Frank Lautenberg, who this week was named chairman of the Senate Homeland Security Appropriation's Subcommittee, replacing the late Sen. Robert Byrd. Lautenberg has accused homeland security officials of neglecting ground-based transportation in favor of airline security. But today, Lautenberg's office released a statement saying that today's event was, 'an important step forward.' Napolitano and Pistole also said they looked forward to meeting with the senator."

The Philadelphia Inquirer (7/2, Nussbaum) reports the station in Philadelphia "looked like an armed camp - or an airport - as the vast departure hall was filled with TSA officers, canine officers with their bomb-sniffing dogs, Amtrak police with body armor and semiautomatic rifles, Homeland Security police, and Philadelphia police." Napolitano "said Amtrak and federal law enforcement agencies had created a new information-sharing capability to make it easier to spread the word about possible terrorist activities. And, to involve the traveling public in the effort, her department borrowed the slogan that has been used by New York City's transit agency for years."

WHYY-FM Philadelphia (7/2, MacDonald) reports on its website that Napolitano also stopped at Philadelphia's 30th Street Station to "enlist help from passengers." WCAU-TV Philadelphia (7/1, 6:24 p.m. EDT) and WPVI-TV Philadelphia each aired brief reports on Napolitano's stop in the city.

ALLEN: ALEX HAS "SIGNIFICANTLY HAMPERED" SKIMMING OPERATIONS. The Washington Post (7/2, Sonmez) reports on its website that Allen said Thursday that Hurricane Alex has "significantly hampered" skimming operations, and that officials were essentially "waiting for the weather to abate so we can move on with recovery operations." Allen "said there is no certain date for skimming to resume but that 'it will be weather-based.'" The AP (7/2) reports, "Oil clean-up crews have their work cut out for them on Pensacola Beach, Florida where days of rough surf washed more oil. Meanwhile, newly retired Admiral Thad Allen was dressed in civilian clothes Thursday as he transitioned from the US Coast Guard to a senior executive on Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano's staff."

The Los Angeles Times (7/2, Fausset, Hennessy-Fiske) reports, "Lingering high seas from Hurricane Alex continued to thwart gulf oil cleanup efforts Thursday, idling all skimming boats from Louisiana to the Florida Panhandle for a third consecutive day." Despite being downgraded to a tropical storm Thursday, Alex "continued to cause trouble far to the east, delivering waves as high as 7 feet that have made skimming operations impossible."

CNN (7/2), meanwhile, reports on its website early this morning that with "former Hurricane Alex" having "lost nearly all of its punch, many in the Gulf states were hoping that Friday would be the day that they could get back to cleaning up the massive oil spill."

Alex Pushes Oil Into Louisiana Marshes. CNN's Anderson Cooper 360 (7/1, 10:22 p.m. EDT) reported, "Hours after 12-foot waves from Hurricane Alex eased, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal heads out to survey the damage. The governor doesn't like what he sees. ... After days of winds from Alex pushing oil toward [Grand Terre Island] and the rest of the Gulf Coast, the governor says oil is now even deeper into the marshy grass. The oil, he says, is killing the baby fish, along with the mangroves where they mature."

Allen Expresses Confidence In Relief Wells. The Hill (7/2, Geman, 21K) reports incident commander Adm. Thad Allen expressed confidence Thursday "that 'relief wells' BP is drilling to end the leak will prove effective." Allen said relief wells "are a familiar operation for oil companies -- unlike the other ad-hoc efforts to cap BP's blown-out Gulf of Mexico well." Allen said, "Relief wells are things that these companies have done before, not just BP but all the companies. The methods they are using, the technologies they are using, it has all been proven."

High Temperatures Slow Progress Of Cleanup Crews. The Los Angeles Times (7/2, Sahagun, Times, 776K) has a feature on oil spill cleanup crews. Workers "are sealed inside protective uniforms that zip up to the neck," and "when the heat index hits triple digits -- an easy thing to do in monsoon season -- BP safety rules require that cleanup crews alternate between 20 minutes of hard labor and 40 minutes of cooling off and hydrating under shady tarps. That routine hasn't won the crew much sympathy -- or thanks."

Oil Entering Gulf Seafood Chain. McClatchy (7/2, Pender) reports University of Southern Mississippi and Tulane University scientists "have spotted the first indications oil is entering the Gulf seafood chain -- in crab larvae -- and one expert warns the effect on fisheries could last 'years, probably not a matter of months' and affect many species." The researchers "have found droplets of oil in the larvae of blue crabs and fiddler crabs sampled from Louisiana to Pensacola, Fla."

Oil Spill Impacts Chesapeake Bay Oyster Industry. The Washington Post (7/2, Fahrenthold, 684K) has a report on how the Gulf of Mexico oil spill is impacting Chesapeake Bay oyster shuckers. Though "the nearest glob of leaked oil is more than 800 miles away," the Chesapeake Bay industry has been importing oysters "since the 1970s, when the Chesapeake's famous oyster harvest was starting to decline."

Sale Of "Formaldehyde-Consumed" Trailers To Oil Spill Responders Criticized. Thursday's front page New York Times article reporting on the "return" of FEMA trailers to the Gulf Coast is receiving significant follow-up coverage from national and regional press. The Times reported that "more than 20" of trailers, which have been found to contain high levels of formaldehyde and have been banned from long-term use by the government, have been sold by disaster

contracting firm Alpha 1 to cleanup workers responding to the BP oil spill. The story received especially heavy coverage from CNN, who noted the trailer sales in at least three segments yesterday.

CNN's Newsroom (7/1, 10:53 a.m. EDT, Phillips) reported, "Kudos to The New York Times for exposing the latest outrage within the oil disaster. Apparently, the formaldehyde-consumed trailers are now being sold to clean-up workers and companies in the Gulf so they either have a place to live or a house that their wives and children can stay in so they can all visit after work. We have already talked about the health risks involved with cleaning up this oil spill. Now some of our workers are living in trailers exposed to a chemical that can cause nasal cancer and respiratory problems." The trailer sales were also noted during a panel discussion on CNN's John King USA (7/1, 7:42 p.m. EDT), with King saying the story "hits the outrage meter pretty far to the total."

In an interview taped for CNN's Anderson Cooper 360 (7/1, 10:14 p.m. EDT), Rep. Ed Markey said the sale of the trailers to cleanup workers is "stunning on the one hand, but not surprising." Markey said it's "absolutely preposterous that workers who are asked to go out to clean up toxic materials are then going home to trailers, toxic trailers loaded with formaldehyde that are not fit for human habitation. But, again, unfortunately, it fits into the very pattern which has begun 74 days ago and continues until today."

The New York Times (7/2, A18, Urbina) reports Mississippi Rep. Bennie Thompson, the chairman of the House Committee on Homeland Security, is calling for an investigation into the sales. In a letter to Attorney General Eric Holder, Thompson, "a Democrat who was one of the most vocal opponents of the public sale of the trailers, also demanded that the General Services Administration and FEMA provide documents by July 15 indicating how each agency has enforced the legally binding requirements on the buyers of the trailers."

According to the Jackson (MS) Clarion-Ledger (7/1, Berry), the letter, which was also addressed to FEMA Administrator Fugate and GSA Administrator Martha Johnson, said, "Clearly your effort to prevent the resale of these trailers for human habitation have failed. It is simply irresponsible for our federal government to allow this to continue to happen." The New Orleans Times-Picayune (7/1), NPR's (7/1, Neuman) "The Two-Way" blog, AOL News (7/1), and Mother Jones (7/1, Sheppard) also covered the story.

MEXICO BEARS BRUNT OF ALEX AS TEXAS SEES LITTLE DAMAGE. The AP (7/2, Weber, Sherman) reports from Brownsville, Texas, where "shelters emptied and flooded streets receded Thursday after Hurricane Alex swiped Texas and let the Rio Grande Valley escape with a mostly mild test run barely a month into the Atlantic hurricane season." Alex "weakened" to a tropical storm early yesterday, bringing heavy rain to "much of northeastern Mexico" and "paralyzing the major city of Monterrey." Texas, meanwhile, was "spared...with little more than soaking thunderstorms." AP reports "no injuries or major damage were reported" in the state, "and pumps sucked out high water in only a few remaining areas by Thursday morning."

The Los Angeles Times (7/2, Ellingwood) reports Alex did significant damage in northern Mexico, where "remnants" of the storm "raked" the region "with damaging winds and heavy rains, knocking out power to thousands of homes and causing floods that killed at least two people."

The Weather Channel (7/2, Avery) reports early this morning that "with winds no longer an issue, the main threat from Alex's remnants are now heavy rainfall." The Weather Channel reports "an additional two to four inches of rainfall is possible in parts of southern Texas, with locally heavier amounts possible." Such precipitation would "lead to flash flooding and mudslides, with the greatest threats being in the mountains." Meanwhile, "there is still the outside chance of an isolated tornado or two in South Texas in association with Alex's remnants."

Texas-based news outlets typically describe Alex's impact on the US side of the border as being relatively mild. KRIV-TV Houston (7/1, Carey), for example, reported Alex "took lives in Mexico, but as daylight returned on Thursday morning, it appeared southeast Texas avoided the worst of it."

The McAllen (TX) Monitor (7/1, Barajas) reported, "Locals and business owners woke with sighs of relief Thursday to news that Hurricane Alex had left South Padre Island largely unscathed, despite alarming predictions of the storm's severity earlier this week. The hurricane, which made landfall late Wednesday roughly 100 miles south on the Mexican coast, brought with it heavy rains and strong winds that closed the Queen Isabella Memorial Bridge. Still, the storm failed to cause any serious damage to Island homes or businesses, officials here said Thursday."

The Seguin (TX) Gazette-Enterprise (7/2) reports FEMA's "staging area in Seguin will likely be closing down in the next few days. Garrison Martin, federal staging manager, said that most of the supplies gathered in anticipation of Hurricane Alex will not be needed along the South Texas border." Martin said his team is "in the process of demobilizing and sending it all back."

The Austin (TX) American Statesman (7/1, Ward) reported, "With nasty weather waning, state emergency management chief Nim Kidd says Texas this afternoon will start winding down its disaster-relief efforts in South Texas for Hurricane Alex. Speaking to reporters a few minutes ago at an Omni Hotel briefing in Austin with Gov. Rick Perry, Kidd said some first-responders could begin returning to their bases this afternoon. He expects that most of the state response to Alex - more than 100 buses, ambulances, trucks, aircraft, rescue personnel and disaster teams, among others - will be withdrawn by late tomorrow, so long as local officials no longer need their help."

FOUR COAST GUARD PETTY OFFICERS CHARGED IN SAN DIEGO BAY INCIDENT. The AP (7/2, Spagat) reports, "The Coast Guard filed criminal charges Thursday against four petty officers who were in a patrol boat that slammed into a civilian craft during a Christmas parade on San Diego Bay, killing an 8-year-old boy and injuring five others. The four face charges ranging from involuntary manslaughter to negligent homicide and dereliction of duty. Some charges are punishable by several years in prison upon conviction in military court." The Los Angeles Times (7/2) and USA Today (7/2) also cover the development.

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