

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 Beleal 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 Vladadares 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 Gorroquieta 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-Cabanas, 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, Schlangensteen) 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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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), WBTB-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 Sequin (TX) Gazette-Enterprise (7/2) reports FEMA's "staging area in Sequin 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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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 Ikonic 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-Cabanas, 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 Diamant, 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,' Diamant 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, Schlangenstein) 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."

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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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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 Beleal 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 Gorroquieta 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-Cabanas, 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 Diamant, 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,' Diamant 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, Schlangenstein) 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."

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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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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 Beale 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, KXO-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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Leading the News:

TWO INDICTED IN WASHINGTON STATE PROSTITUTION BUST. The AP (4/23) reports Washington state men Tham

Nguyen and Suong Tran "have been indicted on prostitution and money-laundering conspiracy charges." ICE said they "were arrested Thursday after being indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury in Washington. Court documents allege the defendants owned and operated a brothel in Elko, and three massage parlors in both Washington and California."

The Seattle Times (4/23, De Leon, 225K) reports court documents indicate "the defendants owned and operated three massage parlors in Washington, three similar businesses in California and a legal brothel in Nevada. It is alleged the massage parlors in Washington and California were fronts for prostitution," according to an ICE spokeswoman.

The Highline (WA) Times (4/23) reports, "Investigators allege that beginning in 2007, the defendants recruited women from out-of-state to work as prostitutes and arranged for the women to be moved among their businesses, generating substantial profits. Financial records from the businesses also reveal the defendants conspired to conceal the source and proceeds from the illegal activity, according to charging papers. 'Addressing the exploitation of women, particularly in this manner, remains a high priority for ICE,'" said Leigh Winchell, special agent in charge of ICE's Office of Investigations in Seattle. He said ICE stands "shoulder to shoulder with our law enforcement partners to aggressively investigate and deter this type of illegal activity."

The Lodi (CA) News-Sentinel (4/23, Bohm, 16K) reports, "Nguyen and Tran face charges of conspiracy to transport individuals in furtherance of prostitution, and conspiracy to engage in money laundering, according to the news release. Investigators traced financial records, alleging that the suspects tried to hide the sources of income." The Stockton (CA) Record (4/23, Thigpen, 52K) and Sacramento Bee (4/23, Phua, 257K) also note the indictments.

KOMO-TV Seattle (4/23) reports on its website that the men were arrested by ICE agents, according to spokeswoman Lorie Dankers. KIRO-TV Seattle (WA) (4/23) and KXTV-TV Sacramento, CA (4/23) also cover the story on their websites.

Operational News:

SAN DIEGO BISTRO CASE SHOWS DANGER OF IGNORING "NO-MATCH" LETTERS. The AP (4/23, Spagat) reports criminal charges against the owner and a manager at San Diego's The French Gourmet Inc. "show the perils that employers face when they ignore government notices that workers' names do not match their Social Security numbers." The company "received so-called 'no-match' letters in 2005 and 2006 from the Social Security Administration. Businesses have long complained that the letters lack guidance for employers, but immigration experts say the case underscores that they should be treated as a red flag."

ICE DETAINS SOME AMONG 27 ARRESTED IN MARYLAND PROSTITUTION STINGS. The Baltimore Sun (4/23, Kay, 229K) reports a news release says Howard County Police have "arrested 27 men in two prostitution stings thus far this year." In a bust Wednesday, "police arrested 11 men on Route 1 near Whiskey Bottom Road in Laurel. They also arrested 16 men at the same location on March 19 during another sting." Police said two men -- Camilio Victor Herrera-Castillo and Amador Eulogio Lopez-Rosario -- "were detained by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement for being in the country illegally. Lauro Guebara, 32, of Columbia was detained by ICE on a deportation warrant for failure to appear for removal proceedings."

SOUTH CAROLINA RESTAURANTS REOPEN FOLLOWING ILLEGAL HIRING BUSTS. The Hilton Head Island Packet (4/23, Vachon, 19K) reports, "Less than a month after the owner of Jade Garden in Bluffton and Beaufort and 14 of his employees were charged with being in the US illegally, both restaurants have reopened." Manager Ming Wang said workers "were hired from the same agency where the restaurants' owner, Zi Tong Wang, found employees in the past, including at least some of those charged last month." The Island Packet adds that "charges against Zi Tong Wang and 14 of his employees on March 24 followed a yearlong investigation by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents and the sheriff's ICE Task Force into allegations that illegal immigrants had been hired at the restaurants, officials have said."

ICE PARTICIPATES IN CALIFORNIA GANG SWEEP. The Salinas Californian (4/23, Vijayan, 14K) reports, "More than 200 federal, state and Monterey County law enforcement agents swarmed Salinas" Thursday "in a coordinated effort to take down some of the most influential gang leaders in the region. ... The eight-month 'Operation Knockout' culminated with agents serving more than 40 search and arrest warrants, Salinas police Officer Lalo Villegas said. A majority of the search and arrest warrants were conducted in Salinas, Villegas said, but the operation stretched into cities as far away as San Jose." The Imperial Valley (CA) Weekly-Chronicle (4/23) notes ICE's participation in the operation.

MAN FACING DEPORTATION HAS MARIJUANA CHARGES DROPPED. WFIL-AM Findlay, OH (4/23) reports on its website that Texas man Jose Reyes "who was found with nearly 100 pounds of marijuana in his vehicle has had the charges dropped against him, because of his pending deportation." He "appeared in Hancock County Common Pleas Court Thursday, where prosecutors requested the move. US Immigration and Customs Enforcement is in the process of deporting him, prompting the action."

Policy and Issues News:

EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL LISTS MASK AMONG ITEMS COUNTRY WANTS RETURNED. The AP (4/23, Ilnytsky) reports renewing "his attacks on museums he claims have refused to return artifacts that rightfully belong in Egypt," Zahi Hawass, secretary general of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, said at a preview of a King Tut exhibition Wednesday that "he had a wish list of objects he wants returned. He singled out several museums, including the St. Louis Art Museum, which he said has a 3,200-year-old mummy mask that was stolen before the museum acquired it." Hawass said that last week he had given DHS "all the evidence that I have to prove that this mask was stolen, and we have to bring it back."

DEMOCRATS COULD TACKLE IMMIGRATION REFORM BEFORE CLIMATE BILL. The AP (4/23, Kellman, Daly) reports, "Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, trailing in polls in heavily Hispanic Nevada, wants to pursue legislation to provide legal status for many unlawful immigrants before the Senate tackles a climate change and energy bill and as Democrats defend their congressional majorities ahead of the November congressional elections." According to "two Democratic officials familiar with the developments," Reid "broached the change of priorities during a meeting this week with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi," and the Speaker reportedly told him, "When you're ready with one [immigration bill], we will take it up."

Politico (4/23, Hunt, 25K) reports that the run-up to an immigration debate could "potentially" expose "deep fissures in the party," while "forcing nervous lawmakers to vote on an emotional wedge issue just months before the midterm elections." Pelosi said yesterday, "If the Senate is ready with an immigration bill, we don't want anyone holding it up." According to "a Democratic aide," Reid "is sending his 'strongest signal yet' that immigration reform is next on tap for the Senate."

Hastily Assembled Bill Feared. CongressDaily (4/23, Strohm, Goode) reports on mounting concerns that "Reid might try to advance a hastily drafted immigration reform bill to satisfy demands that legislation is introduced by May 1. Sources said such a move would be disruptive to business and labor groups, which resumed delicate negotiations Wednesday to find compromises on several issues, including how to bring workers into the country to meet labor needs." Business groups were attempting Thursday "to find out what kind of bill Reid wants to bring forward, fearing he may try to advance" legislation from Rep. Luis Gutierrez that "is loaded with provisions backed by liberal Democrats but opposed by business groups."

Graham: Move "Destroys" Chance For Climate Bill. The Hill (4/23, Geman, 21K) reports, "Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) on Thursday said the Senate is not ready to tackle immigration reform and that bringing a bill forward would be 'CYA politics.' CYA is slang for 'cover your a**.'" Politico (4/23, Cogan, 25K) notes that Graham also said "a sudden turn by Senate Democrats to immigration could 'destroy' any hope of a major climate and energy bill this year." Graham "has been working for months with Sens. John Kerry (D-Mass.) and Joe Lieberman (O-Conn.) on a bipartisan climate change bill that could garner enough votes to pass the Senate. The trio is planning to release the bill Monday." The Wall Street Journal (4/23, 2.08M) covers Graham's statements on its "Washington Wire" blog.

CQ (4/23, Stern) reports that as Graham warns of bad timing on a reform push, "immigration advocates are distancing themselves" from the Senator, "saying perhaps it is time to abandon the bipartisan approach and try something else, such as moving a bill crafted by Democrats that might pick up GOP support. The sharp turn in the debate highlights the political and practical challenges that an immigration bill faces in the Senate, despite assurances from Democratic leaders in both chambers that the bill will be a priority."

FOX News (4/23) reports on its website that it remains to be seen whether Democrats can pull off both immigration and climate change legislation, "especially after the intense health care overhaul has many lawmakers still reeling. Still, Pelosi remained confident that lawmakers could move the climate change bill through the Senate." Meanwhile, "Sen. Jeff Sessions, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, asked why Congress would consider immigration overhaul with the economy still in a fragile condition."

Jacoby Says Reform Should Only Proceed On Bipartisan Basis. Tamar Jacoby writes in a Washington Post (4/23, A19, 684K) column that while statements from Reid and Pelosi this week regarding immigration reform are exciting, and "could be a game-changer," they must lead "to a genuine, bipartisan push for an overhaul. A symbolic, partisan effort -- such as introducing a bill that cannot pass -- would be worse than no action at all and could set the cause back for years."

BREWER RENEWS CALL FOR NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS, KEEPS MUM ON IMMIGRATION LAW. The AP (4/23) reports Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer renewed her call "for more troops along the state's border with Mexico on Thursday, two days before a deadline for her to approve or strike down the nation's toughest legislation on illegal immigration." She "ordered a re-allocation of state National Guard and law enforcement resources and called on the federal government to deploy National Guard troops as hundreds of Hispanics protested the bill at the State Capitol complex." She would not

discuss her plans for the state bill Thursday, "but told a dinner meeting of an Hispanic group that she heard and understood concerns about the bill, which the group's chairwoman had condemned minutes earlier as 'a hateful piece of legislation.'"

Capitol Media Services (AZ) (4/23, Fischer) reports Brewer's new security plan "consists largely of moving around funding for existing National Guard units, providing one-time grants for local law enforcement." In a press conference that featured some "railing against the Obama administration for failing to do more" at the border, Brewer said that given the state of the budget, there "actually is only so much the state can do on its own."

Brewer's Office Hears From Bill's Opponents. ABC News (4/23, Khan) reports on its website that the Arizona law "has caused national uproar and could set the stage for court battles over how far states can go when it comes to immigration policies." ABC added that people contacting Brewer's office have weighed in "overwhelmingly against the bill. As of Wednesday afternoon, a spokeswoman said, the governor's office had tallied 1,356 people for the bill and 11,931 against it."

The Arizona Republic (4/23, Rau, Creno, 393K) reports that though Brewer said she wouldn't be "pressured by anybody demonstrating" regarding the bill, "demonstrators flocked to the Capitol to oppose, or in some cases support, the measure that has drawn national attention to Arizona as the country tries to deal with the emotional issue. Most of the protesters - they included about 50 who arrived by bus from California and hundreds of Phoenix-area students who skipped school - were against SB 1070."

NYTimes Accuses McCain Of "Pandering" On Immigration Issues. The New York Times (4/23, A22, 1.09M), in an editorial, criticizes Sen. John McCain for "telling the world he'll never support immigration reform until the border is sealed," and "praising Arizona's Legislature for passing a bill that makes every Latino - citizen or not - a potential criminal defendant." According to the Times, "This pandering is tragic for a man who was one of the architects of the humane, comprehensive approach to immigration he has now disowned -- threatening a filibuster to prevent its even coming to a vote."

NO DEPORTATIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL FIGHT CASE. The AP (4/23) reports, "A 13-year-old boy who faced deportation to Australia after he was arrested for punching a schoolmate and stealing 46 cents was granted a green card, as his American stepfather criticized the San Francisco immigrant policy that had threatened to tear the family apart. The boy and his mother, Tracey Washington, received green cards Wednesday, according to their attorney, Angela Chan of the Asian Law Caucus." The AP says case highlighted the city's "policy requiring officials to turn over to immigration authorities any minor arrested for a felony and suspected of being in the country illegally."

KING, ISSA SEEK EXPANSION OF US-MEXICO BORDER FENCE. Fox News' Special Report (4/22, 6:21 p.m. EDT) reported that Reps. Pete King and Darrell Issa have asked Secretary Napolitano to add to the US-Mexico border fence "while a review of border virtual security measures continues."

MAYORKAS CALLS FOR HELP CONVINCING HAITIANS TO APPLY FOR TPS. The Dorchester Reporter (4/23, Forry) reports CIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas "appealed for help last week as his agency struggles to convince undocumented Haitian nationals living in the US before last January's earthquake to apply for temporary legal status." Addressing a "gathering of immigration lawyers and activists at the John F. Kennedy Federal Building in downtown Boston last Friday," he "acknowledged...that a 'trust' issue may be dulling the anticipated response rate among Haitians. He asked the immigration activists and attorneys present 'to stand together and encourage the community' to apply for TPS recognition."

In Brief:

ICE COOPERATION DISCUSSED AT FORUM IN SONOMA COUNTY. The Sonoma Index-Tribune (4/23, Hansen) reports, "A discussion on the confusing and complicated rules governing just who can legally immigrate into this country, as well as what rights undocumented immigrants have, packed the La Luz Center in the Springs Monday night. The forum was held as a response to concerns over a recent agreement between the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Homeland Security, which regulates Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), in an attempt to crackdown on illegal immigrants."

MAN SENTENCED TO 50 YEARS ON CHILD PORN CHARGES. The Portland (OR) Tribune (4/23) reports former Beaverton man Terance Scott Carpenter "is going to prison for 50 years" for the "production, distribution and possession of child pornography, including use of his own daughter to make many of the sexually explicit images." The Tribune adds that the possession case "grew out of a search warrant executed by agents of the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Nov. 15, 2006, at Carpenter's Beaverton apartment on Steamboat Lane."

Agents seized three computers and several CDs at the time."

NARCOTICS SEIZURES MADE AT GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE. The Brownsville Herald (4/23) reports CBP officers "seized \$704,000 in cocaine hidden inside a minivan at an international bridge. Gilberto Rivera Razo, 25, was arrested Wednesday afternoon at Gateway International bridge and after an investigation by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, court records show." Separately, CBP officers "confiscated \$149,000 worth of marijuana in two different seizures at Gateway International Bridge."

WOMAN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH SHOOTING OF AN ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY. KCNC-TV Denver (4/23, Miller) reports on its website that Elva Caraveo "is under arrest in connection with the shooting of an Adams County Sheriff's Deputy." She "is facing accessory to attempted murder charges." KCNC adds that "Sheriff's deputies and federal immigration agents also took in several potential witnesses for questioning."

LOSS OF JOBS IN ALTOONA TO BE PARTIALLY OFFSET BY ICE JOB CREATIONS. The Altoona (PA) Mirror (4/23, Stephens, Leberfinger, 32K) reports, "The end of a government contract held by an Alaska company will mean the loss of 34 jobs in Altoona, partly offset by the government's creation of nine jobs here." The ICE office "on East Chestnut Avenue near Juniata Gap Road is partly staffed with employees who work for Afognak Native Corp., a subsidiary of Alutiiq International Solutions." Meanwhile, "ICE is adding nine new jobs in Altoona as well as jobs at other locations in the country, ICE spokesman Mark Medvesky said. 'Funding formerly provided to private contracting firms will now be used to fill government positions, thereby saving dollars and promoting efficiency,' Medvesky said."

CHINESE MEN CONVICTED OF SELLING COUNTERFEIT GOODS AT FLEA MARKET. The North Andover (MA) Eagle Tribune (4/23, Bencks, 42K) reports Chinese nationals Peng de Lin and Guo Qiao Lin "have been found guilty of selling fake handbags and other counterfeit goods imported from China at the Grand View Flea Market in Derry. A third man, who faced nearly identical charges, was found not guilty. Their trials followed a two-year investigation by federal agents into counterfeit sales at the flea market." The men "were the targets of an investigation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents that began in March 2007."

MAN FACING SEX ABUSE CHARGES UNDER ICE DETAINERS. The Mt. Airy News (4/23, 11K) reports Wilkes County man Martin Rodrigues Trejo "was arrested on sex abuse charges this week after Surry County officers were called to assist in the investigation of a truancy case involving a student at a Surry County school." Surry County Sheriff Graham Atkinson said ICE "picked up Trejo this week and he is being held under a detainer for deportation. Trejo is allegedly an illegal immigrant. The sheriff said Trejo may be brought back to Surry County so authorities can press charges."

GUYANESE IMMIGRANT'S APPEAL TO STAY IN US REJECTED. CaribWorldNews (4/23) reports Guyanese immigrant Wilfred Johnson "has lost an appeal bid to waive his deportation." He "entered the United States in or about March 1995, without inspection. In February 2003, he married a United States citizen, with whom he has two young children. But Johnson's wife filed and obtained approval of an alien relative petition, which permitted his presence in the United States. After briefly returning to Guyana, Johnson returned and was paroled into the United States in July 2005 as an applicant for legal permanent residence."

Top DHS News:

PROLIFERATION EXPERTS QUESTION ADMINISTRATION FOCUS ON NUCLEAR TERRORISM. The Wall Street Journal (4/23, Johnson, 2.08M) reports that an Administration focus on preventing nuclear terrorism in the wake of last week's nuclear-security summit has some observers concerned that not enough attention is being paid to what they see as a more present threat of chemical or biological weapons. Eric M. Javits, ambassador under President George W. Bush to the Organisation for the Prevention of Chemical Weapons in The Hague, cited a tendency to "concentrate on what's most terrifying, not on what could really happen."

DENT CALLS FOR ADMINISTRATION TO REVOKE AL-AWLAKI'S US CITIZENSHIP. The Philadelphia Inquirer (4/23, Shiffman, 326K) reports Rep. Charlie Dent on "Thursday called on the Obama administration to strip" Anwar al-Awlaki "of his American citizenship." The Inquirer adds, "Dent, a senior member of the House Homeland Security Committee, said Awlaki 'has voluntarily surrendered his citizenship' through repeated acts of terrorism against the United States." Dent added, "This guy is a very real threat."

CONTROVERSY SURROUNDS "SOUTH PARK" EPISODE INCLUDING MUHAMMAD. The New York Times (4/23, C3, Itzkoff, 1.09M) reports on the controversy surrounding the recent episode of Comedy Central's animated series "South Park," which included a satirical portrayal of the prophet Muhammad. The program "was criticized by the group Revolution Muslim in a post at its Web site, revolutionmuslim.com," which said of the show's creators, "We have to warn Matt and

Trey that what they are doing is stupid, and they will probably wind up like Theo van Gogh for airing this show. This is not a threat, but a warning of the reality of what will likely happen to them." The Times notes, "Asked if the F.B.I. was investigating, Special Agent Richard Kolko, an F.B.I. spokesman in New York, said in a phone interview that the bureau did not 'monitor people or groups, we investigate criminal activity.'" Kolko added, "The F.B.I. will investigate threats that occur over the Internet to determine if there is a potential for the threat to be carried out. However, in most cases these are First Amendment issues, and the F.B.I. vigorously defends people's First Amendment rights."

The Los Angeles Times (4/23, Collins, 776K) reports that the show "has mercilessly satirized Christianity, Buddhism, Scientology, the blind and disabled, gay people, Hollywood celebrities and politicians of all persuasions," but "after an ominous threat from a radical Muslim website," Comedy Central "bleeped out all references to the prophet Muhammad in the second of two episodes set to feature the holy figure dressed in a bear costume. The incident provides the latest example that media conglomerates are still struggling to balance free speech with safety concerns and religious sensitivities." The Times notes, "The FBI was aware of the matter, but declined to comment."

"POTENTIAL PERSON OF INTEREST" TAKEN OFF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT TO NEW YORK. The AP (4/23, Fox) reports a man traveling on a flight to New York that originated in Nigeria was placed on a no-fly list midflight and detained during a refueling stop in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Thursday. CBP "described him only as a 'potential person of interest,' who was removed from the flight for questioning." Noting the Nigerian origins of Christmas Day bombing suspect Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the AP cites a US official speaking on condition of anonymity who said the man was a citizen of Gambia, and "was not on the no-fly list when he boarded the aircraft."

NEAL: TSA SET TO ENTER SECOND STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT. Government Executive (4/23, Rosenberg) reports the TSA "is poised to enter a second stage in its development, the Homeland Security Department's top workforce official said on Thursday. 'What it takes to build a 50,000-person agency from zero -- from absolute zero -- is incredibly difficult,' Jeff Neal, chief human capital officer at Homeland Security, told Government Executive during an interview." He "praised the existing performance management system at TSA, but cautioned that it is difficult to develop metrics that reflect the nuances of security work. 'Some things, just by necessity, are zero-defect requirements,' he said. 'Satisfactory is no bad guys on an airplane. Unsatisfactory is one bad guy on an airplane. One failure is a disaster.'"

OFFICIALS SEE SHORTFALL IN TRANSIT SECURITY FUNDING. CQ Homeland Security (4/23, Korade) reports an American Public Transit Association survey of 35 members has found US transit "systems are billions of dollars behind in security investments and need Congress to close the gap." The survey indicated that \$6.4 billion is needed "over the next five years to take care of pressing security needs." Association President William Millar "told members of the House Appropriations Homeland Security Subcommittee at a budget hearing Wednesday that there is a steep difference in the amount of security money transit agencies are authorized to receive from the Department of Homeland Security and what they're actually getting."

NAPOLITANO TO GIVE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AT CEREMONY HOSTED BY OBAMA. The AP (4/23) reports President Obama "will host a naturalization ceremony for active duty members of the military." Secretary Napolitano "will deliver the oath of allegiance at Friday's ceremony."

OIL PLATFORM SINKS IN GULF OF MEXICO FOLLOWING FIRE ACCIDENT. The oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico is continuing to gain major media attention, with much of the focus turning now to the sinking of the Deepwater Horizon and the potential for what a lead story on the CBS Evening News (4/22, lead story, 2:40, Rodriguez, 6.1M) called "an environmental catastrophe." Also in a lead story, NBC Nightly News (4/22, lead story, 2:50, Williams, 8.37M) noted that the rig "sank [yesterday] into the waters of the Gulf...and the first thing a lot of people thought about was all that oil." Reporting on the "new problem," ABC World News (4/22, story 3, 2:40, Sawyer, 8.2M) pointed at "thousands of barrels of crude oil flooding into the Gulf."

Coast Guard Probing Delayed Help Call. The AP (4/23, Mohr, McGill) reports, "A crew member from an oil platform that sank off the Louisiana coast Thursday reported an initial explosion three hours before the rig went up in flames in a second, larger explosion," according to the Coast Guard. "Three hours later, the rig sent an emergency signal that's 'like a panic button,'" said Coast Guard Senior Chief Petty Officer Mike O'Berry. "At the same time, a nearby rig called to report the Deepwater Horizon was engulfed in flames, O'Berry said. The rig did not ask for help during the initial call, but the Coast Guard sent crews after the emergency signal came." Now, "the Coast Guard is investigating what happened during that span."

According to the Los Angeles Times (4/23, Fausset, Times, 776K), "officials warned that the dramatic explosion and fire that sank an oil rig off the Louisiana coast may pose a serious environmental threat if oil is leaking thousands of feet below the surface." Meanwhile, "the search continues for 11 workers missing since the explosion Tuesday," but "the odds of [their] survival...diminished" yesterday. Coast Guard Rear Adm. Mary E. Landry noted that "some of the missing

workers 'may have been in the vicinity of the explosion,'" citing "preliminary interviews with some of the 115 survivors."

The New York Times (4/23, A14, Robertson, Krauss, 1.09M) reports that when the platform "sank," it left "a one-by-five-mile sheen of what the authorities said was 'crude oil mix.'" Acknowledging "the potential to be a major spill," David Rainey, a vice president for Gulf of Mexico exploration for BP, said, "If there is any other oil that's coming from the well, it would be coming from the subsurface, so it would be coming from below the seabed. ... The well was just over 18,000 feet deep, and we don't know from where in that 18,000 feet it would be coming." Also it's not known yet whether "some 700,000 gallons of diesel fuel aboard the rig were now part of the leak."

Bloomberg News (4/23, Carroll et al.) notes, "Oil and natural-gas explorers drilling deeper than the height of Mt. Everest are risking pressure surges like the one this week that may have triggered the deadliest US rig accident in 23 years." Energy firms "are delving 10 times deeper than a decade ago in the search for untapped reservoirs of oil and gas," and, according to Neal Dingmann, an analyst at Wunderlich Securities, "the threat of pressure surges, or blowouts, that can smash steel equipment and create gushing columns of fire increases as drillers probe ever-deeper into layers of rock."

In the meantime, the Wall Street Journal (4/23, A5, Gold et al., 2.08M) reports that environmentalists are taking advantage of the accident. Jim Marston, director of the energy program for the Environmental Defense Fund, "While we don't need to oppose all offshore drilling, those in the industry who tell us there will never be a problem, that they've changed their ways, are way over promising."

Subsea Robot Battling Oil Spill. The London Times (UK) (4/23, Pagnamenta, Goddard, 618K) reports, "A team of engineers using an underwater robot was struggling last night to control" the oil spill, "one of the world's most challenging." According to "Guy Cantwell, a spokesman for Transocean, the Swiss company that owned the rig," the robot, which is "equipped with cameras and remote-controlled arms, was being used to try to activate a device on the seafloor, 5,000ft (1,500m) below the surface, that is designed automatically to clamp shut over the base of a pipe that connects the rig with the seabed."

LAWSUIT FILED OVER FEDERAL PHOTOGRAPHY REGULATION. The AP (4/23, Neumeister) reports the New York Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit against DHS and the Federal Protective Service Thursday, stating "that a vague federal regulation restricting photography has been used inconsistently and is unconstitutional." Photographer Antonio Musumeci, "the only plaintiff in the lawsuit, was arrested as he videotaped a political protest in a public plaza. ... The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages and a declaration that the government acted unconstitutionally against Musumeci, who uses photography to record political speeches and to document police misconduct."

The New York Daily News (4/23, Gendar, 588K) reports NYCLU Executive Director Donna Lieberman said the group understands "the need for heightened security around federal buildings, but the government cannot arrest people for taking pictures in a public plaza."

The Record and Herald News (NJ) (4/23, Firschein) reports Musumeci "is an 'active member' of the Manhattan Libertarian Party, and likes to record political speeches with a hand-held camera, the suit states. He was filming libertarian activist Julian Heicklen, who was protesting outside the Daniel Patrick Moynihan Federal Courthouse in Manhattan on Nov. 9, 2009, it states."

US WORKING TO REDUCE VULNERABILITIES IN CYBERSPACE. The CBS Evening News (4/22, story 5, 5:25, Rodriguez, 6.1M) focused a report in its "Where America Stands" series on the vulnerability of cyberspace, reporting that experts say its "openness...is putting the US in jeopardy." New White House Cyber Czar Howard Schmidt was shown saying that officials are working on "reducing the vulnerabilities." CBS added that the US "is also quietly hiring hackers to learn their secrets."

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TWO INDICTED IN WASHINGTON STATE PROSTITUTION BUST. The AP (4/23) reports Washington state men Tham

Nguyen and Suong Tran "have been indicted on prostitution and money-laundering conspiracy charges." ICE said they "were arrested Thursday after being indicted Wednesday by a federal grand jury in Washington. Court documents allege the defendants owned and operated a brothel in Elko, and three massage parlors in both Washington and California."

The Seattle Times (4/23, De Leon, 225K) reports court documents indicate "the defendants owned and operated three massage parlors in Washington, three similar businesses in California and a legal brothel in Nevada. It is alleged the massage parlors in Washington and California were fronts for prostitution," according to an ICE spokeswoman.

The Highline (WA) Times (4/23) reports, "Investigators allege that beginning in 2007, the defendants recruited women from out-of-state to work as prostitutes and arranged for the women to be moved among their businesses, generating substantial profits. Financial records from the businesses also reveal the defendants conspired to conceal the source and proceeds from the illegal activity, according to charging papers. 'Addressing the exploitation of women, particularly in this manner, remains a high priority for ICE,'" said Leigh Winchell, special agent in charge of ICE's Office of Investigations in Seattle. He said ICE stands "shoulder to shoulder with our law enforcement partners to aggressively investigate and deter this type of illegal activity."

The Lodi (CA) News-Sentinel (4/23, Bohm, 16K) reports, "Nguyen and Tran face charges of conspiracy to transport individuals in furtherance of prostitution, and conspiracy to engage in money laundering, according to the news release. Investigators traced financial records, alleging that the suspects tried to hide the sources of income." The Stockton (CA) Record (4/23, Thigpen, 52K) and Sacramento Bee (4/23, Phua, 257K) also note the indictments.

KOMO-TV Seattle (4/23) reports on its website that the men were arrested by ICE agents, according to spokeswoman Lorie Dankers. KIRO-TV Seattle (WA) (4/23) and KXTV-TV Sacramento, CA (4/23) also cover the story on their websites.

Operational News:

SAN DIEGO BISTRO CASE SHOWS DANGER OF IGNORING "NO-MATCH" LETTERS. The AP (4/23, Spagat) reports criminal charges against the owner and a manager at San Diego's The French Gourmet Inc. "show the perils that employers face when they ignore government notices that workers' names do not match their Social Security numbers." The company "received so-called 'no-match' letters in 2005 and 2006 from the Social Security Administration. Businesses have long complained that the letters lack guidance for employers, but immigration experts say the case underscores that they should be treated as a red flag."

ICE DETAINS SOME AMONG 27 ARRESTED IN MARYLAND PROSTITUTION STINGS. The Baltimore Sun (4/23, Kay, 229K) reports a news release says Howard County Police have "arrested 27 men in two prostitution stings thus far this year." In a bust Wednesday, "police arrested 11 men on Route 1 near Whiskey Bottom Road in Laurel. They also arrested 16 men at the same location on March 19 during another sting." Police said two men -- Camilio Victor Herrera-Castillo and Amador Eulogio Lopez-Rosario -- "were detained by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement for being in the country illegally. Lauro Guebara, 32, of Columbia was detained by ICE on a deportation warrant for failure to appear for removal proceedings."

SOUTH CAROLINA RESTAURANTS REOPEN FOLLOWING ILLEGAL HIRING BUSTS. The Hilton Head Island Packet (4/23, Vachon, 19K) reports, "Less than a month after the owner of Jade Garden in Bluffton and Beaufort and 14 of his employees were charged with being in the US illegally, both restaurants have reopened." Manager Ming Wang said workers "were hired from the same agency where the restaurants' owner, Zi Tong Wang, found employees in the past, including at least some of those charged last month." The Island Packet adds that "charges against Zi Tong Wang and 14 of his employees on March 24 followed a yearlong investigation by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents and the sheriff's ICE Task Force into allegations that illegal immigrants had been hired at the restaurants, officials have said."

ICE PARTICIPATES IN CALIFORNIA GANG SWEEP. The Salinas Californian (4/23, Vijayan, 14K) reports, "More than 200 federal, state and Monterey County law enforcement agents swarmed Salinas" Thursday "in a coordinated effort to take down some of the most influential gang leaders in the region. ... The eight-month 'Operation Knockout' culminated with agents serving more than 40 search and arrest warrants, Salinas police Officer Lalo Villegas said. A majority of the search and arrest warrants were conducted in Salinas, Villegas said, but the operation stretched into cities as far away as San Jose." The Imperial Valley (CA) Weekly-Chronicle (4/23) notes ICE's participation in the operation.

MAN FACING DEPORTATION HAS MARIJUANA CHARGES DROPPED. WEIN-AM Findlay, OH (4/23) reports on its website that Texas man Jose Reyes "who was found with nearly 100 pounds of marijuana in his vehicle has had the charges dropped against him, because of his pending deportation." He "appeared in Hancock County Common Pleas Court Thursday, where prosecutors requested the move. US Immigration and Customs Enforcement is in the process of deporting him, prompting the action."

Policy and Issues News:

EGYPTIAN OFFICIAL LISTS MASK AMONG ITEMS COUNTRY WANTS RETURNED. The AP (4/23, Ilnytzky) reports renewing "his attacks on museums he claims have refused to return artifacts that rightfully belong in Egypt," Zahi Hawass, secretary general of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, said at a preview of a King Tut exhibition Wednesday that "he had a wish list of objects he wants returned. He singled out several museums, including the St. Louis Art Museum, which he said has a 3,200-year-old mummy mask that was stolen before the museum acquired it." Hawass said that last week he had given DHS "all the evidence that I have to prove that this mask was stolen, and we have to bring it back."

DEMOCRATS COULD TACKLE IMMIGRATION REFORM BEFORE CLIMATE BILL. The AP (4/23, Kellman, Daly) reports, "Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, trailing in polls in heavily Hispanic Nevada, wants to pursue legislation to provide legal status for many unlawful immigrants before the Senate tackles a climate change and energy bill and as Democrats defend their congressional majorities ahead of the November congressional elections." According to "two Democratic officials familiar with the developments," Reid "broached the change of priorities during a meeting this week with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi," and the Speaker reportedly told him, "When you're ready with one [immigration bill], we will take it up."

Politico (4/23, Hunt, 25K) reports that the run-up to an immigration debate could "potentially" expose "deep fissures in the party," while "forcing nervous lawmakers to vote on an emotional wedge issue just months before the midterm elections." Pelosi said yesterday, "If the Senate is ready with an immigration bill, we don't want anyone holding it up." According to "a Democratic aide," Reid "is sending his 'strongest signal yet' that immigration reform is next on tap for the Senate."

Hastily Assembled Bill Feared. CongressDaily (4/23, Strohm, Goode) reports on mounting concerns that "Reid might try to advance a hastily drafted immigration reform bill to satisfy demands that legislation is introduced by May 1. Sources said such a move would be disruptive to business and labor groups, which resumed delicate negotiations Wednesday to find compromises on several issues, including how to bring workers into the country to meet labor needs." Business groups were attempting Thursday "to find out what kind of bill Reid wants to bring forward, fearing he may try to advance" legislation from Rep. Luis Gutierrez that "is loaded with provisions backed by liberal Democrats but opposed by business groups."

Graham: Move "Destroys" Chance For Climate Bill. The Hill (4/23, Geman, 21K) reports, "Sen. Lindsey Graham (R-S.C.) on Thursday said the Senate is not ready to tackle immigration reform and that bringing a bill forward would be 'CYA politics.' CYA is slang for 'cover your a**.'" Politico (4/23, Cogan, 25K) notes that Graham also said "a sudden turn by Senate Democrats to immigration could 'destroy' any hope of a major climate and energy bill this year." Graham "has been working for months with Sens. John Kerry (D-Mass.) and Joe Lieberman (O-Conn.) on a bipartisan climate change bill that could garner enough votes to pass the Senate. The trio is planning to release the bill Monday." The Wall Street Journal (4/23, 2.08M) covers Graham's statements on its "Washington Wire" blog.

CQ (4/23, Stern) reports that as Graham warns of bad timing on a reform push, "immigration advocates are distancing themselves" from the Senator, "saying perhaps it is time to abandon the bipartisan approach and try something else, such as moving a bill crafted by Democrats that might pick up GOP support. The sharp turn in the debate highlights the political and practical challenges that an immigration bill faces in the Senate, despite assurances from Democratic leaders in both chambers that the bill will be a priority."

FOX News (4/23) reports on its website that it remains to be seen whether Democrats can pull off both immigration and climate change legislation, "especially after the intense health care overhaul has many lawmakers still reeling. Still, Pelosi remained confident that lawmakers could move the climate change bill through the Senate." Meanwhile, "Sen. Jeff Sessions, the top Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, asked why Congress would consider immigration overhaul with the economy still in a fragile condition."

Jacoby Says Reform Should Only Proceed On Bipartisan Basis. Tamar Jacoby writes in a Washington Post (4/23, A19, 684K) column that while statements from Reid and Pelosi this week regarding immigration reform are exciting, and "could be a game-changer," they must lead "to a genuine, bipartisan push for an overhaul. A symbolic, partisan effort -- such as introducing a bill that cannot pass -- would be worse than no action at all and could set the cause back for years."

BREWER RENEWS CALL FOR NATIONAL GUARD TROOPS, KEEPS MUM ON IMMIGRATION LAW. The AP (4/23) reports Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer renewed her call "for more troops along the state's border with Mexico on Thursday, two days before a deadline for her to approve or strike down the nation's toughest legislation on illegal immigration." She "ordered a re-allocation of state National Guard and law enforcement resources and called on the federal government to deploy National Guard troops as hundreds of Hispanics protested the bill at the State Capitol complex." She would not

discuss her plans for the state bill Thursday, "but told a dinner meeting of an Hispanic group that she heard and understood concerns about the bill, which the group's chairwoman had condemned minutes earlier as 'a hateful piece of legislation.'"

Capitol Media Services (AZ) (4/23, Fischer) reports Brewer's new security plan "consists largely of moving around funding for existing National Guard units, providing one-time grants for local law enforcement." In a press conference that featured some "railing against the Obama administration for failing to do more" at the border, Brewer said that given the state of the budget, there "actually is only so much the state can do on its own."

Brewer's Office Hears From Bill's Opponents. ABC News (4/23, Khan) reports on its website that the Arizona law "has caused national uproar and could set the stage for court battles over how far states can go when it comes to immigration policies." ABC added that people contacting Brewer's office have weighed in "overwhelmingly against the bill. As of Wednesday afternoon, a spokeswoman said, the governor's office had tallied 1,356 people for the bill and 11,931 against it."

The Arizona Republic (4/23, Rau, Creno, 393K) reports that though Brewer said she wouldn't be "pressured by anybody demonstrating" regarding the bill, "demonstrators flocked to the Capitol to oppose, or in some cases support, the measure that has drawn national attention to Arizona as the country tries to deal with the emotional issue. Most of the protesters - they included about 50 who arrived by bus from California and hundreds of Phoenix-area students who skipped school - were against SB 1070."

NYTimes Accuses McCain Of "Pandering" On Immigration Issues. The New York Times (4/23, A22, 1.09M), in an editorial, criticizes Sen. John McCain for "telling the world he'll never support immigration reform until the border is sealed," and "praising Arizona's Legislature for passing a bill that makes every Latino - citizen or not - a potential criminal defendant." According to the Times, "This pandering is tragic for a man who was one of the architects of the humane, comprehensive approach to immigration he has now disowned -- threatening a filibuster to prevent its even coming to a vote."

NO DEPORTATIONS IN SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL FIGHT CASE. The AP (4/23) reports, "A 13-year-old boy who faced deportation to Australia after he was arrested for punching a schoolmate and stealing 46 cents was granted a green card, as his American stepfather criticized the San Francisco immigrant policy that had threatened to tear the family apart. The boy and his mother, Tracey Washington, received green cards Wednesday, according to their attorney, Angela Chan of the Asian Law Caucus." The AP says case highlighted the city's "policy requiring officials to turn over to immigration authorities any minor arrested for a felony and suspected of being in the country illegally."

KING, ISSA SEEK EXPANSION OF US-MEXICO BORDER FENCE. Fox News' Special Report (4/22, 6:21 p.m. EDT) reported that Reps. Pete King and Darrell Issa have asked Secretary Napolitano to add to the US-Mexico border fence "while a review of border virtual security measures continues."

MAYORKAS CALLS FOR HELP CONVINCING HAITIANS TO APPLY FOR TPS. The Dorchester Reporter (4/23, Forry) reports CIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas "appealed for help last week as his agency struggles to convince undocumented Haitian nationals living in the US before last January's earthquake to apply for temporary legal status." Addressing a "gathering of immigration lawyers and activists at the John F. Kennedy Federal Building in downtown Boston last Friday," he "acknowledged...that a 'trust' issue may be dulling the anticipated response rate among Haitians. He asked the immigration activists and attorneys present 'to stand together and encourage the community' to apply for TPS recognition."

In Brief:

ICE COOPERATION DISCUSSED AT FORUM IN SONOMA COUNTY. The Sonoma Index-Tribune (4/23, Hansen) reports, "A discussion on the confusing and complicated rules governing just who can legally immigrate into this country, as well as what rights undocumented immigrants have, packed the La Luz Center in the Springs Monday night. The forum was held as a response to concerns over a recent agreement between the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office and the Department of Homeland Security, which regulates Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), in an attempt to crackdown on illegal immigrants."

MAN SENTENCED TO 50 YEARS ON CHILD PORN CHARGES. The Portland (OR) Tribune (4/23) reports former Beaverton man Terance Scott Carpenter "is going to prison for 50 years" for the "production, distribution and possession of child pornography, including use of his own daughter to make many of the sexually explicit images." The Tribune adds that the possession case "grew out of a search warrant executed by agents of the Department of Homeland Security's Immigration and Customs Enforcement on Nov. 15, 2006, at Carpenter's Beaverton apartment on Steamboat Lane."

Agents seized three computers and several CDs at the time."

NARCOTICS SEIZURES MADE AT GATEWAY INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE. The Brownsville Herald (4/23) reports CBP officers "seized \$704,000 in cocaine hidden inside a minivan at an international bridge. Gilberto Rivera Razo, 25, was arrested Wednesday afternoon at Gateway International bridge and after an investigation by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement, was charged with possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute, court records show." Separately, CBP officers "confiscated \$149,000 worth of marijuana in two different seizures at Gateway International Bridge."

WOMAN ARRESTED IN CONNECTION WITH SHOOTING OF AN ADAMS COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY. KCNC-TV Denver (4/23, Miller) reports on its website that Elva Caraveo "is under arrest in connection with the shooting of an Adams County Sheriff's Deputy." She "is facing accessory to attempted murder charges." KCNC adds that "Sheriff's deputies and federal immigration agents also took in several potential witnesses for questioning."

LOSS OF JOBS IN ALTOONA TO BE PARTIALLY OFFSET BY ICE JOB CREATIONS. The Altoona (PA) Mirror (4/23, Stephens, Leberfinger, 32K) reports, "The end of a government contract held by an Alaska company will mean the loss of 34 jobs in Altoona, partly offset by the government's creation of nine jobs here." The ICE office "on East Chestnut Avenue near Juniata Gap Road is partly staffed with employees who work for Afognak Native Corp., a subsidiary of Alutiiq International Solutions." Meanwhile, "ICE is adding nine new jobs in Altoona as well as jobs at other locations in the country, ICE spokesman Mark Medvesky said. 'Funding formerly provided to private contracting firms will now be used to fill government positions, thereby saving dollars and promoting efficiency,' Medvesky said."

CHINESE MEN CONVICTED OF SELLING COUNTERFEIT GOODS AT FLEA MARKET. The North Andover (MA) Eagle Tribune (4/23, Bencks, 42K) reports Chinese nationals Peng de Lin and Guo Qiao Lin "have been found guilty of selling fake handbags and other counterfeit goods imported from China at the Grand View Flea Market in Derry. A third man, who faced nearly identical charges, was found not guilty. Their trials followed a two-year investigation by federal agents into counterfeit sales at the flea market." The men "were the targets of an investigation by Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents that began in March 2007."

MAN FACING SEX ABUSE CHARGES UNDER ICE DETAINERS. The Mt. Airy News (4/23, 11K) reports Wilkes County man Martin Rodrigues Trejo "was arrested on sex abuse charges this week after Surry County officers were called to assist in the investigation of a truancy case involving a student at a Surry County school." Surry County Sheriff Graham Atkinson said ICE "picked up Trejo this week and he is being held under a detainer for deportation. Trejo is allegedly an illegal immigrant. The sheriff said Trejo may be brought back to Surry County so authorities can press charges."

GUYANESE IMMIGRANT'S APPEAL TO STAY IN US REJECTED. CaribWorldNews (4/23) reports Guyanese immigrant Wilfred Johnson "has lost an appeal bid to waive his deportation." He "entered the United States in or about March 1995, without inspection. In February 2003, he married a United States citizen, with whom he has two young children. But Johnson's wife filed and obtained approval of an alien relative petition, which permitted his presence in the United States. After briefly returning to Guyana, Johnson returned and was paroled into the United States in July 2005 as an applicant for legal permanent residence."

Top DHS News:

PROLIFERATION EXPERTS QUESTION ADMINISTRATION FOCUS ON NUCLEAR TERRORISM. The Wall Street Journal (4/23, Johnson, 2.08M) reports that an Administration focus on preventing nuclear terrorism in the wake of last week's nuclear-security summit has some observers concerned that not enough attention is being paid to what they see as a more present threat of chemical or biological weapons. Eric M. Javits, ambassador under President George W. Bush to the Organisation for the Prevention of Chemical Weapons in The Hague, cited a tendency to "concentrate on what's most terrifying, not on what could really happen."

DENT CALLS FOR ADMINISTRATION TO REVOKE AL-AWLAKI'S US CITIZENSHIP. The Philadelphia Inquirer (4/23, Shiffman, 326K) reports Rep. Charlie Dent on "Thursday called on the Obama administration to strip" Anwar al-Awlaki "of his American citizenship." The Inquirer adds, "Dent, a senior member of the House Homeland Security Committee, said Awlaki 'has voluntarily surrendered his citizenship' through repeated acts of terrorism against the United States." Dent added, "This guy is a very real threat."

CONTROVERSY SURROUNDS "SOUTH PARK" EPISODE INCLUDING MUHAMMAD. The New York Times (4/23, C3, Iltzoff, 1.09M) reports on the controversy surrounding the recent episode of Comedy Central's animated series "South Park," which included a satirical portrayal of the prophet Muhammad. The program "was criticized by the group Revolution Muslim in a post at its Web site, revolutionmuslim.com," which said of the show's creators, "We have to warn Matt and

Trey that what they are doing is stupid, and they will probably wind up like Theo van Gogh for airing this show. This is not a threat, but a warning of the reality of what will likely happen to them." The Times notes, "Asked if the F.B.I. was investigating, Special Agent Richard Kolko, an F.B.I. spokesman in New York, said in a phone interview that the bureau did not 'monitor people or groups, we investigate criminal activity.'" Kolko added, "The F.B.I. will investigate threats that occur over the Internet to determine if there is a potential for the threat to be carried out. However, in most cases these are First Amendment issues, and the F.B.I. vigorously defends people's First Amendment rights."

The Los Angeles Times (4/23, Collins, 776K) reports that the show "has mercilessly satirized Christianity, Buddhism, Scientology, the blind and disabled, gay people, Hollywood celebrities and politicians of all persuasions," but "after an ominous threat from a radical Muslim website," Comedy Central "bleeped out all references to the prophet Muhammad in the second of two episodes set to feature the holy figure dressed in a bear costume. The incident provides the latest example that media conglomerates are still struggling to balance free speech with safety concerns and religious sensitivities." The Times notes, "The FBI was aware of the matter, but declined to comment."

"POTENTIAL PERSON OF INTEREST" TAKEN OFF INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT TO NEW YORK. The AP (4/23, Fox) reports a man traveling on a flight to New York that originated in Nigeria was placed on a no-fly list midflight and detained during a refueling stop in San Juan, Puerto Rico, Thursday. CBP "described him only as a 'potential person of interest,' who was removed from the flight for questioning." Noting the Nigerian origins of Christmas Day bombing suspect Umar Farouk Abdulmutallab, the AP cites a US official speaking on condition of anonymity who said the man was a citizen of Gambia, and "was not on the no-fly list when he boarded the aircraft."

NEAL: TSA SET TO ENTER SECOND STAGE OF DEVELOPMENT. Government Executive (4/23, Rosenberg) reports the TSA "is poised to enter a second stage in its development, the Homeland Security Department's top workforce official said on Thursday. 'What it takes to build a 50,000-person agency from zero -- from absolute zero -- is incredibly difficult,' Jeff Neal, chief human capital officer at Homeland Security, told Government Executive during an interview." He "praised the existing performance management system at TSA, but cautioned that it is difficult to develop metrics that reflect the nuances of security work. 'Some things, just by necessity, are zero-defect requirements,' he said. 'Satisfactory is no bad guys on an airplane. Unsatisfactory is one bad guy on an airplane. One failure is a disaster.'"

OFFICIALS SEE SHORTFALL IN TRANSIT SECURITY FUNDING. CQ Homeland Security (4/23, Korade) reports an American Public Transit Association survey of 35 members has found US transit "systems are billions of dollars behind in security investments and need Congress to close the gap." The survey indicated that \$6.4 billion is needed "over the next five years to take care of pressing security needs." Association President William Millar "told members of the House Appropriations Homeland Security Subcommittee at a budget hearing Wednesday that there is a steep difference in the amount of security money transit agencies are authorized to receive from the Department of Homeland Security and what they're actually getting."

NAPOLITANO TO GIVE OATH OF ALLEGIANCE AT CEREMONY HOSTED BY OBAMA. The AP (4/23) reports President Obama "will host a naturalization ceremony for active duty members of the military." Secretary Napolitano "will deliver the oath of allegiance at Friday's ceremony."

OIL PLATFORM SINKS IN GULF OF MEXICO FOLLOWING FIRE ACCIDENT . The oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico is continuing to gain major media attention, with much of the focus turning now to the sinking of the Deepwater Horizon and the potential for what a lead story on the CBS Evening News (4/22, lead story, 2:40, Rodriguez, 6.1M) called "an environmental catastrophe." Also in a lead story, NBC Nightly News (4/22, lead story, 2:50, Williams, 8.37M) noted that the rig "sank [yesterday] into the waters of the Gulf...and the first thing a lot of people thought about was all that oil." Reporting on the "new problem," ABC World News (4/22, story 3, 2:40, Sawyer, 8.2M) pointed at "thousands of barrels of crude oil flooding into the Gulf."

Coast Guard Probing Delayed Help Call. The AP (4/23, Mohr, McGill) reports, "A crew member from an oil platform that sank off the Louisiana coast Thursday reported an initial explosion three hours before the rig went up in flames in a second, larger explosion," according to the Coast Guard. "Three hours later, the rig sent an emergency signal that's 'like a panic button,'" said Coast Guard Senior Chief Petty Officer Mike O'Berry. "At the same time, a nearby rig called to report the Deepwater Horizon was engulfed in flames, O'Berry said. The rig did not ask for help during the initial call, but the Coast Guard sent crews after the emergency signal came." Now, "the Coast Guard is investigating what happened during that span."

According to the Los Angeles Times (4/23, Fausset, Times, 776K), "officials warned that the dramatic explosion and fire that sank an oil rig off the Louisiana coast may pose a serious environmental threat if oil is leaking thousands of feet below the surface." Meanwhile, "the search continues for 11 workers missing since the explosion Tuesday," but "the odds of [their] survival...diminished" yesterday. Coast Guard Rear Adm. Mary E. Landry noted that "some of the missing

workers 'may have been in the vicinity of the explosion,'" citing "preliminary interviews with some of the 115 survivors."

The New York Times (4/23, A14, Robertson, Krauss, 1.09M) reports that when the platform "sank," it left "a one-by-five-mile sheen of what the authorities said was 'crude oil mix.'" Acknowledging "the potential to be a major spill," David Rainey, a vice president for Gulf of Mexico exploration for BP, said, "If there is any other oil that's coming from the well, it would be coming from the subsurface, so it would be coming from below the seabed. ... The well was just over 18,000 feet deep, and we don't know from where in that 18,000 feet it would be coming." Also it's not known yet whether "some 700,000 gallons of diesel fuel aboard the rig were now part of the leak."

Bloomberg News (4/23, Carroll et al.) notes, "Oil and natural-gas explorers drilling deeper than the height of Mt. Everest are risking pressure surges like the one this week that may have triggered the deadliest US rig accident in 23 years." Energy firms "are delving 10 times deeper than a decade ago in the search for untapped reservoirs of oil and gas," and, according to Neal Dingmann, an analyst at Wunderlich Securities, "the threat of pressure surges, or blowouts, that can smash steel equipment and create gushing columns of fire increases as drillers probe ever-deeper into layers of rock."

In the meantime, the Wall Street Journal (4/23, A5, Gold et al., 2.08M) reports that environmentalists are taking advantage of the accident. Jim Marston, director of the energy program for the Environmental Defense Fund, "While we don't need to oppose all offshore drilling, those in the industry who tell us there will never be a problem, that they've changed their ways, are way over promising."

Subsea Robot Battling Oil Spill. The London Times (UK) (4/23, Pagnamenta, Goddard, 618K) reports, "A team of engineers using an underwater robot was struggling last night to control" the oil spill, "one of the world's most challenging." According to "Guy Cantwell, a spokesman for Transocean, the Swiss company that owned the rig," the robot, which is "equipped with cameras and remote-controlled arms, was being used to try to activate a device on the seafloor, 5,000ft (1,500m) below the surface, that is designed automatically to clamp shut over the base of a pipe that connects the rig with the seabed."

LAWSUIT FILED OVER FEDERAL PHOTOGRAPHY REGULATION. The AP (4/23, Neumeister) reports the New York Civil Liberties Union filed a lawsuit against DHS and the Federal Protective Service Thursday, stating "that a vague federal regulation restricting photography has been used inconsistently and is unconstitutional." Photographer Antonio Musumeci, "the only plaintiff in the lawsuit, was arrested as he videotaped a political protest in a public plaza. ... The lawsuit seeks unspecified damages and a declaration that the government acted unconstitutionally against Musumeci, who uses photography to record political speeches and to document police misconduct."

The New York Daily News (4/23, Gendar, 588K) reports NYCLU Executive Director Donna Lieberman said the group understands "the need for heightened security around federal buildings, but the government cannot arrest people for taking pictures in a public plaza."

The Record and Herald News (NJ) (4/23, Firschein) reports Musumeci "is an 'active member' of the Manhattan Libertarian Party, and likes to record political speeches with a hand-held camera, the suit states. He was filming libertarian activist Julian Heicklen, who was protesting outside the Daniel Patrick Moynihan Federal Courthouse in Manhattan on Nov. 9, 2009, it states."

US WORKING TO REDUCE VULNERABILITIES IN CYBERSPACE. The CBS Evening News (4/22, story 5, 5:25, Rodriguez, 6.1M) focused a report in its "Where America Stands" series on the vulnerability of cyberspace, reporting that experts say its "openness...is putting the US in jeopardy." New White House Cyber Czar Howard Schmidt was shown saying that officials are working on "reducing the vulnerabilities." CBS added that the US "is also quietly hiring hackers to learn their secrets."

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Beth-

The stay has been denied.

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From:
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• Mr.
b6, b7C citizen of Sierra Leone. • Mr.
b6, b7C is facing removal to Sierra Leone. •
Mr.
b6, b7C is married to a U.S. citizen,
b6, b7C who is
b6, b7C and together have a 9-year-old U.S. citizen daughter,
b6, b7C • Mr.
b6, b7C fled violence and instability in
Sierra Leone in 1990, at the age of 18, as the decade-long Civil War there was beginning. • Mr.
b6, b7C was sent to live with
his domineering uncle, formerly a senior diplomat of Sierra Leone, who then forced him into a sham marriage with a teenage girl. •
Mr.
b6, b7C asserts that he entered into this marriage under duress, due to the pressure that was placed on him by his uncle and the fear
of returning to Sierra Leone. He later obtained a divorce. • Mr.
b6, b7C subsequently applied for asylum, but his application
was withdrawn due to poor legal representation. • In August of 1996, Mr.
b6, b7C was ordered removed for overstaying his visitor
visa. • Mr.
b6, b7C fearing for his life, as the war in Sierra Leone was raging, remained in the United States. • From 1997 to 2004,
Mr.
b6, b7C had Temporary Protected Status due to the devastating violence in Sierra Leone. During this period, he met and married
his U.S. citizen wife,
b6, b7C • Ms.
b6, b7C filed a marriage-based immigration petition for Mr.
b6, b7C in 2002, which was
initially approved but later denied due to Mr.
b6, b7C previous marriage that was determined not to have been bona fide. At which
point Mr.
b6, b7C was placed under a Order of Supervision. • in 2005, Mr.
b6, b7C was detained then release to another Order of
Supervision, which he still is under and has never violated. • Mr.
b6, b7C is a well-respected tax-paying professional, with no criminal
convictions, does not present any security risks to the community and has a history of compliance with his orders of supervision. • Mr.
b6, b7C is a dedicated husband and father,
b6, b7C and an active member of his community. • Mr.
b6, b7C is also
a devoted son to his U.S. citizen 73 year-old mother, who survived World War II in a refugee camp in the Ukraine, and won asylum
after narrowly escaping death in Sierra Leone. • Mr.
b6, b7C believes that deferred action status is currently his only hope of remaining
in the United States so that he can continue to support his U.S. citizen family.
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Justice Department Files Lawsuit Challenging Arizona Immigration Law

The Department of Justice filed suit on Tuesday challenging the state of Arizona's recently passed immigration law, S.B. 1070, in federal court. The measure, signed into law by Republican Governor Jan Brewer in April, requires immigrants to carry their alien registration documents at all times and directs police to question individuals they suspect are in the United States illegally. It also makes it a crime for undo ...

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Kansas City Man Sentenced to 10 Years for Receiving Child Pornography

A Kansas City, Missouri, man was sentenced on Tuesday for receiving child pornography. Travis S. Cook, age 37, was sentenced in the Western District of Missouri to 120 months in federal prison without parole. The sentence resulted from an investigation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). In February 2008, ICE agents began investigating an Internet forum with hundreds of members dedicated to d ...

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ACLU Sues Over "No Fly List"

The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a first-of-its-kind lawsuit on behalf of 10 U.S. citizens and lawful residents

who are prohibited from flying to or from the United States or over U.S. airspace because they are on the government's "No Fly List." The ACLU says that none of the individuals in the lawsuit, including a disabled U.S. Marine Corps veteran stranded in Egypt and a U.S. Army veteran stuck in Colom ...
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The Takedown - DEA Intel Aids in Seizure of Fully-Operational Narco Submarine in Ecuador

On July 2nd, Ecuador Anti-Narcotics Police Forces and Ecuador Military authorities, with the assistance of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), seized a fully-operational submarine built for the primary purpose of transporting multi-ton quantities of cocaine. The investigation of the captured submarine and the individuals responsible for its construction is ongoing. One individual was taken into custody by ...
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Movers & Shakers - DS Special Agent Honored With Award for Law Enforcement Public Service

Frank J. Morris, a special agent with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS), has received the Law Enforcement Public Service Award from the U.S. Department of Justice Eastern District of Virginia. The award honors Morris for his investigative work with other law enforcement agencies that resulted in the arrest and guilty plea of a man who conspired to obtain over 100 fraudulent credit and ...
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Case Law Update - Supreme Court Holds That Prisoner Can File More Than One Habeas Petition As Long As There Is An Intervening Judgment After the Petition Was Filed

In a 5-4 decision, delivered by Supreme Court Justices Thomas, Scalia, Stevens, Breyer and Sotomayor, the Court interpreted the meaning of the phrase "second or successive" as it applies to a prisoner seeking habeas corpus relief. Generally, a prisoner is allotted one opportunity to file a habeas petition. The Supreme Court held that an application for habeas corpus does not constitute a "second or successive" applic ...
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Erik,

I wanted to give you a heads up on this quickly-developing situation. We will keep you posted along the way.

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I will keep you posted as to how this plays out.

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OPERATIONAL NEWS

1. DHS Unveils Its Open Government Plan

Secretary Napolitano last week unveiled the department's Open Government plan, leveraging public input to enhance transparency, public participation and collaboration as part of the Obama administration's Open Government Initiative.



"Openness and transparency between DHS and the public are critical to our security mission," said the secretary. "This plan is a critical step towards strengthening public engagement to allow citizens to take a more active role in the safety of their communities."

The development of the department's Open Government Plan, viewable at www.dhs.gov/open, focused on using public feedback to better share important and timely information with federal, state, local and tribal partners, private sector organizations, and individual citizens. In addition, the plan calls for reducing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request backlogs, already decreased by 81 percent over the past four years, by a minimum of 15 percent each year, with the goal of exceeding the government-wide goal of 10 percent annually.

A key component of the plan is the expansion of "Virtual USA," an innovative information-sharing initiative developed in collaboration with the emergency response community and state and local governments across the nation to enhance communication between federal, state, local and tribal first responders during emergencies. DHS launched "Virtual USA" on Dec. 9, 2009, following a successful pilot program.

Read more about the department's Open Government Plan at http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1270662888919.shtm.

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2. Secretary Napolitano Announces Two New Efficiency Review Initiatives

Secretary Napolitano on Wednesday announced two new Efficiency Review (ER) initiatives to cut costs, streamline operations and enhance the department's ability to fulfill its security mission. The secretary made the announcement in a message sent via e-mail to all DHS employees, which is available at <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/news/secretary/Pages/TwoNewEfficiencyReviewInitiatives.aspx>.

The first new initiative involves transitioning to paperless earnings and leave statements across the department to avoid unnecessary printing and mailing costs. In her message to DHS employees, the secretary noted that several DHS components led the way in making the transition to paperless statements, and the Office of Management and Budget now wants to implement the change across the federal government, resulting in an annual cost saving of \$4 million.

The second new initiative will reduce the time and costs associated with the personnel security and suitability processes. In general, this initiative will establish reciprocity of clearances for those coming to DHS from other federal agencies and law enforcement entities, as well as for contractors converting to federal staff. Components are required to begin implementing this and the first initiative by May 14.

Later in 2010, the department will launch additional Efficiency Review initiatives based on suggestions from employees, including those submitted in response to President Obama's first-ever SAVE award. "Once again, DHS is truly leading the way in changing the way the federal government does business for the better," the secretary said in her message. "Thank you for the extraordinary work you continue to do to make DHS a better steward of taxpayer dollars."

Read more about this at http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1270667336512.shtm.

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3. Secret Service Takes Lead In Securing Nuclear Summit



As part of its official mandate, the U.S. Secret Service is the lead agency in providing the design and implementation of the operational security plan for the Nuclear Security Summit at which the leaders of nearly 50 nations will participate with President Obama. The event is being held Monday and Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

Secretary Napolitano declared the Nuclear Security Summit a National Special Security Event (NSSE). The summit will be the 37th NSSE held since the designation was established in 1998. When an event is designated as an NSSE, the Secret Service assumes its mandated role as the lead agency for the design and implementation of the operational security plan.

Security and transportation plans for the summit have been developed by a partnership of local and federal law enforcement and public safety agencies. As with all NSSEs, the Secret Service relies on established relationships with public safety officials and law enforcement agencies at the local, state and federal levels. The goal of the cooperating agencies is to provide a safe and secure environment for Secret Service protectees, other dignitaries, event participants and the general public.

In addition to the Secret Service, a number of DHS agencies are involved in the planning process, including FEMA, the U.S. Coast Guard and TSA. Other local, federal and military partners are also involved.

Read more about this at

http://www.secretservice.gov/press/Nuclear_Summit_Security_Plan_Press_Release.pdf.

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4. Secretary Napolitano Participates in Meetings with European, Nigerian Counterparts

Secretary Napolitano on Friday met with her European counterparts in Madrid, Spain, as part of the U.S.-European Union Justice and Home Affairs Ministerial Troika meeting. While there, she discussed international cooperation to protect against terrorism and transnational crime, and assessed progress made on the joint declaration on strengthening the international civil aviation system.

"We must take collaborative global action to increase information sharing and strengthen security measures to counter terrorists who threaten all nations," said the secretary. "The United States is fully committed to working closely with our European partners to develop innovative and effective ways to ensure our mutual safety while protecting the privacy and civil liberties of all citizens."

In Madrid, the secretary and Attorney General Eric Holder discussed the progress made since the group's last meeting — announcing the completion of the February 2010 Joint Review of the U.S.-EU Passenger Name Record (PNR) agreement, in which the European Commission determined that the United States is complying with the 2007 agreement. While in Spain, the secretary toured the Container Security



Secretary Napolitano and U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder during the EU-US Justice and Home Affairs Ministerial Meeting at El Pardo Palace, Madrid. Photo courtesy of Embassy of Spain, U.S.

Initiative (CSI) operations where she met with CBP personnel at the Barcelona seaport to view firsthand CBP's close working partnerships with Spanish customs officials to protect high-risk U.S.-bound cargo against terrorist threats. The secretary said that the CSI plays a critical role in the department's "ongoing efforts to protect against terrorists who seek to bring harmful devices and materials into the United States through the global supply chain."

On the last segment of her travel abroad, the secretary visited Abuja, Nigeria, meeting with her African counterparts and officials from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to discuss ways to bolster global aviation security. Following her meetings, the secretary remarked, "The attempted terrorist attack on Dec. 25 demonstrated that international terrorist threats must be countered with a coordinated, global response through enhanced security standards, increased information sharing and stronger screening measures. My meetings with our African partners underscore our commitment to working together to strengthen global aviation security measures and better protect the traveling public."

Read more about the secretary's trip to Spain and Nigeria at www.dhs.gov.

5. DHS Key Personnel Announcements

CBP Welcomes Alan Bersin as New Commissioner



DHS General Counsel Ivan swears in Alan Bersin as CBP Commissioner. Photo by Barry Bahler, DHS

CBP employees welcomed the arrival of Commissioner Alan Bersin following his appointment by President Obama last week. In his role, Commissioner Bersin oversees the operations of CBP's 57,000-employee work force and manages an operating budget of more than \$11 billion.

"I believe CBP's strength is based on the diligence, dedication and patriotism of our people. I am delighted to be at the helm of such a superb organization and look forward to getting to work," said Commissioner Bersin.

Previously, Bersin served as DHS Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Special Representative for Border Affairs. In that capacity, he served as Secretary Napolitano's lead representative on border affairs and strategy regarding security, immigration, narcotics and trade matters as well as for coordinating the Secretary's security initiatives on the nation's borders.

Read more about this at http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/news_releases/national/03302010_6.xml.

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6. Deputy Secretary Joins Government, Union Leaders to Advance Labor-Management Relations

Deputy Secretary Jane Holl Lute last week attended the second meeting of the government-wide National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations. The deputy secretary's participation demonstrates DHS's continued support of effective and productive labor-management partnerships within the department and across the federal government.

The deputy secretary is one of five agency representatives on this government-wide council that includes seven union presidents, representatives from the Senior Executives Association and Federal Managers Association, and the chair of the Federal Labor Relations Authority. The National Council advises President Obama on matters involving labor-management relations, supports the creation of agency labor-management

forums, promotes partnership efforts and develops measurements, metrics, and recommendations for suggested improvements.

At the meeting, the National Council certified the DHS implementation plan of Executive Order 13522, which calls for federal agencies to work together with employees and unions to improve the delivery of government services. This plan establishes the DHS Labor-Management Forum, which is chaired by Deputy Secretary Lute. Membership includes components with bargaining unit employees, the Chief Human Capital Officer and the national presidents and DHS union representatives of the American Federation of Government Employees and National Treasury Employees Union. This forum will join with component-level committees to support and enhance the department's mission and promote satisfactory labor relations.

More information about the National Council is available at <http://www.lmrcouncil.gov/>.

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7. Secretary Napolitano Announces Preparedness Task Force

Secretary Napolitano on Wednesday announced the formation of the local, state, tribal and federal Preparedness Task Force, a council of experts charged with assessing the state of the nation's disaster preparedness and making recommendations to the secretary about ways to build resiliency in communities across America.

"Enhancing preparedness across our nation requires close collaboration between all levels of government," said the secretary. "The recommendations of this Task Force — comprised of emergency management and homeland security experts from states, cities and tribes across the country — will help guide our ongoing efforts to ensure the resilience of communities throughout the nation."

The task force is comprised of 35 members of local, state and tribal governments — many of whom have also served within federal government — offering a diverse cross-section of experience in homeland security and emergency management missions. The task force will also engage Congressional partners, as well as the private sector and non-governmental and development organizations through a variety of outreach activities.

The Conference Report accompanying the 2010 DHS Appropriations Act called for a task force responsible for making recommendations for all levels of government regarding, among other things, disaster and emergency guidance and policy. The task force will conduct regular meetings and expects to deliver recommendations in September 2010.

More information about this, including a list of task force members, is available at http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1270649859370.shtm.

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8. DHS Components Participate in PMF Job Fair

Representatives from DHS components participated in the Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Class of 2010 Job Fair from March 30 through April 1 in Washington, D.C. The PMF program is designed to help federal agencies recruit outstanding graduate school students who successfully complete the Office of Personnel Management's competitive nomination and assessment process. Finalists, many of whom have extensive prior experience in public administration, law, technology, science, health, human resources, business and financial management, attended the fair to meet with prospective federal employers.



One of several DHS component booths at the PMF Job Fair. Photo courtesy of OCHCO

DHS anticipates hiring approximately 50 PMF finalists to work in various positions across the department in 2010. "This program is a win-win; it helps build our pipeline of future leaders and provides talent immediately in a variety of pressing fields. The PMF program provides unique employment and professional development opportunities," said Chief Human Capital Officer Jeffrey R. Neal.

During the two-year program, DHS PMFs participate in a four-to-six month developmental assignment, a one-to-three month rotational assignment, formal and informal training, and other career development opportunities to enhance their understanding of the mission of DHS. Upon successful completion of the excepted service program, PMFs are eligible for conversion to the competitive service.

Read more about the DHS PMF program at <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/mgmt/dhshr/emp/Pages/PMFProgram.aspx>.

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9. Special Humanitarian Parole Program for Haitian Orphans to Close

USCIS announced last week that it would provide the Haitian government with a requested final list of orphans being considered under the Special Humanitarian Parole Program for Haitian Orphans. This program, created in response to the emergency in Haiti following the Jan. 12 earthquake, will stop accepting new requests for consideration as of April 14.

USCIS believes the vast majority of adoption requests for orphans who meet the criteria of the special program have already been submitted. Since Jan. 18, USCIS has authorized parole for more than 1,000 orphans under the special program, and as of April 5, approximately 340 cases are still being considered. The unprecedented program included safeguards to ensure that each child granted parole was truly available for adoption and had been matched to a suitable U.S. citizen for adoption.

Secretary Napolitano authorized the use of parole for two specific and limited groups of Haitian children. The first group included children who either had full and final adoptions completed by their U.S. parents before the earthquake and who were legally confirmed as eligible for inter-country adoption by the government of Haiti. The second group included children who were far enough along in the adoption process that both the U.S. and Haitian governments could verify the identity and eligibility of the children for adoption, and the U.S. government could confirm the suitability of the adoptive parents.

Going forward, inter-country adoption cases involving Haitian orphans will again be processed through normal procedures. The government of Haiti has already begun accepting new documents for adoption cases and the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince has resumed regular processing.

More information about humanitarian parole and inter-country adoption is available online at www.uscis.gov/humanitarianparole and www.uscis.gov/adoptions.

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10. Secretary Commends Actions by FAMS on board United Flight 663



Secretary Napolitano on Thursday commended the actions taken by two TSA Federal Air Marshals (FAMS) on board United Airlines flight 633 following an incident involving a passenger from Qatar. The flight was headed to Denver International Airport from Washington, D.C.

In her statement, the secretary said the two FAMS "swiftly responded to a potential threat to passenger safety while the plane was in flight." She added, "These highly trained individuals took appropriate and immediate action to secure the aircraft and communicate the potential threat to authorities on the ground — ensuring that the flight was met by TSA and law enforcement officials when it landed safely in Denver. I spoke to the Air Marshals this morning, and I expressed

my appreciation for their vital service keeping passengers around the world safe from potential threats of terrorism — work that nearly always goes unnoticed. We always treat security-related incidents seriously until verified otherwise, and thankfully this incident posed no actual security threat."

Since the attempted terrorist attack on Dec. 25, 2009, TSA has increased deployments of FAMS on domestic and international flights, along with many other enhancements to aviation security personnel and technology. President Obama's fiscal year 2011 budget request includes \$85 million for increased Federal Air Marshals flight coverage.

Read more about the Federal Air Marshal Service at <http://www.tsa.gov/lawenforcement/programs/fams.shtm>.

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11. NOC Liaison Officer Honored for 50 Years of Government Service

Robert F. "Bob" Killen, who helped stand up the National Security Agency (NSA) watch desk at the department's National Operations Center (NOC) seven years ago, was recognized last week by DHS officials, including Secretary Napolitano, for his 50 years of service in the federal government.

Staff at the NOC celebrated Killen's 50 years of service by presenting him with a poster signed by his colleagues, an autographed copy of his photo with Secretary Napolitano, a letter from the director of the DHS Office of Operations and Planning, and a cake. Killen, who is on detail from NSA to DHS, received accolades from high ranking officials in Maryland, where he is a resident. These came from Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., and Rep. Steny Hoyer, Majority Leader in the House.



Secretary Napolitano met with Bob Killen to congratulate him on his 50 years of service in the federal government. Photo by Barry Bahler, DHS

In his letter commending his service, John Acton, Director of the DHS Office of Operations Coordination and Planning, said, "As a result of your dedication, calm demeanor and expert advice, you have built numerous professional relationships that now serve as the cornerstone of the cooperative relationship between NSA and the Office of Operations Coordination and Planning. Please accept my gratitude for a job well-done in your continued service to the department and our country."

Following the celebration of his 50 years of government service at NSA and DHS, Killen reflected on his most satisfying moments. "Working with younger people in the intelligence community, and helping them upgrade their capabilities so that the next time something happens they are prepared," he said ranks as one of his greatest satisfactions. Killen added that he plans to continue giving guidance to those coming through the ranks of the intelligence community, as he has no plans to retire yet.

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12. DHS Chief Medical Officer Selected for President's Commission on Bioethical Issues

President Obama last week announced that he intends to appoint Dr. Alexander G. Garza, DHS Chief Medical Officer and Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, to the President's Commission on the Study of Bioethical Issues.

The commission will advise the president on bioethical issues that may emerge from advances in biomedicine and related areas of science and technology. It aims to identify and promote policies that ensure scientific research, health care delivery and technological innovation are conducted in an ethically responsible manner. "As our nation invests in science and innovation and pursues advances in biomedical research and health care, it's imperative that we do so in a responsible manner," said President Obama.

The selected commissioners are highly diverse in terms of professional backgrounds, geography and experience. This commission is smaller than previous biomedical commissions to allow for greater interoperability and to facilitate discussion and consensus building.

"I am excited and honored to be considered by the president for this important commission," said Garza. "I look forward to actively participating in the commission on the significant bioethical issues confronting our nation."

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13. ICE Returns Pre-Columbian Skulls to Peruvian Government

ICE returned 12 pre-Columbian human skulls to Peruvian Ambassador Luis Miguel Baldivieso Montano in a ceremony at the Embassy of Peru in Washington, D.C. These ancient skulls were verified using carbon dating and determined to be pre-Columbian human skulls dating from 640-890 AD.

"This repatriation continues a long tradition between our countries of locating, investigating and returning items that are part of the history of Peru," said Gina Holland, Acting Deputy Assistant Director of the ICE Office of International Affairs. "These are irreplaceable and not souvenirs to be sold to the highest bidder. These are priceless pieces of a culture and clues to a region's traditions and history."

Originating from Lima, Peru, the artifacts were concealed within ceramic handicrafts, and discovered after they arrived at the Miami International Airport in May 2003. The consignee never claimed the shipment and it was forwarded to a general warehouse for auction. The purchaser of the shipment notified law enforcement officials upon determining the nature of the cultural property. ICE launched a criminal investigation involving the illegal importation of human remains.

In 1997, the United States and Peru entered into a bilateral agreement that imposes import restrictions on a broad range of archaeological and colonial period materials. The restrictions allow U.S. law enforcement to seize and return such materials if they lack export permits from Peruvian authorities. ICE's partnerships with other federal and international law enforcement partners ensured it was able to secure the skulls and return these cultural treasures to the Peruvian people.

Read more about this at <http://www.ice.gov/pi/nr/1004/100407washingtondc2.htm>.

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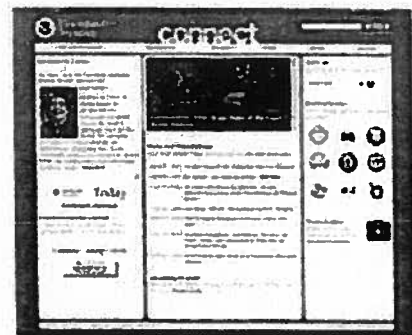
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14. Connect Continues to Bring DHS Together

DHSONline no longer accessible after April 16

Since its launch on March 1, Connect has continued to grow as a common meeting ground for all DHS employees and contractors, offering increasing access to information across the department. Over the past six weeks, components with independent intranet sites have been opening their sites to access by all DHS users and, component by component, employees' browsers have been redirected so that Connect is their default landing page. At present, any DHS employee, contractor, or intern using a DHS computer with the department's security software is able to access Connect by going to <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov>. In addition, users are able to enter the intranet sites of CBP, FEMA, FLETC, ICE, and S&T, with TSA's and OIG's sites becoming available soon.

In a groundbreaking move, USCIS, which has been using DHSONline for many years, has built its new intranet site within Connect. The new site, available today for the first time at <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/USCIS/Pages/default.aspx>, means a large group of users of DHSONline can now access all their internal information at Connect. For this reason and others, DHSONline will be decommissioned on April 16 and will no longer be accessible after that date.



The Connect Team has been receiving many comments and suggestions about the new intranet. The team reads each message and tries to reply within 48 hours — whether the feedback is positive or negative, and is cataloguing requests and suggestions for site improvements so that they can be reviewed and discussed. One frequent request is for team sites, the capability that enables groups to more easily share documents and collaborate within an office, a component, or across the department. This capability will become available in late April or early May, and instructions for requesting a team site will be published on Connect.

The Connect Team has made changes on the home page to address concerns by those who were having difficulty reaching their component's intranet site or other sites they use on a daily basis. For example, components using Internet Explorer 7 or above are able to set browsers to open displaying two tabs. The first tab is Connect and the second can be set to another site the employee uses regularly. Components that are not using Internet Explorer 7 have been encouraging their employees to bookmark the sites they use most frequently as Favorites, so they can access them quickly. And there are multiple ways for users to reach the components' intranet sites: via the Organization → Components fly-out from the top navigation tabs, by clicking on the links of sites open to all DHS users, or by using the dropdown menu below those links.

The Connect Team's goal is to make continuous improvements to the site so that it meets the needs of employees and other DHS users. To do that, we encourage you to send your feedback to the ["Please tell us what you think"](#) link on the home page.

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15. National Volunteer Week Begins April 18

Celebrating People in Action

National Volunteer Week
April 18 - 24, 2010

National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, offers opportunities to thank volunteers for the many ways they improve our communities. This year's theme — celebrating people in action — is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out ways to engage in their communities. DHS employees participate in a variety of community service projects ranging from helping to rebuild communities impacted by disasters to mentoring youth to donating blood.

National Volunteer Week began in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. Since then, every U.S. president, along with many governors, mayors and other elected officials, have signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week.

During National Volunteer Week, and throughout 2010, there are many ways for DHS employees to participate. Make a commitment to serve and visit www.volunteer.gov to locate local volunteer opportunities. More information about the DHS Volunteer Community Service program is available at <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/mgmt/dhshr/emp/Pages/VolCommSvc.aspx>.

"A special thanks to all of the employees who contribute their time and resources to better their communities, not just during National Volunteer Week but for your commitment to service throughout the entire year," said Chief Human Capital Officer Jeffrey Neal.

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16. DHS Internal Cloud Computing Symposium scheduled April 26

The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) will host the department's first Internal Cloud Computing Symposium for its federal personnel and support contractors on April 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the GSA Building, 7th and D Streets, SW, Washington, D.C.

The educational symposium will provide an understanding of cloud computing applications and their reduction of operational expenses through cost savings and efficient use of resources. The symposium will feature the latest solutions for meeting DHS internal cloud computing requirements for enhanced data center operations, including testing environments; automating operational processes; managing capacity; and ensuring security.

James Staten, principal analyst, Forrester Research, will provide the keynote address. Staten provides infrastructure and operations professionals with insight into server-centric issues for best practices on Information Technology (IT) consolidation. Potential solutions will be presented independently by representatives from Novell, Surgient, VMware, and other companies.

Contact CIO-Liaison@DHS.gov or 202-282-9628 to register. Employees are responsible for travel and meal expenses, as well as supervisory approval to attend. Visit <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/mgmt/cio/oat/Pages/default.aspx> for more information about the symposium.

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17. Register Today for the Next *DHS 101: Awareness Forum*

The next *DHS 101: Awareness Forum* will be held April 21-22. Space is limited, so reserve your place today!

This forum provides an exceptional opportunity for DHS employees to learn about the department and its components. The program is ideal for new employees or those looking to broaden their foundational knowledge of the department.

More information on the two-day forum, including how to register, is available <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/mgmt/dhshr/emp/Pages/PrepCenterDHS101.aspx>. Please e-mail DHSUniversity@dhs.gov with questions. **Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations or alternate presentation formats are asked to submit their requests by April 14 to matthew.kauffman@hq.dhs.gov or dhsuniversity@dhs.gov.**

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April 12 – TSA Media Relations Manager Suzanne Trevino participates in a media availability to thank two TSA employees who helped save the life of a passenger by using an Automated External Defibrillator, Phoenix, Ariz.

April 13 – U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Thad Allen testifies about the Coast Guard's fiscal year 2011 budget request before the Senate Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.

Secretary Napolitano receives the 2010 Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medal in Law and delivers remarks highlighting the ways her legal education contributed to her career in public service, Charlottesville, Va.

April 14 – FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate delivers remarks about FEMA's ongoing efforts to coordinate federal, state, local and tribal preparedness and response efforts at the Maryland Emergency Management Agency Annual Severe Storms Awareness Conference, Linthicum Heights, Md.

Office of Health Affairs Chief Veterinarian Tom McGinn participates in panel discussion about zoonotics and food safety at the Food Safety Summit, Washington, D.C.

ICE Assistant Secretary John Morton and CBP Commissioner Alan Bersin testify about continuing challenges posed by Southwest border violence before the House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.

Federal Protective Service (FPS) Director Gary Schenkel testifies about ongoing FPS efforts and initiatives before the House Committee on Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.

U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team Acting Director Randy Vickers delivers remarks about the importance of federal, state, local and tribal collaboration to identifying, mitigating and responding to cyber threats at the Electronic Crimes Seminar, Columbia, S.C.

USCIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas administers the Oath of Allegiance and delivers congratulatory remarks to approximately 1,300 candidates for citizenship during a naturalization ceremony, Oakland, Calif.

April 15 – Secretary Napolitano delivers remarks about the department's ongoing efforts to bolster the security of the domestic and international aviation systems, Washington, D.C.

ICE Deputy Assistant Secretary Alonzo Pena participates in a media availability with the Mexican Attorney General's Office announcing the expansion of the Controlled Substance Program, El Paso, Texas.

NPPD Under Secretary Rand Beers and Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications Greg Schaffer testify about DHS's cybersecurity programs before the House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.

FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate delivers remarks about ongoing efforts to coordinate federal, state, local and tribal preparedness and response efforts at the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness Parish Leadership Summit, Baton Rouge, La.

Secretary Napolitano participates in a media availability to announce the deployment of new Explosive Trace Detection machines at Logan International Airport, East Boston, Mass.

U.S. Coast Guard Director of Reserve and Leadership Rear Admiral Daniel May testifies about reserve components before the House Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, Washington, D.C.

April 16 – Secretary Napolitano joins USCIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas to administer the Oath of Allegiance and delivers congratulatory remarks to approximately 400 candidates for citizenship during a naturalization ceremony, Boston, Mass.

April 17 – Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications Greg Schaffer delivers remarks about the department's ongoing cybersecurity efforts at the Cybersecurity Summit and National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition, San Antonio, Texas.

National Cybersecurity Division Director of Global Cybersecurity Management Dr. Richard Marshall delivers remarks about information assurance and cybersecurity at the Center for Cyber Security and Intelligence Studies' Open House and Dedication Ceremony, Detroit, Mich.

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1. Department's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request Announced

Secretary Napolitano today unveiled the department's \$56.3 billion fiscal year 2011 budget request, which prioritizes efforts to enhance security measures that protect against terrorism and other threats and reflects the department's commitment to fiscal discipline and efficiency.



"Our proposed budget is designed to ensure we have the resources we need to secure America," the secretary said in a press statement. "We are committed to strong fiscal discipline, eliminating redundancy and investing our resources in what works while enhancing security across the board."

President Obama's budget request for DHS strengthens the ongoing work across the department in five major mission areas — preventing terrorism and enhancing security; securing and managing the nation's borders; smart and effective enforcement of immigration laws; safeguarding and securing cyberspace; and ensuring resiliency to disasters. The proposed budget also furthers the secretary's major reform goals to continue institutionalizing a new culture of efficiency and fiscal discipline at DHS. A press release with additional details about the budget request in these areas is available at http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1265049363469.shtm.

According to the department's *Budget in Brief* document, the FY 2011 budget request represents a 2 percent increase over the FY 2010 enacted level. This document also notes that the department will continue to pursue a Balanced Workforce Strategy in three ways: first, by taking steps to ensure that no inherently governmental functions are performed by contractors; second, by putting into place rigorous review procedures to ensure that future contract actions do not increase the department's reliance on contractors; and third, by coordinating workforce assessments across DHS to seek economies and service improvements while reducing the department's reliance on contractors. As part of this strategy, the department will continue to convert contractor positions to federal jobs, the document states.

The full DHS FY 2011 budget request can be found at www.dhs.gov/xabout/budget/.

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2. Secretary Discusses Priorities and Global Aviation Security



Secretary Napolitano answers questions during a press conference. Photo by Barry Bahler, DHS

Secretary Napolitano held a press conference last week in which she discussed the department's priorities for 2010 and efforts to increase global aviation security following the Christmas Day attempted terrorist attack on a U.S. bound flight from the Netherlands. The secretary listed the fight against terrorism as the department's top priority, adding that the fight will focus on the following four areas: protecting air travelers, preventing illegal entry, enforcing immigration laws, and using local law enforcement as a force multiplier.

In her opening remarks, the secretary stated, "the attempted attack on the 25th of December was a powerful illustration that terrorists will stop at nothing to kill Americans, and that counter-terrorism remains our top priority. This administration is determined to thwart those plans, to disrupt, dismantle, and defeat terrorist networks through multiple layers of defense, all working in concert with one another."

The secretary then described the increased international initiative to raise global aviation security. "Last week I was in Toledo, Spain and Geneva, Switzerland, to move this agenda forward. I met with foreign ministers, international aviation officials, and representatives from some of the world's largest airlines, to talk about how

we can collectively strengthen aviation security." The secretary was pleased to find a strong consensus abroad to strengthen international aviation security standards.

In answering a reporter's question about how the department is cooperating with foreign airports to try and improve both physical screening and information sharing, the secretary said, "They are moving to add whole-body images for example, explosives detection equipment, more canine teams, more personnel, greater screening within the airport environment itself." Commenting on information sharing, the secretary said that the department will share portions of a State Department database internationally, "So it, like the no-fly list and the terrorist screening database, is available before somebody boards an airplane, not while they're in flight."

A video and transcript of the secretary's news conference are available at <http://www.dhs.gov/journal/theblog/2010/01/video-secretarys-press-conference.html>.

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3. Deputy Secretary Discusses Strengthening Aviation Security with Canadian Officials

Deputy Secretary Jane Holl Lute last week met with Canada's Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews and Transport Minister John Baird about strengthening cooperation and coordination between the United States and Canada on aviation security and standards following the attempted terrorist attack onboard a U.S. airliner in December.

"The United States and Canada are committed to working with all international partners to improve information sharing and enhance screening procedures while protecting the privacy of the global traveling public," said Deputy Secretary Lute.

"Canada is a full partner with the United States in securing aviation in North America," said Minister Toews. "It is important that we continue to work together to develop and implement effective and complementary measures and standards to ensure the safety and security of our citizens."

In addition, last week the deputy secretary testified about the Christmas Day attempted attack before the House Committee on Homeland Security. Her complete testimony is available at <http://homeland.house.gov/SiteDocuments/20100127100900-30495.pdf>.

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4. USCIS Reaches Out to Haitian Community



USCIS Director, seated in center, with other USCIS

USCIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas visited the Miami Field Office and led a national stakeholder meeting in Florida on Jan. 20 to discuss Temporary Protective Status (TPS) for Haiti. Organized by the USCIS Office of Public Engagement, more than 500 participants dialed in to the national teleconference and approximately 250 South Florida stakeholders attended the event in person.

officials takes questions at the stakeholder meeting in Miami. Photo courtesy of USCIS

Although in town for just one day, Director Mayorkas took time to meet with several Miami Field Office employees who had been directly impacted by the recent devastation in Haiti. Associate Director of Field Operations Debra Rogers visited employees at the Kendall Field Office to express her sympathy and concern for those employees who had family members in Haiti during the earthquake.

Last week, USCIS held another engagement meeting on the Haitian TPS. More than 1,300 individuals attended the meeting and received detailed information about TPS filing procedures and eligibility requirements. Many attendees expressed their gratitude to USCIS for the comprehensive information and their genuine concern for the Haitian community during this time of crisis. During the Jan. 26 session, the audience was encouraged to use the USCIS Web site as the main source of timely and accurate information, and to visit the local USCIS Field Office to seek answers to their questions. The session was conducted in both Creole and English and included a 90-minute question and answer portion.

Overall, the Southeast Region and the Office of Public Engagement have hosted more than 20 Haitian outreach events reaching thousands of Haitians in local communities across the Southeast Region since the director's visit to Miami. Many other offices across the country have held meetings and also participated in and benefited from three Office of Public Engagement-led national teleconferences on TPS and Haitian adoptions. Field Offices across the nation will continue to hold Haitian information sessions to spread the word on TPS eligibility requirements and the application process.

More information about USCIS activities during the Haitian relief effort is available at www.uscis.gov.

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5. Enhanced Screening Begins for Cargo Arriving at U.S. Sea Ports

Secretary Napolitano last week announced that CBP has begun enforcement of the Importer Security Filing and Additional Carrier Requirements interim final rule — significantly increasing the scope and accuracy of information gathered on shipments of cargo reaching the United States by sea.

"Effective homeland security requires strengthening our capabilities to detect and deter potential acts of terrorism at our land, air, and sea ports," said the secretary. "Collecting detailed information about cargo shipped to the United States before it arrives will enhance the effectiveness of our screening operations at sea ports around the nation."

CBP began a graduated enforcement of the rule over a one-year period, which started Jan. 27 and requires importers to provide specific information on their cargo before it arrives in the United States. The Importer Security Filing and Additional Carrier Requirements — commonly known as "10+2" in reference to the data required under the rule — are a result of the SAFE Port Act of 2006, which mandated the development of a regulation to require additional data prior to a vessel's arrival at a U.S. port of entry.

More information about this is available http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1264608972865.shtm.

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6. Information Sharing and Access Agreement Repository Launches

Editor's Note: This article is the third in an ongoing series about Information Sharing and Access Agreements (ISAAs)

Information sharing at DHS took a bold step forward today with the launch of the ISAA Repository. DHS personnel can now access critical information made available by ISAAs with the convenience of a Web-based application.

ISAAs set the foundation of information-sharing partnerships with external entities, and they do not contain operational information but provide the means to access it. ISAAs make it possible to find information from another federal agency or a local police department. The new ISAA Repository collects the department's many agreements and enables searches by keyword, component author, and other terms. Components can access information made available by the more than 400 ISAAs currently held in the repository and use these ISAAs as models when drafting and negotiating new agreements with information-sharing partners.

Housed within the Enterprise Architecture Information Repository (EAIR) Application, the ISAA Repository is testament to the successful collaboration of numerous stakeholders. The Enterprise Data Management Office of the Enterprise Architecture Program Management Office worked with the Information Sharing and Collaboration Branch (IS&C) of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis to build the Repository. Components provide the true value by filling the repository with their agreements and assets, and ultimately, enhancing the information sharing environment.

The EAIR is located at <https://eair.dhs.gov> and available to all personnel with DHS LAN access. Contact the DHS Helpdesk at 800-250-7911 or ITsupport@dhs.gov to obtain a login. Please direct non-technical questions to IS&C at ISAA@dhs.gov.

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7. Crisis Action Team Performs 24/7 Monitoring of Haiti Recovery Efforts

Within a day of the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti on Jan. 12, John Acton, Director of Operations Coordination and Planning at DHS, ordered the stand-up of the Crisis Action Team (CAT). Through its integration with the DHS National Operations Center, the CAT coordinates with interagency partners on the ground in Haiti to provide Secretary Napolitano with the most up-to-date information about rescue and recovery efforts.

Instituted in summer 2006 as a successor to the Interagency Incident Management Group, the CAT is an on-call federal organization that operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to provide national-level crisis action planning, operations coordination, and decision support to the secretary and other senior government officials. In addition to providing decision support for the secretary, the CAT is responsible for maintaining and communicating national-level situational awareness.

"OPS staff and our component and interagency partners have been working around the clock, seven days a week," commented Acton, adding that "a coordinated and integrated response on this scale truly makes this a whole government effort."

Since 2006, the CAT has been activated in support of numerous natural disasters — such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and wildfires — potential domestic terrorist threat streams, special events, and countless exercises.

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8. Key DHS Personnel Announcements

Secretary Napolitano swears in new CNE Director Grayling Williams

Last week, Secretary Napolitano swore in Grayling Williams to serve as the Director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement (CNE). On Dec. 24, 2009, Williams was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to direct

CNE's integrated efforts to coordinate policy and operations to stop the entry of illegal drugs into the United States, and to track and sever the connections between illegal drug trafficking and terrorism.

Before his appointment, Williams served as the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Operations for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Operations Division. In this capacity, he initiated and conducted special studies and projects in the program areas of global enforcement, interagency collaboration, and resource and human capital allocation relevant to the daily function of the DEA Operations Division.

Williams has held several positions within the DEA since 1987— including Special Agent and Criminal Investigator (1987-1996), Special Agent Instructor at the DEA Training Academy (1996-1998), and Assistant Special Agent in Charge, and Chief of the Policy and Source Management Section (2003-2008). Williams earned a bachelor's degree from the University of New Haven and a master's degree from John Hopkins University.

Biographical information about the new CNE director is available at http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/structure/bio_1264193522126.shtm.

Secretary welcomes new CRCL Officer Margo Schlanger

Secretary Napolitano last week welcomed Margo Schlanger to DHS as its new Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

Schlanger will lead the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL), whose mission is to support the department as it secures the nation while preserving our freedoms and equality under the law. CRCL reviews, evaluates, and provides advice relating to a wide range of technical, legal, and policy issues; investigates and resolves complaints filed by members of the public regarding departmental policies or actions; leads the department's Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity programs; and builds stronger relationships with communities affected by these efforts.

Schlanger is a leading authority on prisons and prisoner litigation. She has testified about prison reform before Congress and the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission. Schlanger brings to the department expertise in constitutional law and civil rights. Before her appointment, she was a Professor of Law at the University of Michigan where her research and teaching focused on civil rights, tort, prisons, and equal employment litigation. She earned her J.D. and her bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, from Yale University; while at Yale, she served as Book Reviews Editor of the Yale Law Journal and received the Vinson Prize.

More information about the new CRCL Officer is available at http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/structure/bio_1264628078956.shtm.

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9. USCIS Field Office Director Goes the Extra Mile in Haiti ***Earns the attention and gratitude of thousands of Haitians***

Pius Bannis, a U.S. citizen born in Dominica and educated in the United States has a resume that would impress anyone. However, his most recent job experience as the Field Office Director in Port au Prince for USCIS, has earned him the attention and gratitude of thousands of Haitians and their families in the United States.



USCIS Field Office Director Pius Bannis offers assistance in Port au Prince. Photo courtesy of USCIS

When the 7.0 magnitude earthquake shook the tiny Caribbean nation of Haiti, Bannis and USCIS Overseas Adjudications Officer Marrie Brierre were the only two USCIS employees on the ground. Within days of the earthquake, Brierre was ordered to evacuate from the Embassy, along with many other staff due to the lack of food and water in the Embassy. While no USCIS employees were injured in the quake, the agency was deeply saddened by the losses suffered by foreign service national staff members.

As Field Office Director, Bannis' normal responsibilities include reviewing and adjudicating petitions for U.S. citizens seeking to bring orphans in Haiti into loving homes. After the earthquake, U.S. citizens who had adopted children in Haiti or were in the process of adopting children in Haiti, but had not completed all the necessary requirements, were desperate to bring their children to safety in the United States. Even before Secretary Napolitano authorized the exercise of parole authority for two categories of Haitian orphans, Bannis was working around the clock to review files and identify any cases that might be ready for a visa issuance. As soon as the secretary's decision was issued, Pius worked 20-hour days, as orphanages across the country

sought help from USCIS for those children in their custody who were already in process for U.S. adoptions prior to the earthquake.

For nearly three weeks, Bannis has worked non-stop to process requests from orphanages, assisted individuals in need of urgent medical care or medical evacuation, provided comfort and support to his colleagues as they bury their loved ones and recover from the loss of their homes. He has slept in his office for about four hours each night before waking up to help more people.

More than 100 children at a time come through the waiting room at the Consular Office at the U.S. Embassy in Haiti — some screaming and crying as they look around and cannot identify a familiar face in sight. Others breathe a sigh of relief as they enjoy the food and water USCIS provides for them while they wait. Each one of these children has a story to tell, and they can thank Field Office Director Bannis for going beyond his official responsibilities and giving their stories a happy ending as many begin new lives as Americans.

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10. ICE Announces Results of Project Big Freeze

476 gang members, associates, other criminals arrested

ICE last week announced the arrests of 476 gang members, associates and other criminals. Agents seized 47 firearms as part of Project Big Freeze, an intensive ICE-led law enforcement operation executed in 83 cities across the country focusing on gangs with ties to drug trafficking organizations.

Through Project Big Freeze, ICE agents worked side-by-side with federal, state, and local law enforcement partners in a coordinated national initiative against transnational criminal street gangs in the United States. Transnational street gangs have significant numbers of foreign-national members and are frequently involved in human smuggling and trafficking; narcotics smuggling and distribution; identity theft and benefit fraud; money laundering and bulk cash smuggling; weapons smuggling and arms trafficking; cyber crimes; export violations; and other crimes with a nexus to the border.

"Project Big Freeze is the largest nationwide ICE-led enforcement operation targeting transnational gangs with ties to drug trafficking organizations," said ICE Assistant Secretary John Morton. "Through gang enforcement operations like Project Big Freeze, ICE continues to target and dismantle transnational gangs to rid our streets not only of drug dealers, but the violence associated with the drug trade."

Of the 476 arrests, 207 were arrested for criminal offenses and face prosecution for various federal and state crimes, including narcotics smuggling and distribution, firearms violations, identity theft, aggravated assault, obstruction, entry without inspection, and re-entry after deportation. In addition, ICE agents arrested another 41 individuals on administrative immigration violations. Of all those arrested, 151 were U.S. citizens and 366 were foreign nationals and face deportation now or when their criminal prosecution is complete.

More information about this is available at <http://www.ice.gov/pi/nr/1001/100127washingtondc.htm>.

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11. Employees Give Back on Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

DHS employees across the country participated in the 2010 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on Jan. 18 by turning the "day off" into a "day on" for service in honor of Dr. King.



Some helped the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force perform their search and rescue and disaster relief operations by assembling 1,000 personal first aid kits, while others spent the day fixing up a public school.

Additional volunteer service opportunities are available to DHS employees year-round. Visit www.serve.gov or the DHS volunteer community service Web site at <https://dhsonline.dhs.gov/portal/jhtml/dc/sf.jhtml?doid=55000> for more information.

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12. DHS Hires Cybersecurity Talent through Simplified Process

Managers make offers after interviewing more than 100 candidates from across country

A streamlined federal hiring process, combined with cross-department collaboration, helped DHS recruit and hire cybersecurity talent through the first DHS Cybersecurity Virtual Job Fair and subsequent Cybersecurity Invitation-Only Interview Fair on Jan. 22-23.

Coordinated by the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer, the cyber fair was the first of its kind, using a collaborative hiring approach for mission-critical occupations in addition to providing applicants with a streamlined experience. Candidates began the application process via the Cybersecurity Virtual Job Fair Web portal, and based on eligibility, were asked to participate in the Cybersecurity Invitation-Only Interview Fair where they received tentative job offers, were fingerprinted, and began the security process in partnership with onsite staff from the Office of the Chief Security Officer.

The overall results of this centralized hiring approach include more than 23,000 Web site visitors and 4,700 applications, of which nearly 1,000 met eligibility requirements. Of those qualified, hiring managers invited more than 100 candidates from across the country to the interview fair. So far, 20 job offers have been extended with more expected in the coming weeks.

By using a virtual Web portal through which candidates could apply for multiple positions with a single resume upload, DHS was able to simplify the application process and shorten time-to-hire. For more information about the cybersecurity special hiring authority, contact Erin Hayes at erin.hayes@hq.dhs.gov.

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13. Supervisory TSO Exhibits TSA's Spirit of Goodwill



Supervisory TSO John Hart. Photo courtesy of TSA

Supervisory Transportation Security Officer John Hart at Phoenix Sky Harbor International saved a family member's life when he donated his kidney last year. His sister-in-law needed a kidney after hers started to fail in late 2008, and her health began to decline.

Hart, who has been with TSA since 2002, said that after losing his father to cancer and his brother to a suicide, he wanted "a chance to make a difference" when his sister-in-law "needed someone to help her out."

For seven months in 2009, Hart underwent numerous screening tests to ensure he was physically capable of donating a kidney and that his tissue type and immune system match his sister-in-law's. On the day of surgery, he told her: "Tag, you're it." They both laughed. The following morning, she walked into his hospital room with a big grin on her face and said, "Tag, you're it, John." At that moment, he says, when he looked in her eyes, "it made everything worth it for me."

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14. 2009 Annual Employee Survey Results Coming Soon

Employee feedback is essential in helping managers and senior leaders assess organizational resilience. Permanent civilian employees onboard as of July 30 were asked to complete the department's annual employee survey by Dec. 21, 2009

The findings from the annual survey are leveraged to address employee issues and hone policies for improving department performance. Results will also be used to gauge employee attitudes in a number of areas, including leadership, performance culture, personal work experiences and job satisfaction, and allow the department to track progress in these areas year after year.

Survey data is currently being tabulated, and results will be announced soon. Beginning in mid-February, the Office of Personnel Management will invite a select group of DHS employees to participate in a government-wide employee survey.

Additional information about the 2009 Annual Survey is available at <https://dhsonline.dhs.gov/portal/jhtml/dc/sf.jhtml?doid=109045>.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 1 – Secretary Napolitano participates in the Super Bowl XLIV Security press conference featuring members of national and local law enforcement and NFL security, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Feb. 2 – Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications Greg Schaffer delivers remarks about the department's cybersecurity efforts at the Black Hat Briefings, Arlington, Va.

Science & Technology Directorate (S&T) Command, Control & Interoperability Division Director Dr. David Boyd delivers remarks about the Virtual USA initiative at the 11th Annual Technologies for Critical Incident Preparedness Conference and Expo, Philadelphia, Pa.

Feb. 3 – FEMA Response and Recovery Associate Administrator William Carwile testifies about FEMA's urban search and rescue program in Haiti before the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, Washington, D.C.

S&T Deputy Under Secretary Bradley Buswell testifies about the department's continued efforts to develop the next generation of screening technologies before the House Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, Washington, D.C.

Feb. 4 – ICE Office of Investigations Deputy Assistant Director Janice Ayala testifies about funds from Politically Exposed Persons, suspected of being proceeds of foreign corruption, before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Washington, D.C.

Under Secretary for Management Elaine Duke testifies about the department's official travel policies before the House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, Washington, D.C.

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Petty Officer 2nd Class Jose Estrada rushes an injured Haitian girl to an awaiting Coast Guard HH-60 Jayhawk helicopter. Photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Brandyn Hill, USCG

1. DHS Participates in Humanitarian Relief Effort in Haiti

DHS and its components continue to aid in the disaster recovery efforts in Haiti following the recent earthquake, which devastated the island nation and created a large-scale humanitarian relief effort.

The Coast Guard is supporting the massive relief effort in Haiti by providing humanitarian assistance to Haitian survivors, evacuating critically injured Haitian citizens, and evacuating U.S. citizens from Haiti. Below is a brief summary of actions taken by other DHS components in response to the earthquake devastation in Haiti:

- ICE has facilitated the evacuation of orphaned children who have been granted humanitarian parole to enter the United States on a temporary basis.
- FEMA has been providing support to USAID as requests for supporting assets have come in, including the activation of several Urban Search and Rescue teams deployed to Haiti.
- CBP has been providing assistance through its Air and Marine

operations and in other capacities.

- TSA personnel at the Orlando Sanford International Airport transitioned to a 24-hour operation to accommodate the approximately 1,400 evacuees from Haiti who have been flown in by transport aircraft.



At the Orlando Sanford International Airport, Security Training Instructor Dicy Peppers helps an elderly Haitian woman with her luggage. Photo by Mary Jo Gavin, TSA

Secretary Napolitano last week authorized the activation of Reserve Coast Guard personnel to support the efforts in Haiti. This will bolster the more than 500 Coast Guard personnel already serving in Haiti in support of the relief and recovery effort.

In a message to employees on Friday, the secretary said, "As DHS employees, many of you are already contributing to the response effort. In addition to everything that the U.S. Government and our international partners are doing, the success of the ongoing recovery effort will continue to rely in large part on the generosity of individual citizens." The secretary announced that a special fundraising effort across the federal government has been established to support Haiti recovery efforts. The secretary's complete message is available at <https://dhsonline.dhs.gov/portal/jhtml/dc/sf.jhtml?doid=131272>

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2. Secretary Napolitano Testifies about Attempted Terrorist Attack



From left, testifying are National Counterterrorism Center Director Michael Leiter, Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair, and Secretary Napolitano. Photo by Barry Bahler, DHS

Secretary Napolitano testified on Wednesday before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs about the Dec. 25 attempted terrorist attack aboard Northwest Flight 253. The secretary testified along with Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair and National Counterterrorism Center Director Michael Leiter. Later in the day, the secretary testified again about the attempted attack before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation.

In written testimony before the committee, the secretary said that the terrorist suspect from Nigeria "should never have been able to board a U.S.-bound plane with the explosive PETN on his person." The secretary told the committee members that DHS is "focused on improving aviation screening and expanding our international partnerships to guard against a similar type of attack happening again." She advised that "we must move as aggressively as possible both to find and fix security flaws and anticipate future vulnerabilities in all sectors."

In her testimony, the secretary described the department's "aggressive international program designed to raise international standards for airports and air safety." As part of this effort, after testifying last week, the secretary left for Spain and Switzerland to meet with European Union counterparts and global airline industry leaders in the first of a series of meetings to improve global aviation security standards and procedures. Earlier this month, senior leaders from the department traveled to countries around the world to meet with government leaders and major international airport executives to discuss aviation security matters.

The secretary's written testimony before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs committee is available at http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/testimony/testimony_1264015592011.shtml.

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3. Secretary Discusses Enhancing Aviation Security Measures, Standards with Europeans

Secretary Napolitano last week met with members of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) in Geneva as part of the department's ongoing efforts to work with the airline industry to meet both international and TSA security standards.

"Effective aviation security relies upon close coordination between airlines, government, and law enforcement to identify, deter, and disrupt threats," said Secretary Napolitano. "I am committed to working closely with the airline industry and my international counterparts to strengthen global aviation security standards for passengers traveling to the United States and around the world."

The secretary's trip began in Toledo, Spain, where she met with her European counterparts to discuss ways to strengthen international aviation security standards. "Yesterday, my European counterparts and I reached consensus on a way forward to strengthen the international civil aviation system through enhanced information collection and sharing, cooperation on technological development, and modernized aviation security standards," said Napolitano. She then traveled to Geneva, Switzerland, where she met with airline industry leaders to discuss methods for enhancing aviation security.

The secretary also emphasized the Obama administration's commitment to strengthening information sharing about terrorists and other dangerous people with international partners. In 2009, DHS worked with the Justice, and State departments to forge agreements with Greece, Italy, Spain, and Portugal to prevent and combat crime. These agreements allow for the exchange of biometric and biographic data to bolster counterterrorism and law enforcement efforts while ensuring privacy protections.

More about the secretary's trip to Spain and Switzerland is available at <http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/>.

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4. Key DHS Personnel Announcements

FEMA Administrator Fugate applauds President Obama's appointments of regional administrators

FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate applauded President Obama's appointments of Lynn Gilmore Canton and Beth A. Freeman as FEMA Regional Administrators for Region II, which encompasses New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and Region VII, which encompasses Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska, respectively.

"Regional administrators are crucial to our ability to respond effectively to emergencies based on the needs of the communities we serve," said Fugate. "Lynn Canton and Beth Freeman are experienced emergency managers and dedicated public servants whose knowledge of their regions makes them uniquely qualified to help lead our efforts."

Canton brings a long history with FEMA to her new position. She served as Regional Director for Region II from 1995-2000, when she transitioned to Washington, D.C., to serve as the agency's executive director. Most recently, she worked to ensure transparency and accountability as the deputy comptroller for the New York State Division of State Government Accountability. She holds master's and bachelor's degrees from the State University of New York at Albany.

Freeman has also served FEMA in the past as the Director for Region VII in 2000. She gained a deep understanding of Region VII in her 18 years working for U.S. Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa, during which time she worked as the Senator's Regional Director and managed operations for six Iowa offices. Freeman holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Hawaii and a bachelor's degree from Drake University.

Additional information about this is available at <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=50238>.

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5. Eleven Countries Designated Eligible for Nonimmigrant Visa Programs

Secretary Napolitano last week designated 11 countries as eligible to participate in the H-2A and H-2B nonimmigrant visa programs, which allow U.S. employers to bring foreign nationals to the United States to fill temporary or seasonal jobs for which U.S. workers are not available.

The 11 newly designated countries — Croatia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Ireland, Lithuania, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Serbia, Slovakia, and Uruguay — join 28 countries previously designated as eligible to participate in these programs.

The initial lists of participating countries for the H-2A and H-2B programs — published in December 2008 — expired on Jan. 17 and 18, respectively. After consulting with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Secretary Napolitano determined that the 11 newly designated countries meet the standards required for participation in the H-2A and H-2B programs.

More information about this is available http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1264197311110.shtm.

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6. CBP Officer Offers Familiar Language and Solace to Earthquake Evacuees

For Haitian earthquake evacuees arriving at Orlando Sanford International Airport, hearing one of their own speaking to them in Creole is a welcome comfort. Haitian-American CBP Officer Roberto Baptiste is just the man for the job.

"When they hear that language...it gives them warmth to hear someone speaking their language that is here to help them," Baptiste said. Baptiste himself has not been in the United States that long. He grew up in Haiti, arriving here in 2001. He later earned a bachelor's degree in international relations from the University of Western Florida and became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 2007. In 2008, he became a CBP officer assigned in Orlando.

Baptiste feels proud to serve CBP and is thankful that he got the opportunity to finish his education in the United States. "It's a unique position that you get to do so much with one agency," Baptiste said, indicating that in addition to serving as a CBP officer, he also serves as a firearms instructor and provides translation in Creole when needed.



CBP Officer Roberto Baptiste. Photo courtesy of CBP

The CBP officer expressed his amazement and gratitude for the outpouring of support that the world has shown so far to provide relief to the Haitian people. "So many countries have come together to help Haiti. It's unheard of to see that type of support so quickly," he said. "It makes it seem like there is a light at the end of tunnel for the Haitian people."

Additional information is available at http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/highlights/haiti_relief/baptiste.xml.

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7. DHS Surpasses Fundraising Goal for 2009 CFC/NCA



DHS has exceeded its goal for the 2009 Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area (CFC/NCA). The department set a goal of \$3.4 million in employee donations. With a final push during the closing week by coordinators, keyworkers, and volunteers from across the department, DHS surpassed its goal with reported donations totaling more than \$3.6 million in employee pledges and donations. The efforts of the CFC volunteers and the generosity of the National Capital Area workforce

made the 2009 campaign the most successful one to date.

DHS has a strong history of supporting the CFC as one of the largest agencies in the National Capital Area, and continued this tradition during the first year under Secretary Napolitano. The CFC provides funding for much-needed services throughout the local, national, and international community. The CFC/NCA supports over 4,000 qualifying charity organizations through the donations of federal employees.

"The success of this year's CFC is due to the overwhelming generosity of our DHS workforce," said DHS General Counsel Ivan Fong, this year's CFC/NCA chair. "I also want to recognize and give thanks to the CFC coordinators and volunteers who made this campaign possible. I am proud to be a part of Secretary

Napolitano's first CFC campaign, and I look forward to continuing the department's strong tradition of generosity and support for our communities."

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8. ICE Agents Remove Bosnian to Face Genocide Charges

A former Bosnian-Serb commander in the wartime Special Police Forces was removed from the United States last week by ICE agents in order to face genocide related charges in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Nedjo Ikonic, formerly of Milwaukee, Wis., came into ICE custody after completing a one-year sentence in federal prison after it was determined that he had been the commander of a police unit involved in a genocide that occurred in Srebrenica in July 1995. Ikonic's arrest was the result of a transnational investigation undertaken by ICE with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Milwaukee. To establish Ikonic's activities during the 1992-95 conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina, ICE worked with international war crimes investigators from the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, and investigators from the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia-Herzegovina in Sarajevo.

"ICE 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," said ICE Assistant Secretary John Morton. "We will not relent in our efforts to ensure that human rights violators are brought to justice and removed from our communities."

After completing his sentence on Dec. 31, 2009, Ikonic was returned to ICE custody and held at the El Paso Processing Center in El Paso, Texas pending his removal. He was then escorted by ICE agents to Sarajevo, where he was turned over to the Bosnia and Herzegovina Border Police.

More information about this is available at <http://www.ice.gov/pi/nr/1001/100120washingtondc.htm>.

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9. Coast Guard Academy Maintains International Business Accreditation

The U.S. Coast Guard Academy has maintained its business accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Founded in 1916, AACSB International is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees in business and accounting.

Only 579 schools of business, or less than 5 percent worldwide, have earned this distinguished hallmark of excellence in management education. To maintain accreditation, a business program must undergo a rigorous internal review every five years, at which the program must demonstrate its continued commitment to the 21 quality standards relating to faculty qualification, strategic management of resources, interactions of faculty and students, as well as a commitment to continuous improvement, and achievement of learning goals in degree programs.

The Coast Guard Academy is currently the smallest undergraduate program worldwide to be accredited by the AACSB. "We are very excited to once again be accredited by the AACSB. It could not have happened without the hard work and dedication of our faculty. I also want to thank the dean and our students for their support in this effort," said Capt. Paul Szwed, the Academy's Management Department Head.

The achievement will be recognized in April at the 2010 AACSB International Conference and Annual Meeting in Anaheim, Calif.

More about this is available at <http://www.piersystem.com/go/doc/2487/458859/>.

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10. DHS Office Offers Section 508 Awareness Training

The DHS Office of Accessible Systems & Technology (OAST) is offering Section 508 awareness training in Section 508 law, document accessibility, and Web site and software compliance testing. These courses are offered in online, classroom, and hands-on formats.

OAST trainings can assist all employees, document developers, Web and application developers, and testers, not only become knowledgeable about Section 508 requirements but to ensure that all documents and/or applications and Web sites are Section 508 compliant. Available course offerings include:

- **Introduction to Section 508** - (classroom/lecture)
- **Creating Accessible PDF Documents Using Adobe Acrobat & Using Common Look to Make Complex Documents 508 Compliant** - (hands-on, lecture/demonstration)
- **Web Accessibility Testing** - (hands-on)
- **Application Testing Process & Tools** - (hands-on)
- **Accessibility Testing Techniques Using JAWS** - (online)
- **Creating Accessible Document Structure in Microsoft Word 2003** - (online)

Seating is limited. All prospective attendees are encouraged to contact OAST via the DHS Accessibility Helpdesk at 202-447-0440 or at accessibility@dhs.gov.

Additional information about the 2010 Section 508 trainings is available at <https://dhsonline.dhs.gov/portal/jhtml/dc/sfi.jhtml?doid=120671>.

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Jan. 25 – Office of Health Affairs Medical Readiness Associate Chief Medical Officer Dr. Til Jolly testifies at a field hearing about disaster preparedness within the medical community before the House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, Danville, Pa.

Jan. 27 – Deputy Secretary Jane Holl Lute testifies about the department's ongoing efforts to enhance and improve security following the attempted terrorist attack on Northwest Flight 253 before the House Committee on Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.

Jan. 28 – Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications Greg Schaffer participates in a roundtable discussion about current federal cybersecurity initiatives and best practices at a Federal Executive Forum on cybersecurity hosted by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, Washington, D.C.

U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Thad Allen participates in a media availability about counterdrug operations in the United States and the ongoing, multiagency efforts to interdict and prosecute criminals involved in these operations, Clearwater, Fla.

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From: Ragsdale, Daniel H
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2010 11:35 AM
To: Gibson, Beth N; Barnett, Erik; Barr, Suzanne E; [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Cc: Moran, Walter A
Subject: Daily brief

From today's meeting

1. NYT Time story on 2007 detainee death – A/S response being vetted. OPA continues to monitor
2. A/S in Phx next week. Editorial roundtable planned
3. No press planned for this week's trip
4. VSP briefing today. Matt King lead
5. S1 testifying on 1/20. ICE input TBD.
6. DHS Policy meeting next week. Haitian non-criminal removals on hold per DHS Plcy. Cullen getting TP's together. Deferred action also an issue
7. SAC Philly human trafficking SW today
8. [REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 11:53 AM
To: [REDACTED] Ragsdale, Daniel H; Gibson, Beth N; Barnett, Erik; Moran, Walter A; [REDACTED] Barr, Suzanne E; [REDACTED] Pavlik-Keenan; Catrina M
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Daily Brief - July 22

OPLA: Restructuring of OPLA divisions takes effect August 30

HSI: SAC Seattle was asked by Idaho State Police to grant deferred action for a witness in June; granted; that witness was arrested for rape of a child on July 17; cancelled deferred action; alien in custody in Blaine County jail

Philadelphia Inquirer interviewing on Operation Shakespeare (CPI)

Tampa – human smuggling operation taking place in same neighborhood recently searched in connection with a police shooting

ERO: Ohio – county prosecutor issued statement alleging that ICE failed to act (with deferred action) on case after receiving call from prosecutor; Ohio FOD said that the DO that received the call received no specifics from prosecutor and could not take action.

OPA: AP may do a story on 287(g) program

Newsweek is interested in interviewing ICE about the agency's new focus; OPA checking with DHS to determine if they want the interview

ACLU/HRW report on mental health; Beth speaking with AP and UN press

ODLS release tomorrow (congressional notification today)

OCR: Dinkins testifying on human smuggling with Cuellar today

11:30 – [REDACTED] b6, b7c briefing on Northern Border with [REDACTED] b6, b7c and [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Director scheduled for lunch with Chairman Price today

Director meeting with Lamar Smith at 2pm today

*** Senator Reed contacted OCR about an individual that contacted ICE to allege abuse; complaint referred to OPR; OPR scheduled interview; alien removed (unclear if before or after the interview took place); Las Vegas FOD

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From: [REDACTED]@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 9:17 AM
To: Barnett, Erik
Subject: can you guys take a look?

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[REDACTED] believes that deferred action status is currently his only hope of remaining in the United States so that he can continue to support his U.S. citizen family.
Sent via BlackBerry by AT&T

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, August 04, 2010 2:25 PM
To: [REDACTED] Barr, Suzanne E; [REDACTED] Barnett, Erik; Gibson, Beth N;
Ragsdale, Daniel H; Moran, Walter A; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Executive Associate Director's Message - HSI Structural Changes and Organizational Charts
Attachments: 1 HSI HQ Org Chart 072610.ppt; 2 HSI EAD's Staff Org Chart 072610.ppt; 3 HSI Domestic Operations Org Chart 072610.ppt; 4 HSI Intelligence Org Chart 072710.ppt; 5 HSI International Affairs Org Chart 072710.ppt; 6 HSI Investigative Programs Org Chart 072610.ppt; 7 HSI IPR Center Org Chart 072710.ppt; 8 HSI Mission Support Org Chart 072610.ppt; 9 HSI OCR Liaison Staff Org Chart 072610.ppt; image001.jpg

All,

In case you did not receive this and FYI. [REDACTED] would you please pass to the other ICE component chiefs of staff.

Thank you kindly,
[REDACTED]

From: ICE OI Director's Message
Sent: Monday, August 02, 2010 5:16 PM
To: #ice OI - SAC Atlanta; #ICE OI - SAC Baltimore; #ICE OI - SAC Boston; #ICE OI - SAC Buffalo; #ICE OI - SAC Chicago; #ICE OI - SAC Dallas; #ICE OI - SAC Denver; #ICE OI - SAC Detroit; #ICE OI - SAC El Paso; #ICE OI - SAC Honolulu; #ICE OI - SAC Houston; #ICE OI - SAC Los Angeles; #ICE OI - SAC Miami; #ICE OI - SAC New Orleans; #ICE OI - SAC New York; #ICE OI - SAC Newark; #ICE OI - SAC Philadelphia; #ICE OI - SAC Phoenix; #ICE OI - SAC San Antonio; #ICE OI - SAC San Diego; #ICE OI - SAC San Francisco; #ICE OI - SAC San Juan; #ICE OI - SAC Seattle; #ICE OI - SAC St. Paul; #ICE OI - SAC Tampa; #ICE OI - SAC Washington DC; #ICE Primary SACS; #ICE Deputy SACS; #ICE Primary AO; #ICE OI Tasking; #ICE OI UNIT CHIEFS; OIATASKING; INTELTASKING; #ICE Attaches
Cc: #ICE OI Tasking; [REDACTED]
Subject: Executive Associate Director's Message - HSI Structural Changes and Organizational Charts

HOMELAND SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS
Office of the Executive Associate Director



At the request of Executive Associate Director James A. Dinkins, Homeland Security Investigations, the following message is being sent to the Assistant Directors, Deputy Assistant Directors, Special Agents in Charge, and Attachés. Please ensure this message is provided to all HSI employees in your area of responsibility.

On June 9, 2010, ICE Director John Morton announced the internal realignment of ICE offices to include ICE Homeland Security Investigations (HSI). This announcement led to the formation of HSI and the realignment of the Office of Investigations, Office of International Affairs and the Office of Intelligence into HSI Domestic Operations, HSI International Affairs and HSI Intelligence. As a result of the realignment, HSI currently maintains six (6) Assistant Directors for Domestic Operations, Investigative Programs, International Affairs, Intelligence, Mission Support and the National Intellectual Property Rights Center. Attached are the updated HSI organizational charts (9 total) to further enhance continuity of responsibility.

In addition to the creation of HSI and realignment, the below name and organizational function changes are as follows:

- HQ Division 2 (formerly Financial, Narcotics and Public Safety) is now titled "Financial, Narcotics and Special Operations"
- HQ Division 3 (formerly Critical Infrastructure Protection and Fraud) is now titled "Transnational Crime and Public Safety." Oversight of the HQ National Gang Unit has been transferred from Division 2 to Division 3.
- HQ Division 4 (Investigative Services) will have oversight of the Forensic Document Laboratory, Cyber Crimes Center, the Law Enforcement Parole Branch (from International Affairs) and the 287(g) Task Force Model
- HQ Division 5 (Mission Support) and HQ Division 6 (Law Enforcement Support and Information Management) will report to Assistant Director Staci Barrera
- HSI Intelligence/Field Intelligence Groups (FIG) report to the Special Agents in Charge. Additional information will be forthcoming regarding future transition of budget, personnel and logistics

I believe these changes will greatly enhance our operational effectiveness and will better support the field both domestically and internationally.

James A. Dinkins
Executive Associate Director
ICE – Homeland Security Investigations

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From: Dinkins, James A [REDACTED] dhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2010 3:55 PM
To: Pena, Alonzo R; Barr, Suzanne L; Barnett, Erik; Gibson, Beth N; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Ragsdale, Daniel H; [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Vincent, Peter S; [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: Heads Up – ASAC San Ysidro, California *Arrest of Mexican National in Mexico for Alleged Involvement in USBP Homicide

AI,

Great news below.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

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

From: Foucart, Bruce
To: Dinkins, James A; [REDACTED] b6, b7c
[REDACTED]
Sent: Fri Jun 11 14:40:37 2010
Subject: Heads Up – ASAC San Ysidro, California *Arrest of Mexican National in Mexico for Alleged Involvement in USBP Homicide

~~SENSITIVE INFORMATION - SEALED PROVISIONAL ARREST WARRANT~~

Heads Up – ASAC San Ysidro, California

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
From: Vincent, Peter S [b6]
Sent: Monday, April 05, 2010 1:42 PM
To: Gibson, Beth N; Barnett, Erik; [b6, b7c]
Subject: Analysis of Padilla v. Kentucky, --- U.S. ----, No. 08-651 (Mar. 31, 2010)
Attachments: 08-651.pdf

As you know, last week, in an adverse decision, the Supreme Court ruled that a criminal defense attorney representing an alien in connection with a guilty plea has a constitutional duty to advise the alien regarding the risk of deportation arising from the conviction. *Padilla v. Kentucky*, No. 08-651 (March 31, 2010). The Court split 5-2-2. Justice Stevens wrote the opinion for the majority; Justice Alito, joined by the Chief Justice, filed a concurring opinion; and Justice Scalia, joined by Justice Thomas, dissented. We thought you might be interested in APLD's write-up on the decision, which was penned by [b6, b7c] and [b6, b7c]

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From: info114@service.govdelivery.com on behalf of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) [ice.dhs@service.govdelivery.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 12, 2010 1:01 PM
To: Barnett, Erik
Subject: 63 convicted criminal aliens, fugitives arrested in ICE enforcement surge



63 convicted criminal aliens, fugitives arrested in ICE enforcement surge

B-Roll from this operation is available by clicking [here](#).

PHOENIX - In the largest operation of its kind ever carried out in Arizona, more than 60 convicted criminal aliens and immigration fugitives have been arrested following a three-day targeted enforcement operation by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE).

During the operation, which concluded Wednesday evening, ICE officers located and arrested 55 aliens with prior criminal convictions. In addition, 16 of the individuals ICE officers took into custody were immigration fugitives, aliens with outstanding orders of deportation who had failed to leave the country. Of those arrested during the enforcement action, at least 25 have already been removed from the United States.

At a news conference here Thursday, ICE Director John Morton announced the results of the enforcement action, which involved more than 60 ICE agents and officers, as well as personnel from the U.S. Marshals Service. Those officers fanned out across the state making arrests in Phoenix, Tucson, Sedona, Mesa, Tempe and Prescott.

"These are not people we want to see walking the streets here in Phoenix or in any other community in Arizona," said ICE Director John Morton. "Those who come to the United States to prey upon communities in Arizona will be prosecuted for their crimes and ultimately returned to their home countries. The results of this operation demonstrate ICE's commitment to that principle."

Because of their serious criminal histories and prior immigration arrest records, at least 12 of those arrested during the enforcement surge have been presented for federal prosecution for reentering the country illegally after a formal deportation. A conviction for felony re-entry carries a penalty of up to 20 years in prison.

"We are dedicated to bringing criminals to justice all along the southwest border, and in particular we will aggressively prosecute offenders with violent criminal convictions and who pose a threat to our communities," said Dennis Burke, U.S. Attorney for the District of Arizona. "We are pleased to stand together with our partners in Homeland Security and the Marshals Service and our state partners in the Offices of Probation and Parole to secure the southwest border through targeted enforcement strategies like today's action."

Among the arrestees is a 45-year-old Mexican woman who was convicted in California for conspiracy to commit wire fraud, a scheme that netted her and her conspirators more than \$820,000.

Also arrested was a 55-year-old Mexican man who was convicted of selling methamphetamine in 2003. This individual has already been convicted once of felony reentry into the United States in 2009, and following this arrest he will be prosecuted again in federal court.

The foreign nationals detained during the operation who are not being criminally prosecuted will be processed administratively for removal from the United States. Those who have outstanding orders of deportation, or who returned to the United States illegally after being deported, are subject to immediate removal from the country. The remaining aliens are in ICE custody awaiting a hearing before an immigration judge, or pending travel arrangements for removal in the near future.

Of those arrested, 52 were male and 11 were female. They represent 9 different nations, including countries in Latin America, Europe and the Middle East.

This week's special enforcement action was spearheaded by ICE's Fugitive Operations Program, which is responsible for locating, arresting and removing at large criminal aliens and immigration fugitives - aliens who have ignored final orders of deportation handed down by the nation's immigration courts. ICE's Fugitive Operations Teams (FOTs) give top priority to cases involving aliens who pose a threat to national security and public safety, including members of transnational street gangs and child sex offenders.

The officers who conducted this week's operation received substantial assistance from ICE's Fugitive Operations Support Center (FOSC) located in South Burlington, Vt. The FOSC conducted exhaustive database checks on the targeted cases to help ensure the viability of the leads and accuracy of the criminal histories. The FOSC was established in 2006 to improve the integrity of the data available on at large criminal aliens and immigration fugitives nationwide. Since its inception, the FOSC has forwarded more than 550,000 case leads to ICE enforcement personnel in the field. In addition, leads were developed through the assistance of the Arizona Supreme Court Adult Probation Division.

ICE's Fugitive Operations Program is just one facet of the Department of Homeland Security's broader strategy to heighten the federal government's effectiveness at identifying and removing dangerous criminal aliens from the United States. Other initiatives that figure prominently in this effort are the Criminal Alien Program, Secure Communities and the agency's partnerships with state and local law enforcement agencies under 287(g).

Largely as a result of these initiatives, ICE removed a total of 136,126 criminal aliens from the United States last year, a record number.

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From: Chaparro, James
Sent: Friday, March 05, 2010 2:17 PM
To: Pena, Alonzo R; Hale, Brian; [REDACTED] b6, b7c Moynihan, Timothy; [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c Vincent, Peter S; Loiselle, Mary F; Moore, Marc J [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: DEATH OF ICE DETAINEE: Ernesto GOMEZ -Vasquez [REDACTED] b6, b7c

As required by ICE Policy, I am notifying you regarding the death of ICE detainee, Ernesto Gomez-Vasquez, who passed this morning in Los Angeles. ICE OIG and OPR were notified via the Joint Intake Center and I have telephonically notified the Office of the Assistant Secretary (ICE).

Further details regarding this case are included immediately below.

ISSUE

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

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

BACKGROUND

On March 3, 2002, GOMEZ last entered the United States (US) at San Ysidro, CA without admission or parole. GOMEZ's case is currently pending before an immigration judge (IJ) and his last hearing was on March 2, 2010. On March 2, 2010, the IJ granted a Change of Venue to Los Angeles.

On October 25, 2004, GOMEZ was convicted for DUI, and sentenced to probation for 36 months. On October 26, 2005, GOMEZ was convicted for making terroristic threats, and sentenced to 36 months probation. On June 24, 2009, GOMEZ was convicted for driving without a license, and sentenced to 24 months probation. On July 13, 2009, GOMEZ was released to ICE custody.

On January 4, 2010, GOMEZ was transported to Antelope Valley Hospital (AVH) for an evaluation due to dizziness and headache. A Cat Scan (CT) and Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) at AVH revealed that GOMEZ had an eight-millimeter brain tumor basal ganglia with left shift. GOMEZ underwent emergency surgery to resection the brain tumor and tumor decompression. On January 6, 2010, a second emergency surgery was completed to place an Intracranial Pressure Monitor (ICP). On February 26, 2010, GOMEZ was transferred from AVH to KRH.

Prior to GOMEZ's death, family in the United States were notified and had visited. The Guatemalan consulate had previously advised they made contact with GOMEZ's father in Guatemala, and advised him of his son's medical condition. The family was notified of GOMEZ's passing away by KRH medical staff.

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

Jim Chaparro
Director, Detention & Removal Operations

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From: Ramlogan, Riah [b6, b7c]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 7:57 PM
To: Ragsdale, Daniel H
Subject: FW: Haitian Families
Attachments: Expedited Removal Issue.htm; Haitian parole issues.doc

This is what we were talking about. I am ready.

From: Ramlogan, Riah
Sent: Tuesday, January 26, 2010 7:39 PM
To: Gibson, Beth N
Cc: Vincent, Peter S; [b6, b7c]
Subject: FW: Haitian Families

Beth:

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Riah

From: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Tuesday, January 26,
To: Ramlogan, Riah; [b6, b7c]
Subject: Haitian Families

All,

Please be advised that Miami A
their CF decision tomorrow, whi
child is another matter, one that
documentation. DRO understand

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*Here is my
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docs. OK to
proceed.*

row and has also promised to render
se, the issue regarding the uncle and
sponsorship, dependent upon
we must be in compliance with.

b6, b7c

From: Vincent, Peter S [b6,]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2010 4:37 PM
To: Ramlogan, Riah; Gibson, Beth N; Ragsdale, Daniel H
Subject: FW: Credible fear issue

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Best regards,

Peter

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From: Vincent, Peter S
Sent: Thursday, January 28, 2010 12:08 AM
To: [b6, b7c] Gibson, Beth N; [b6, b7c]
[b6, b7c]; Vincent, Peter S; Ramlogan, Riah; [b6, b7c]; Venturella, David;
Ragsdale, Daniel H
Cc: [b6, b7c]
Subject: RE: Credible fear issue

[b6, b7c]:

Beth and I met on various issues, including this one. Although I would not presume to speak on behalf of Molly, I believe we are in agreement on this issue and that there is no problem here.

Best regards,

Peter

From: [b6, b7c] [mailto:[b6,]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2010 11:02 PM
To: [b6, b7c] [b6, b7c]
[b6, b7c], David A; Vincent, Peter S; Ramlogan, Riah; [b6, b7c] Venturella, David; Ragsdale, Daniel H
Cc: [b6, b7c]
Subject: Re: Credible fear issue

[b6, b7c] et al -

We're shorthanded at OGC tomw and may not be able to join a mtg on this, but I'd encourage CIS and ICE to go ahead and meet to see if there's a significant problem here and if so to figure out how to address it. We can plug in later if necessary.

[b6, b7c]

Principal Deputy General Counsel

Department of Homeland Security

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

To: Gibson, Beth N; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]@dhs.gov>; Vincent, Peter S; Ramlogan, Riah; [REDACTED]; Venturella, David; Ragsdale, Daniel H

Sent: Wed Jan 27 14:18:36 2010

Subject: FW: Credible fear issue

[REDACTED] and others,

USCIS would like to propose some times tomorrow (10:30, 11 or 3:30 pm) to sit down with you all and OGC to discuss the issues you raise. We'll be happy to host you all here at 20 Mass. I do want to assure you that the Asylum Division is confident that it will not be relying on sympathies when adjudicating these cases and will follow the law. Therefore, we believe that standard procedures for these cases are appropriate.

Thanks so much and let us know you're availability, [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]

Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2010 8:48 AM

To: Gibson, Beth N; [REDACTED]

Cc: Vincent, Peter S; Ramlogan, Riah; Venturella, David; Ragsdale, Daniel H; [REDACTED]

Subject: RE: Credible fear issue

Thanks, [REDACTED] I know that folks in the USCIS Refugee, Asylum and International Operations group will want to sit down. We've been discussing this issue and one of us will reach out with some proposed times.

[REDACTED]

From: Gibson, Beth N [mailto:[REDACTED]@dhs.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2010 5:42 AM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: Vincent, Peter S; Ramlogan, Riah; Venturella, David; Ragsdale, Daniel H; [REDACTED]

Subject: Credible fear issue

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Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2010 5:42 AM
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Subject: Credible fear issue

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From: Gibson, Beth N [b6,]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 2:48 PM
To: [b6, b7c]; Ragsdale, Daniel H
Cc: Hale, Brian P; Vincent, Peter S
Subject: Fw:

Matt, We used this today in the Harvard student's case and cancelled his NTA. That's a good example.
Beth Gibson
Assistant Deputy Director
202-732-[b6, b7c] (w)
202-590-[b6, b7c] (c)

From: Gibson, Beth N
To: Chandler, Matthew
Sent: Fri Jun 18 10:23:39 2010
Subject: Re:

Very
Beth Gibson
Assistant Deputy Director
202-732-[b6, b7c] (w)
202-590-[b6, b7c] (c)

From: Chandler, Matthew <[b6,]@dhs.gov>
To: Sandweg, John; Vincent, Peter S <[b6,]@dhs.gov>; Barr, Suzanne E <[b6,]@dhs.gov>; Shlossman, Amy; Vincent, Peter S <[b6,]@dhs.gov>; Gibson, Beth N <[b6,]@dhs.gov>
Cc: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Fri Jun 18 10:15:44 2010
Subject: RE:

We good

From: Chandler, Matthew
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 10:01 AM
To: Sandweg, John; Vincent, Peter S; Barr, Suzanne E; Shlossman, Amy; Vincent, Peter S; Gibson, Beth N
Cc: [b6, b7c]
Subject: RE:

"Across the country, ICE attorneys exercise discretion everyday in order to focus their efforts on criminals in order to make our streets safer. "

BACKGROUND:

• In many of these cases the Notice to Appear (NTA) is issued by CBP per standard protocol. ICE prosecutes those cases and has the discretion to redirect resources across ICE (which includes on the prosecution side) in the smartest, most effective manner – by focusing on criminal aliens who pose a threat to national security or public safety.

From: Sandweg, John [mailto:[b6,]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 9:56 AM
To: Chandler, Matthew; Vincent, Peter S; Sandweg, John; Sandweg, John; Barr, Suzanne E; Shlossman, Amy; Vincent,

Peter S; Gibson, Beth N

Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Subject: RE:

I think we need to soften the background piece a little with regards to CBP. We need to characterize this a little as a requirement that CBP issue the NTA with the idea that ICE OPLA will exercise appropriate discretion. For a variety of reasons, it makes sense for CBP agents to almost be on autopilot when they issue the NTA. OPLA is in the better position to utilize discretion.

John R. Sandweg

Department of Homeland Security

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From: Chandler, Matthew [mailto:[REDACTED] b6, @dhs.gov]

Sent: Friday, June 18, 2010 9:42 AM

To: Vincent, Peter S; Sandweg, John; Sandweg, John; Barr, Suzanne E; Shlossman, Amy; Vincent, Peter S; Gibson, Beth N

Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Subject: RE:

"Across the country, ICE attorneys exercise discretion everyday in order to focus their efforts on criminals in order to make our streets safer. "

BACKGROUND:

- In many of these cases the Notice to Appear (NTA) is issued by CBP. ICE is asking their attorneys more and more to move to dismiss, even if CBP issued the NTA. John Morton had stressed that we have to utilize resources across ICE (which includes on the prosecution side) in the smartest, most effective manner – by focusing on criminal aliens who pose a public safety threat.

From: Chandler, Matthew

Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 7:35 PM

To: Vincent, Peter S; Sandweg, John; Sandweg, John; Barr, Suzanne E; Shlossman, Amy; Vincent, Peter S; Gibson, Beth N

Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Subject: RE:

OK – I'll put together a statement and get it around tomorrow AM. Thanks for the info guys.

From: Vincent, Peter S [mailto:[REDACTED] b6, @dhs.gov]

Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 7:31 PM

To: Sandweg, John; Chandler, Matthew; Sandweg, John; Barr, Suzanne E; Shlossman, Amy; Vincent, Peter S

Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Subject: RE:

One the Notice to Appear has been filed with the Immigration Court, ICE attorneys, who have exclusive jurisdiction to represent the USG in all removal hearings before Immigration Judges have the authority, and exercise it every day, to move to dismiss Notices to Appear on the grounds that, among other things, they were improvidently issued or that removal proceedings are not in the USG's interest. However, only an Immigration Judge can terminate removal hearings.

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From: Sandweg, John [mailto:[b6,]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 7:20 PM
To: Chandler, Matthew; Sandweg, John; Barr, Suzanne E; Shlossman, Amy; Vincent, Peter S
Cc: [b6, b7c]
Subject: Re:

Looping [b6, b7c]

From: Chandler, Matthew <[b6,]@dhs.gov>
To: Sandweg, John <[b6,]@dhs.gov>; Barr, Suzanne E; Shlossman, Amy <[b6,]@dhs.gov>
Cc: [b6, b7c] <[b6,]@dhs.gov>
Sent: Thu Jun 17 19:16:39 2010
Subject: Re:

So why are we doing them?

From: Sandweg, John <[b6,]@dhs.gov>
To: Chandler, Matthew [b6,]@dhs.gov>; [b6, b7c] <[b6,]@dhs.gov>; [b6, b7c]
Shlossman, Amy [b6,]@dhs.gov>
Cc: [b6, b7c] <[b6,]@dhs.gov>
Sent: Thu Jun 17 19:01:03 2010
Subject: RE:

Discretion.

[b6, b7c]

Department of Homeland Security

202-282- [b6, b7c]

202-549- [b6, b7c] (cell)

[b6,]@dhs.gov

From: Chandler, Matthew [mailto:[b6,]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 6:58 PM
To: Sandweg, John; Barr, Suzanne E; Shlossman, Amy
Cc: [b6, b7c]
Subject: RE:

Would an ICE attorney have any discretion in prosecution at that point? Or is it once the NTA is issued, have to do it....?

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

Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 6:55 PM

To: Chandler, Matthew; Sandweg, John; Barr, Suzanne E; Shlossman, Amy

Cc: [b6, b7c]

Subject: RE:

In a lot of the cases, the NTA is issued by CBP. Ice isn't even made aware until the guy shows up on the court docket.

[b6, b7c]

Department of Homeland Security

202-282-[b6, b7c]

202-549-[b6, b7c] (cell)

[b6,]@dhs.gov

From: Chandler, Matthew [mailto:[b6,]@dhs.gov]

Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 6:48 PM

To: Sandweg, John; Barr, Suzanne E; Shlossman, Amy

Cc: [b6, b7c]

Subject: FW:

What's up with prosecutorial discretion issue? Is it that most of these cases were brought during the previous administration? Can deferred action only be given after a final order is issued? Is it a peculiarity of an administrative immigration process rather than a criminal process?

Thanks guys

From: Dilanian, Ken [mailto:[b6,]@tribune.com]

Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 6:44 PM

To: 'Chandler, Matthew'

Subject:

Hey, I am working with Gorman on the Dream Act piece. Anything on the Border Patrol sweeps?

Also, what can we say about why ICE attorneys are pursuing removal actions against these kids, even though, in the end, they almost always get deferred status? Why go through the motions? Why not just use prosecutorial discretion from the moment they come to ICE's attention, to say, no, we don't pursue these cases? It is very similar, it seems to me, to a US Attorney saying, I don't take a drug case unless it's \$100,000 or greater, etc. Which happens all the time.

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From: Ragsdale, Daniel H
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2010 8:56 AM
To: b6, b7c
Cc: Foster, b6, b7c; b6, b7c
Subject: Fw: Ensure asylum-seekers are considered for automatic parole

Good to go.

He is going to Asia today for the next 9 days I believe. So OK to proceed but is there any concern with doing this while he is gone?

b6, b7c FYI on you piece of the plan. We'll need to make sure that any external email address groups (DOJ etc.) or invites and messages that go to his external email account get updated.

Thanks all.

Dan

From: Morton, John <b6, @dhs.gov>
To: Ragsdale, Daniel H <b6, @dhs.gov>
Sent: Sat Feb 27 05:52:53 2010
Subject: Re: Ensure asylum-seekers are considered for automatic parole

Ok.

From: Ragsdale, Daniel H <b6, @dhs.gov>
To: Morton, John <b6, @dhs.gov>; b6, b7c <b6, @dhs.gov>; Gibson, Beth N <b6, @dhs.gov>; b6, b7c <b6, @dhs.gov>
Sent: Sat Feb 27 08:46:21 2010
Subject: Re: Ensure asylum-seekers are considered for automatic parole

We have a solution for your email.

This is the plan:

We will leave the b6, account active and have b6, b7c monitor. We will create b6, as your new email address. The Coast Guard indicated that they cannot use b6, I asked CIO to double check that as that was the type of address S2 uses but CG said no.

We assign your BB to the new external email address and update the internal DHS address book to also go to your BB.

If you approve, I will ask CIO to proceed.

Thanks.

Dan

From: Morton, John <b6, @dhs.gov>
To: Ragsdale, Daniel H <b6, @dhs.gov>; b6, b7c <b6, @dhs.gov>; Gibson, Beth N <b6, @dhs.gov>
Sent: Sat Feb 27 04:16:22 2010
Subject: Fw: Ensure asylum-seekers are considered for automatic parole

Another e-mail campaign.

From: [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)c [REDACTED] 1>
To: [REDACTED] b1, [REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED]
Sent: Sat Feb 27 03:49:33 2010
Subject: Ensure asylum-seekers are considered for automatic parole

February 27, 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

[REDACTED]
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Morrisville, NC 27560-5547

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From: Ragsdale, Daniel H
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2010 11:25 PM
To: b6, b7c
Cc:
Subject: Fw: Culberson Q and A

Please make there edits tomorrow. Thanks.

From: b6, b7c <b6, @dhs.gov>
To: Ragsdale, Daniel H <b6, @dhs.gov> <b6, b7c> <b6, @dhs.gov>
Sent: Sun Mar 14 20:23:22 2010
Subject: Re: Culberson Q and A

Some of these are not past tense--see my edits below to say "doing" and making the "ed" an "ing".

Just a few of the things we have done already and are doing swiftly:

- Created the Office of Detention Policy and Planning to oversee the reforms;
- Revising the Performance Based National Detention Standards, including new benchmarks on visitation, access to counsel, recreation, medical care, and religious programming;
- Issued new standards governing the parole of newly arrived aliens;
- Designing a medical classification system;
- Streamlining the Treatment Request Authorization process;

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

From: Ragsdale, Daniel H <b6, @dhs.gov>
To: b6, b7c <b6, @dhs.gov>; b6, b7c <b6, @dhs.gov>
Cc: b6, b7c <b6, @dhs.gov>; b6, b7c <b6, @dhs.gov>; Moore, Marc J <b6, @dhs.gov>; b6, b7c <b6, @dhs.gov>; b6, b7c <b6, @dhs.gov>; Loiselle, Mary F <b6, @dhs.gov>; b6, b7c <b6, @dhs.gov>
Sent: Sun Mar 14 22:59:48 2010
Subject: FW: Culberson Q and A

Please see the A/S comment below. I've re-written the response and a draft appears below. Please give me your thoughts. Also, can DRO add the month when the CAP staff was stationed in Harris County? Also, can we add the FY10 stats?

Thanks.

Dan

Current.

Rep. John Culberson (R-TX)

- *Question:* A November 2008 article in the Houston Chronicle suggested that ICE allowed scores of violent criminals to walk away from the Harris County jail despite the inmates' admission they were illegally in the United States. Did this actually happen?

- *Answer:* Prior to November 2008, Harris County officials did not regularly share information with ICE on foreign-born inmates. Instead, Harris County jail officials would only sporadically query information on certain foreign-born inmates. The majority of cases cited in the article were never referred to ICE.
- The information cited in the Houston Chronicle article was collected in 2007, roughly a year prior to ICE having full time personnel at the Harris County Sheriff's Office.
- The Harris County jail is currently staffed 24/7 by officials from ICE's Detention and Removal Operations, Criminal Alien Program (CAP). For example, the 10,684 ICE detainees that were issued at Harris County in FY-2009 illustrates ICE's commitment to public safety.

Proposed revision.

- *Answer:* ICE's review of the 2007 data analyzed by the article revealed that historically ICE received only sporadic referrals from the Harris County Jail. Also, in 2007, ICE did not have full-time officers stationed at the Harris County Jail.
- To close this gap, ICE placed officers in the Harris County Jail in [month], 2008. Additionally, in October 2008, the Harris County Jail became one of the first sites to receive ICE's interoperability technology. This technology automatically screens all individuals booked into the facility. It provides law enforcement agencies with additional identity information about the non U.S. citizens they arrest.
- The Harris County jail is currently staffed 24/7 by officials from ICE's Detention and Removal Operations, Criminal Alien Program (CAP). For example, the 10,684 ICE detainees that were issued at Harris County in FY-2009.
- **Can we add FY 10 year to date?**

From: Morton, John [mailto: [REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED] @dhs.gov]
Sent: Sunday, March 14, 2010 10:11 PM
To: Ragsdale, Daniel H
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: Culberson Q and A

Dan,

Can you look at the Culberson Q and A and see if we can't be more direct. Is the answer "yes, because we weren't at the jail and Harris County only sporadically referred cases to us. Now Harris County is a strong SC and CAP site." Thanks.

--John

b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2010 2:19 PM
To: b6, b7c
Subject: b6, b7c; Ragsdale, Daniel H
FVW: Credible fear issue

b6, b7c and others,

USCIS would like to propose some times tomorrow (10:30, 11 or 3:30 pm) to sit down with you all and OGC to discuss the issues you raise. We'll be happy to host you all here at 20 Mass. I do want to assure you that the Asylum Division is confident that it will not be relying on sympathies when adjudicating these cases and will follow the law. Therefore, we believe that standard procedures for these cases are appropriate.

Thanks so much and let us know you're availability, b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2010 8:48 AM
To: b6, b7c
Cc: b6, b7c; Ragsdale, Daniel H; b6, b7c
Subject: RE: Credible fear issue

Thanks, b6, b7c I know that folks in the USCIS Refugee, Asylum and International Operations group will want to sit down. We've been discussing this issue and one of us will reach out with some proposed times.

b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c [mailto:b6@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, January 27, 2010 5:42 AM
To: b6, b7c
Cc: b6, b7c; Ragsdale, Daniel H; b6, b7c
Subject: Credible fear issue

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From: Ragsdale, Daniel H
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 7:34 PM
To: Morton, John
Subject: Fw: Close out action: RE: Varick Federal Detention Facility

Should be resolved.

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: Ragsdale, Daniel H
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED] b6, b7c
[REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED] b6, b7c @dhs.gov>
Sent: Wed Feb 10 16:33:15 2010
Subject: Close out action: RE: Varick Federal Detention Facility

Dan,

This is the close out report on this action. We identified 174 discrete addresses linked to the same message and all are blocked.

Messages are being removed from his mailbox. V/R [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: Ragsdale, Daniel H
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 4:40 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED] b6, b7c @dhs.gov'; [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: Re: Varick Federal Detention Facility

Thanks for the quick work.

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: Ragsdale, Daniel H
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c [REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED] b6, b7c @dhs.gov>; [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Wed Feb 10 13:40:21 2010
Subject: RE: Varick Federal Detention Facility

Dan,
The sender address and the sender domain have been blocked and we are restarting the services to make sure it takes. I have asked the team to verify that it took and will let you know when I get called. Regards, Rob

From: Ragsdale, Daniel H
Sent: Wednesday, February 10, 2010 3:57 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: Fw: Varick Federal Detention Facility

The sooner the better.

From: Morton, John <[REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED] b6, b7c @dhs.gov>
To: Ragsdale, Daniel H <[REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED] b6, b7c @dhs.gov>

Sent: Wed Feb 10 12:08:53 2010

Subject: Fw: Varick Federal Detention Facility

Pouring in.

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

From: American Friends Service Committee <actioncenter@afsc.org>

To: Morton, John · [REDACTED] <[\[REDACTED\]@dhs.gov](mailto:[REDACTED]@dhs.gov)>

Sent: Wed Feb 10 15:04:18 2010

Subject: Varick Federal Detention Facility

Feb 10, 2010

Assistant Secretary Assistant Secretary John Morton, ICE
Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Washington, DC 20536

Dear Assistant Secretary Morton, ICE,

I am writing to ask you to engage in a case-by-case review to release detainees at Varick Federal Detention Facility. I applaud your pledge to reform America's immigration detention system. Approximately 300 people, many of whom are longtime New Yorkers, await these changes in Varick, a facility plagued with poor conditions. Rather than transferring them to other immigration jails--which similarly fail to meet your vision for the future of immigration detention--the federal government should release detainees following an immediate review of eligibility for bond, parole, and reasonable conditions of supervision.

Detention costs our country \$ 1.7 billion a year. I do not support the use of taxpayer dollars to lock up immigrants, far away from their families and community and legal support. Community alternatives to detention are much less expensive and are a smarter solution to the problems you have identified in our detention system.

Transferring detainees to other immigration jails only perpetuates the problems. Detainees in New Jersey jails, like Hudson County Jail, should not bear the burden of a failed detention system. These jails fail to meet even minimum detention standards.

We want to see the detention system reformed. We, and the detainees at Varick, cannot afford to wait. Now is the time to change the system, and we ask you to start by releasing detainees through a case-by-case review today.

Sincerely,

Mr. [REDACTED]
122 Manor Dr Ste 204
Bardstown, KY 40004-3258
(502) 348-[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 3:08 PM
To: Ragsdale, Daniel H
Subject: FW: CBP NTA ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY CCO's
Attachments: CBP NTA Memo 061710.doc

Do not share this electronically outside of ICE. We shared a hard copy with draft watermark with the NTA WG where there are CBP members.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, June 17, 2010 11:04 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] (CHI OCC)
Subject: RE: CBP NTA ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY CCO's

[REDACTED] here's the summarized memo. I toned it down with the hope that it could lead to a positive and productive dialogue with CBP.

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 12:14 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] (CHI OCC)
Subject: RE: CBP NTA ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY CCO's

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Ourstanding summary. We do need to bring these issues up on Friday. Perhaps you can summarize into a document without the editorial comments. Don't agree that FLO can mandate training to CBP. Much more comfortable with your joint training suggestion.

Thanks again.

[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2010 11:32 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: CBP NTA ISSUES IDENTIFIED BY CCO's

Good Morning [REDACTED] b6, b7c in preparation for this Friday's OGC NTA WG meeting, here is a summary/ assessment of the field office responses to my recent email request concerning CBP related NTA deficiencies. 19 out of 26 offices responded (including Arlington); 7 reported no significant problems; 13 offices reported some problems that generally fall into the following categories: (1) poorly drafted NTAs/ allegations fail to support the charge; (2) J&Cs are late or not provided; (3) misc. other. Each category is summarily addressed below.

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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, Elofson) 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, Strohm) 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 Reiter, 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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Justice Department Files Lawsuit Challenging Arizona Immigration Law

The Department of Justice filed suit on Tuesday challenging the state of Arizona's recently passed immigration law, S.B. 1070, in federal court. The measure, signed into law by Republican Governor Jan Brewer in April, requires immigrants to carry their alien registration documents at all times and directs police to question individuals they suspect are in the United States illegally. It also makes it a crime for undo ...

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Kansas City Man Sentenced to 10 Years for Receiving Child Pornography

A Kansas City, Missouri, man was sentenced on Tuesday for receiving child pornography. Travis S. Cook, age 37, was sentenced in the Western District of Missouri to 120 months in federal prison without parole. The sentence resulted from an investigation conducted by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). In February 2008, ICE agents began investigating an Internet forum with hundreds of members dedicated to d ...

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ACLU Sues Over "No Fly List"

The American Civil Liberties Union has filed a first-of-its-kind lawsuit on behalf of 10 U.S. citizens and lawful residents

who are prohibited from flying to or from the United States or over U.S. airspace because they are on the government's "No Fly List." The ACLU says that none of the individuals in the lawsuit, including a disabled U.S. Marine Corps veteran stranded in Egypt and a U.S. Army veteran stuck in Colom ...

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The Takedown - DEA Intel Aids in Seizure of Fully-Operational Narco Submarine in Ecuador

On July 2nd, Ecuador Anti-Narcotics Police Forces and Ecuador Military authorities, with the assistance of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), seized a fully-operational submarine built for the primary purpose of transporting multi-ton quantities of cocaine. The investigation of the captured submarine and the individuals responsible for its construction is ongoing. One individual was taken into custody by ...

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Movers & Shakers - DS Special Agent Honored With Award for Law Enforcement Public Service

Frank J. Morris, a special agent with the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security (DS), has received the Law Enforcement Public Service Award from the U.S. Department of Justice Eastern District of Virginia. The award honors Morris for his investigative work with other law enforcement agencies that resulted in the arrest and guilty plea of a man who conspired to obtain over 100 fraudulent credit and ...

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Case Law Update - Supreme Court Holds That Prisoner Can File More Than One Habeas Petition As Long As There Is An Intervening Judgment After the Petition Was Filed

In a 5-4 decision, delivered by Supreme Court Justices Thomas, Scalia, Stevens, Breyer and Sotomayor, the Court interpreted the meaning of the phrase "second or successive" as it applies to a prisoner seeking habeas corpus relief. Generally, a prisoner is allotted one opportunity to file a habeas petition. The Supreme Court held that an application for habeas corpus does not constitute a "second or successive" applic ...

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Judiciary Committee Approves Kagan's Nomination to the Supreme Court

On Tuesday, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved the nomination of Solicitor General Elena Kagan to be the next U.S. Supreme Court justice by a vote of 13 to 6. The Committee's action paves the way for the full Senate to vote on the nomination. The Judiciary Committee, chaired by Senator Patrick Leahy (D-Vermont), held a confirmation hearing on Kagan's nomination the week of June 28th. The American Bar Association ...

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National Guard to Begin Deployment August 1st to Support Federal Law Enforcement along Southwest Border

The Departments of Homeland Security (DHS) and Defense (DOD) announced Monday that National Guard deployments to the Southwest border will begin on August 1st in an effort to further combat the transnational criminal organizations that smuggle weapons, cash and people across the Southwest border. "Over the past year and a half, this administration has pursued a new border security strategy with an unprecedented sense ...

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California Man Indicted in Las Vegas for Filing False Liens against Federal Employees, Filing False Tax Forms

A Las Vegas federal grand jury has indicted Thanh Viet Jeremy Cao, a resident of Orange County, California, for filing false liens against federal employees and corruptly obstructing the administration of the federal tax laws, the Justice Department and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) announced Wednesday. The court has not yet set a trial date. According to the indictment, Cao filed 22 false liens in public records in ...

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The Takedown - Former State Department Official Sentenced to Life in Prison for Nearly 30-Year Espionage Conspiracy

Walter Kendall Myers, a former State Department official, and his wife, Gwendolyn Steingraber Myers, have been sentenced to life in prison without the possibility of parole and 81 months in prison, respectively, for their roles in a nearly 30-year conspiracy to provide highly-classified U.S. national defense information to the Republic of Cuba. The sentences were handed down last Friday by Judge Reggie B. Walton in U ...

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Movers & Shakers - President Obama Names Four New U.S. Marshals

Last week, President Obama nominated Conrad Ernest Candelaria, James Edward Clark, Joseph Anthony Papili, and James Alfred Thompson to serve as U.S. Marshals. "These individuals have demonstrated an unwavering commitment to public service throughout their careers," said President Obama. "I am proud to nominate them to serve and protect the American people as U.S. Marshals." Conrad Candelaria, the nominee for U.S. Mars ...

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Case Law Update - U.S. District Court Held Unconstitutional Act That Makes It A Crime To Lie About Being A War Hero

The U.S. District Court for the District of Colorado recently held that a statute, the Stolen Valor Act, 18 U.S.C. § 704(b), which makes it a crime punishable by up to a year in jail for lying about having been awarded military decorations or medals, is unconstitutional because it violates the right to free speech. The District Court dismissed the case against the defendant and struck down the statute as unconstituti ...

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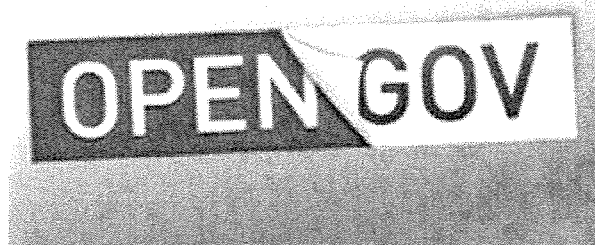
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OPERATIONAL NEWS

1. DHS Unveils Its Open Government Plan

Secretary Napolitano last week unveiled the department's Open Government plan, leveraging public input to enhance transparency, public participation and collaboration as part of the Obama administration's Open Government Initiative.



"Openness and transparency between DHS and the public are critical to our security mission," said the secretary. "This plan is a critical step towards strengthening public engagement to allow citizens to take a more active role in the safety of their communities."

The development of the department's Open Government Plan, viewable at www.dhs.gov/open, focused on using public feedback to better share important and timely information with federal, state, local and tribal partners, private sector organizations, and individual citizens. In addition, the plan calls for reducing Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request backlogs, already decreased by 81 percent over the past four years, by a minimum of 15 percent each year, with the goal of exceeding the government-wide goal of 10 percent annually.

A key component of the plan is the expansion of "Virtual USA," an innovative information-sharing initiative developed in collaboration with the emergency response community and state and local governments across the nation to enhance communication between federal, state, local and tribal first responders during emergencies. DHS launched "Virtual USA" on Dec. 9, 2009, following a successful pilot program.

Read more about the department's Open Government Plan at http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1270662888919.shtm.

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2. Secretary Napolitano Announces Two New Efficiency Review Initiatives

Secretary Napolitano on Wednesday announced two new Efficiency Review (ER) initiatives to cut costs, streamline operations and enhance the department's ability to fulfill its security mission. The secretary made the announcement in a message sent via e-mail to all DHS employees, which is available at <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/news/secretary/Pages/TwoNewEfficiencyReviewInitiatives.aspx>.

The first new initiative involves transitioning to paperless earnings and leave statements across the department to avoid unnecessary printing and mailing costs. In her message to DHS employees, the secretary noted that several DHS components led the way in making the transition to paperless statements, and the Office of Management and Budget now wants to implement the change across the federal government, resulting in an annual cost saving of \$4 million.

The second new initiative will reduce the time and costs associated with the personnel security and suitability processes. In general, this initiative will establish reciprocity of clearances for those coming to DHS from other federal agencies and law enforcement entities, as well as for contractors converting to federal staff. Components are required to begin implementing this and the first initiative by May 14.

Later in 2010, the department will launch additional Efficiency Review initiatives based on suggestions from employees, including those submitted in response to President Obama's first-ever SAVE award. "Once again, DHS is truly leading the way in changing the way the federal government does business for the better," the secretary said in her message. "Thank you for the extraordinary work you continue to do to make DHS a better steward of taxpayer dollars."

Read more about this at http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1270667336512.shtm.

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3. Secret Service Takes Lead in Securing Nuclear Summit



As part of its official mandate, the U.S. Secret Service is the lead agency in providing the design and implementation of the operational security plan for the Nuclear Security Summit at which the leaders of nearly 50 nations will participate with President Obama. The event is being held Monday and Tuesday in Washington, D.C.

Secretary Napolitano declared the Nuclear Security Summit a National Special Security Event (NSSE). The summit will be the 37th NSSE held since the designation was established in 1998. When an event is designated as an NSSE, the Secret Service assumes its mandated role as the lead agency for the design and implementation of the operational security plan.

Security and transportation plans for the summit have been developed by a partnership of local and federal law enforcement and public safety agencies. As with all NSSEs, the Secret Service relies on established relationships with public safety officials and law enforcement agencies at the local, state and federal levels. The goal of the cooperating agencies is to provide a safe and secure environment for Secret Service protectees, other dignitaries, event participants and the general public.

In addition to the Secret Service, a number of DHS agencies are involved in the planning process, including FEMA, the U.S. Coast Guard and TSA. Other local, federal and military partners are also involved.

Read more about this at

http://www.secretservice.gov/press/Nuclear_Summit_Security_Plan_Press_Release.pdf.

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4. Secretary Napolitano Participates in Meetings with European, Nigerian Counterparts

Secretary Napolitano on Friday met with her European counterparts in Madrid, Spain, as part of the U.S.-European Union Justice and Home Affairs Ministerial Troika meeting. While there, she discussed international cooperation to protect against terrorism and transnational crime, and assessed progress made on the joint declaration on strengthening the international civil aviation system.

"We must take collaborative global action to increase information sharing and strengthen security measures to counter terrorists who threaten all nations," said the secretary. "The United States is fully committed to working closely with our European partners to develop innovative and effective ways to ensure our mutual safety while protecting the privacy and civil liberties of all citizens."

In Madrid, the secretary and Attorney General Eric Holder discussed the progress made since the group's last meeting — announcing the completion of the February 2010 Joint Review of the U.S.-EU Passenger Name Record (PNR) agreement, in which the European Commission determined that the United States is complying with the 2007 agreement. While in Spain, the secretary toured the Container Security



Secretary Napolitano and U.S. Attorney General Eric Holder during the EU-US Justice and Home Affairs Ministerial Meeting at El Pardo Palace, Madrid. Photo courtesy of Embassy of Spain, U.S.

Initiative (CSI) operations where she met with CBP personnel at the Barcelona seaport to view firsthand CBP's close working partnerships with Spanish customs officials to protect high-risk U.S.-bound cargo against terrorist threats. The secretary said that the CSI plays a critical role in the department's "ongoing efforts to protect against terrorists who seek to bring harmful devices and materials into the United States through the global supply chain."

On the last segment of her travel abroad, the secretary visited Abuja, Nigeria, meeting with her African counterparts and officials from the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) to discuss ways to bolster global aviation security. Following her meetings, the secretary remarked, "The attempted terrorist attack on Dec. 25 demonstrated that international terrorist threats must be countered with a coordinated, global response through enhanced security standards, increased information sharing and stronger screening measures. My meetings with our African partners underscore our commitment to working together to strengthen global aviation security measures and better protect the traveling public."

Read more about the secretary's trip to Spain and Nigeria at www.dhs.gov.

5. DHS Key Personnel Announcements

CBP Welcomes Alan Bersin as New Commissioner



DHS General Counsel Ivan Swearingin swears in Alan Bersin as CBP Commissioner. Photo by Barry Bahler, DHS

CBP employees welcomed the arrival of Commissioner Alan Bersin following his appointment by President Obama last week. In his role, Commissioner Bersin oversees the operations of CBP's 57,000-employee work force and manages an operating budget of more than \$11 billion.

"I believe CBP's strength is based on the diligence, dedication and patriotism of our people. I am delighted to be at the helm of such a superb organization and look forward to getting to work," said Commissioner Bersin.

Previously, Bersin served as DHS Assistant Secretary for International Affairs and Special Representative for Border Affairs. In that capacity, he served as Secretary Napolitano's lead representative on border affairs and strategy regarding security, immigration, narcotics and trade matters as well as for

coordinating the Secretary's security initiatives on the nation's borders.

Read more about this at http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/news_releases/national/03302010_6.xml.

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6. Deputy Secretary Joins Government, Union Leaders to Advance Labor-Management Relations

Deputy Secretary Jane Holl Lute last week attended the second meeting of the government-wide National Council on Federal Labor-Management Relations. The deputy secretary's participation demonstrates DHS's continued support of effective and productive labor-management partnerships within the department and across the federal government.

The deputy secretary is one of five agency representatives on this government-wide council that includes seven union presidents, representatives from the Senior Executives Association and Federal Managers Association, and the chair of the Federal Labor Relations Authority. The National Council advises President Obama on matters involving labor-management relations, supports the creation of agency labor-management

forums, promotes partnership efforts and develops measurements, metrics, and recommendations for suggested improvements.

At the meeting, the National Council certified the DHS implementation plan of Executive Order 13522, which calls for federal agencies to work together with employees and unions to improve the delivery of government services. This plan establishes the DHS Labor-Management Forum, which is chaired by Deputy Secretary Lute. Membership includes components with bargaining unit employees, the Chief Human Capital Officer and the national presidents and DHS union representatives of the American Federation of Government Employees and National Treasury Employees Union. This forum will join with component-level committees to support and enhance the department's mission and promote satisfactory labor relations.

More information about the National Council is available at <http://www.lmrcouncil.gov/>.

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7. Secretary Napolitano Announces Preparedness Task Force

Secretary Napolitano on Wednesday announced the formation of the local, state, tribal and federal Preparedness Task Force, a council of experts charged with assessing the state of the nation's disaster preparedness and making recommendations to the secretary about ways to build resiliency in communities across America.

"Enhancing preparedness across our nation requires close collaboration between all levels of government," said the secretary. "The recommendations of this Task Force — comprised of emergency management and homeland security experts from states, cities and tribes across the country — will help guide our ongoing efforts to ensure the resilience of communities throughout the nation."

The task force is comprised of 35 members of local, state and tribal governments — many of whom have also served within federal government — offering a diverse cross-section of experience in homeland security and emergency management missions. The task force will also engage Congressional partners, as well as the private sector and non-governmental and development organizations through a variety of outreach activities.

The Conference Report accompanying the 2010 DHS Appropriations Act called for a task force responsible for making recommendations for all levels of government regarding, among other things, disaster and emergency guidance and policy. The task force will conduct regular meetings and expects to deliver recommendations in September 2010.

More information about this, including a list of task force members, is available at http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1270649859370.shtm.

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8. DHS Components Participate in PMF Job Fair

Representatives from DHS components participated in the Presidential Management Fellows (PMF) Class of 2010 Job Fair from March 30 through April 1 in Washington, D.C. The PMF program is designed to help federal agencies recruit outstanding graduate school students who successfully complete the Office of Personnel Management's competitive nomination and assessment process. Finalists, many of whom have extensive prior experience in public administration, law, technology, science, health, human resources, business and financial management, attended the fair to meet with prospective federal employers.



One of several DHS component booths at the PMF Job Fair. Photo courtesy of OCHCO

DHS anticipates hiring approximately 50 PMF finalists to work in various positions across the department in 2010. "This program is a win-win; it helps build our pipeline of future leaders and provides talent immediately in a variety of pressing fields. The PMF program provides unique employment and professional development opportunities," said Chief Human Capital Officer Jeffrey R. Neal.

During the two-year program, DHS PMFs participate in a four-to-six month developmental assignment, a one-to-three month rotational assignment, formal and informal training, and other career development opportunities to enhance their understanding of the mission of DHS. Upon successful completion of the excepted service program, PMFs are eligible for conversion to the competitive service.

Read more about the DHS PMF program at <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/mgmt/dhshr/emp/Pages/PMFProgram.aspx>.

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9. Special Humanitarian Parole Program for Haitian Orphans to Close

USCIS announced last week that it would provide the Haitian government with a requested final list of orphans being considered under the Special Humanitarian Parole Program for Haitian Orphans. This program, created in response to the emergency in Haiti following the Jan. 12 earthquake, will stop accepting new requests for consideration as of April 14.

USCIS believes the vast majority of adoption requests for orphans who meet the criteria of the special program have already been submitted. Since Jan. 18, USCIS has authorized parole for more than 1,000 orphans under the special program, and as of April 5, approximately 340 cases are still being considered. The unprecedented program included safeguards to ensure that each child granted parole was truly available for adoption and had been matched to a suitable U.S. citizen for adoption.

Secretary Napolitano authorized the use of parole for two specific and limited groups of Haitian children. The first group included children who either had full and final adoptions completed by their U.S. parents before the earthquake and who were legally confirmed as eligible for inter-country adoption by the government of Haiti. The second group included children who were far enough along in the adoption process that both the U.S. and Haitian governments could verify the identity and eligibility of the children for adoption, and the U.S. government could confirm the suitability of the adoptive parents.

Going forward, inter-country adoption cases involving Haitian orphans will again be processed through normal procedures. The government of Haiti has already begun accepting new documents for adoption cases and the U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince has resumed regular processing.

More information about humanitarian parole and inter-country adoption is available online at www.uscis.gov/humanitarianparole and www.uscis.gov/adoptions.

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10. Secretary Commends Actions by FAMS on board United Flight 663



Secretary Napolitano on Thursday commended the actions taken by two TSA Federal Air Marshals (FAMS) on board United Airlines flight 663 following an incident involving a passenger from Qatar. The flight was headed to Denver International Airport from Washington, D.C.

In her statement, the secretary said the two FAMS “swiftly responded to a potential threat to passenger safety while the plane was in flight.” She added, “These highly trained individuals took appropriate and immediate action to secure the aircraft and communicate the potential threat to authorities on the ground — ensuring that the flight was met by TSA and law enforcement officials when it landed safely in Denver. I spoke to the Air Marshals this morning, and I expressed

my appreciation for their vital service keeping passengers around the world safe from potential threats of terrorism — work that nearly always goes unnoticed. We always treat security-related incidents seriously until verified otherwise, and thankfully this incident posed no actual security threat.”

Since the attempted terrorist attack on Dec. 25, 2009, TSA has increased deployments of FAMS on domestic and international flights, along with many other enhancements to aviation security personnel and technology. President Obama’s fiscal year 2011 budget request includes \$85 million for increased Federal Air Marshals flight coverage.

Read more about the Federal Air Marshal Service at <http://www.tsa.gov/lawenforcement/programs/fams.shtm>.

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11. NOC Liaison Officer Honored for 50 Years of Government Service

Robert F. “Bob” Killen, who helped stand up the National Security Agency (NSA) watch desk at the department’s National Operations Center (NOC) seven years ago, was recognized last week by DHS officials, including Secretary Napolitano, for his 50 years of service in the federal government.

Staff at the NOC celebrated Killen’s 50 years of service by presenting him with a poster signed by his colleagues, an autographed copy of his photo with Secretary Napolitano, a letter from the director of the DHS Office of Operations and Planning, and a cake. Killen, who is on detail from NSA to DHS, received accolades from high ranking officials in Maryland, where he is a resident. These came from Sen. Barbara Mikulski, D-Md., and Rep. Steny Hoyer, Majority Leader in the House.



Secretary Napolitano met with Bob Killen to congratulate him on his 50 years of service in the federal government. Photo by Barry Bahler, DHS

In his letter commending his service, John Acton, Director of the DHS Office of Operations Coordination and Planning, said, “As a result of your dedication, calm demeanor and expert advice, you have built numerous professional relationships that now serve as the cornerstone of the cooperative relationship between NSA and the Office of Operations Coordination and Planning. Please accept my gratitude for a job well-done in your continued service to the department and our country.”

Following the celebration of his 50 years of government service at NSA and DHS, Killen reflected on his most satisfying moments. "Working with younger people in the intelligence community, and helping them upgrade their capabilities so that the next time something happens they are prepared," he said ranks as one of his greatest satisfactions. Killen added that he plans to continue giving guidance to those coming through the ranks of the intelligence community, as he has no plans to retire yet.

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12. DHS Chief Medical Officer Selected for President's Commission on Bioethical Issues

President Obama last week announced that he intends to appoint Dr. Alexander G. Garza, DHS Chief Medical Officer and Assistant Secretary for Health Affairs, to the President's Commission on the Study of Bioethical Issues.

The commission will advise the president on bioethical issues that may emerge from advances in biomedicine and related areas of science and technology. It aims to identify and promote policies that ensure scientific research, health care delivery and technological innovation are conducted in an ethically responsible manner. "As our nation invests in science and innovation and pursues advances in biomedical research and health care, it's imperative that we do so in a responsible manner," said President Obama.

The selected commissioners are highly diverse in terms of professional backgrounds, geography and experience. This commission is smaller than previous biomedical commissions to allow for greater interoperability and to facilitate discussion and consensus building.

"I am excited and honored to be considered by the president for this important commission," said Garza. "I look forward to actively participating in the commission on the significant bioethical issues confronting our nation."

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13. ICE Returns Pre-Columbian Skulls to Peruvian Government

ICE returned 12 pre-Columbian human skulls to Peruvian Ambassador Luis Miguel Baldivieso Montano in a ceremony at the Embassy of Peru in Washington, D.C. These ancient skulls were verified using carbon dating and determined to be pre-Columbian human skulls dating from 640-890 AD.

"This repatriation continues a long tradition between our countries of locating, investigating and returning items that are part of the history of Peru," said Gina Holland, Acting Deputy Assistant Director of the ICE Office of International Affairs. "These are irreplaceable and not souvenirs to be sold to the highest bidder. These are priceless pieces of a culture and clues to a region's traditions and history."

Originating from Lima, Peru, the artifacts were concealed within ceramic handicrafts, and discovered after they arrived at the Miami International Airport in May 2003. The consignee never claimed the shipment and it was forwarded to a general warehouse for auction. The purchaser of the shipment notified law enforcement officials upon determining the nature of the cultural property. ICE launched a criminal investigation involving the illegal importation of human remains.

In 1997, the United States and Peru entered into a bilateral agreement that imposes import restrictions on a broad range of archaeological and colonial period materials. The restrictions allow U.S. law enforcement to seize and return such materials if they lack export permits from Peruvian authorities. ICE's partnerships with other federal and international law enforcement partners ensured it was able to secure the skulls and return these cultural treasures to the Peruvian people.

Read more about this at <http://www.ice.gov/pi/nr/1004/100407washingtondc2.htm>.

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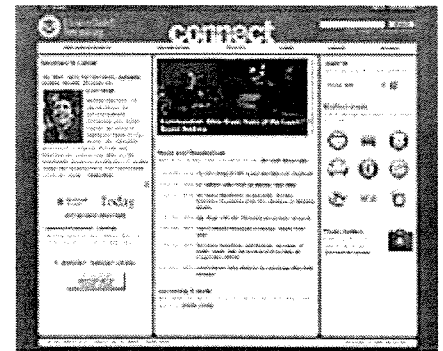
EMPLOYEE RESOURCES

14. Connect Continues to Bring DHS Together

DHSONline no longer accessible after April 16

Since its launch on March 1, Connect has continued to grow as a common meeting ground for all DHS employees and contractors, offering increasing access to information across the department. Over the past six weeks, components with independent intranet sites have been opening their sites to access by all DHS users and, component by component, employees' browsers have been redirected so that Connect is their default landing page. At present, any DHS employee, contractor, or intern using a DHS computer with the department's security software is able to access Connect by going to <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov>. In addition, users are able to enter the intranet sites of CBP, FEMA, FLETC, ICE, and S&T, with TSA's and OIG's sites becoming available soon.

In a groundbreaking move, USCIS, which has been using DHSONline for many years, has built its new intranet site within Connect. The new site, available today for the first time at <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/USCIS/Pages/default.aspx>, means a large group of users of DHSONline can now access all their internal information at Connect. For this reason and others, DHSONline will be decommissioned on April 16 and will no longer be accessible after that date.



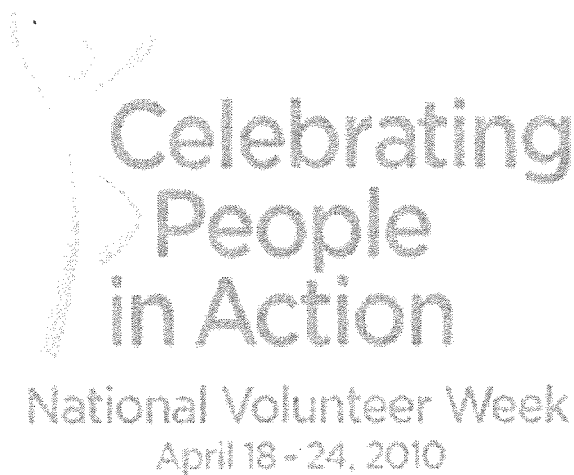
The Connect Team has been receiving many comments and suggestions about the new intranet. The team reads each message and tries to reply within 48 hours — whether the feedback is positive or negative, and is cataloguing requests and suggestions for site improvements so that they can be reviewed and discussed. One frequent request is for team sites, the capability that enables groups to more easily share documents and collaborate within an office, a component, or across the department. This capability will become available in late April or early May, and instructions for requesting a team site will be published on Connect.

The Connect Team has made changes on the home page to address concerns by those who were having difficulty reaching their component's intranet site or other sites they use on a daily basis. For example, components using Internet Explorer 7 or above are able to set browsers to open displaying two tabs. The first tab is Connect and the second can be set to another site the employee uses regularly. Components that are not using Internet Explorer 7 have been encouraging their employees to bookmark the sites they use most frequently as Favorites, so they can access them quickly. And there are multiple ways for users to reach the components' intranet sites: via the Organization → Components fly-out from the top navigation tabs, by clicking on the links of sites open to all DHS users, or by using the dropdown menu below those links.

The Connect Team's goal is to make continuous improvements to the site so that it meets the needs of employees and other DHS users. To do that, we encourage you to send your feedback to the ["Please tell us what you think"](#) link on the home page.

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15. National Volunteer Week Begins April 18



National Volunteer Week, April 18-24, offers opportunities to thank volunteers for the many ways they improve our communities. This year's theme — celebrating people in action — is about inspiring, recognizing and encouraging people to seek out ways to engage in their communities. DHS employees participate in a variety of community service projects ranging from helping to rebuild communities impacted by disasters to mentoring youth to donating blood.

National Volunteer Week began in 1974 when President Richard Nixon signed an executive order establishing the week as an annual celebration of volunteering. Since then, every U.S. president, along with many governors, mayors and other elected officials, have signed a proclamation promoting National Volunteer Week.

During National Volunteer Week, and throughout 2010, there are many ways for DHS employees to participate. Make a commitment to serve and visit www.volunteer.gov to locate local volunteer opportunities. More information about the DHS Volunteer Community Service program is available at <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/mgmt/dhshr/emp/Pages/VolCommSvc.aspx>.

"A special thanks to all of the employees who contribute their time and resources to better their communities, not just during National Volunteer Week but for your commitment to service throughout the entire year," said Chief Human Capital Officer Jeffrey Neal.

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16. DHS Internal Cloud Computing Symposium scheduled April 26

The Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) will host the department's first Internal Cloud Computing Symposium for its federal personnel and support contractors on April 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the GSA Building, 7th and D Streets, SW, Washington, D.C.

The educational symposium will provide an understanding of cloud computing applications and their reduction of operational expenses through cost savings and efficient use of resources. The symposium will feature the latest solutions for meeting DHS internal cloud computing requirements for enhanced data center operations, including testing environments; automating operational processes; managing capacity; and ensuring security.

James Staten, principal analyst, Forrester Research, will provide the keynote address. Staten provides infrastructure and operations professionals with insight into server-centric issues for best practices on Information Technology (IT) consolidation. Potential solutions will be presented independently by representatives from Novell, Surgient, VMware, and other companies.

Contact CIO-Liaison@DHS.gov or 202-282-9628 to register. Employees are responsible for travel and meal expenses, as well as supervisory approval to attend. Visit <http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/mgmt/cio/oat/Pages/default.aspx> for more information about the symposium.

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17. Register Today for the Next *DHS 101: Awareness Forum*

The next *DHS 101: Awareness Forum* will be held April 21-22. Space is limited, so reserve your place today!

This forum provides an exceptional opportunity for DHS employees to learn about the department and its components. The program is ideal for new employees or those looking to broaden their foundational knowledge of the department.

More information on the two-day forum, including how to register, is available

<http://dhsconnect.dhs.gov/org/comp/mgmt/dhshr/emp/Pages/PrepCenterDHS101.aspx>. Please e-mail

DHSUniversity@dhs.gov with questions. **Individuals requiring reasonable accommodations or alternate**

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dhsuniversity@dhs.gov.

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April 12 – TSA Media Relations Manager Suzanne Trevino participates in a media availability to thank two TSA employees who helped save the life of a passenger by using an Automated External Defibrillator, Phoenix, Ariz.

April 13 – U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Thad Allen testifies about the Coast Guard's fiscal year 2011 budget request before the Senate Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.

Secretary Napolitano receives the 2010 Thomas Jefferson Foundation Medal in Law and delivers remarks highlighting the ways her legal education contributed to her career in public service, Charlottesville, Va.

April 14 – FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate delivers remarks about FEMA's ongoing efforts to coordinate federal, state, local and tribal preparedness and response efforts at the Maryland Emergency Management Agency Annual Severe Storms Awareness Conference, Linthicum Heights, Md.

Office of Health Affairs Chief Veterinarian Tom McGinn participates in panel discussion about zoonotics and food safety at the Food Safety Summit, Washington, D.C.

ICE Assistant Secretary John Morton and CBP Commissioner Alan Bersin testify about continuing challenges posed by Southwest border violence before the House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.

Federal Protective Service (FPS) Director Gary Schenkel testifies about ongoing FPS efforts and initiatives before the House Committee on Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.

U.S. Computer Emergency Readiness Team Acting Director Randy Vickers delivers remarks about the importance of federal, state, local and tribal collaboration to identifying, mitigating and responding to cyber threats at the Electronic Crimes Seminar, Columbia, S.C.

USCIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas administers the Oath of Allegiance and delivers congratulatory remarks to approximately 1,300 candidates for citizenship during a naturalization ceremony, Oakland, Calif.

April 15 – Secretary Napolitano delivers remarks about the department's ongoing efforts to bolster the security of the domestic and international aviation systems, Washington, D.C.

ICE Deputy Assistant Secretary Alonzo Pena participates in a media availability with the Mexican Attorney General's Office announcing the expansion of the Controlled Substance Program, El Paso, Texas.

NPPD Under Secretary Rand Beers and Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications Greg Schaffer testify about DHS's cybersecurity programs before the House Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.

FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate delivers remarks about ongoing efforts to coordinate federal, state, local and tribal preparedness and response efforts at the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness Parish Leadership Summit, Baton Rouge, La.

Secretary Napolitano participates in a media availability to announce the deployment of new Explosive Trace Detection machines at Logan International Airport, East Boston, Mass.

U.S. Coast Guard Director of Reserve and Leadership Rear Admiral Daniel May testifies about reserve components before the House Committee on Armed Services, Subcommittee on Military Personnel, Washington, D.C.

April 16 – Secretary Napolitano joins USCIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas to administer the Oath of Allegiance and delivers congratulatory remarks to approximately 400 candidates for citizenship during a naturalization ceremony, Boston, Mass.

April 17 – Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications Greg Schaffer delivers remarks about the department's ongoing cybersecurity efforts at the Cybersecurity Summit and National Collegiate Cyber Defense Competition, San Antonio, Texas.

National Cybersecurity Division Director of Global Cybersecurity Management Dr. Richard Marshall delivers remarks about information assurance and cybersecurity at the Center for Cyber Security and Intelligence Studies' Open House and Dedication Ceremony, Detroit, Mich.

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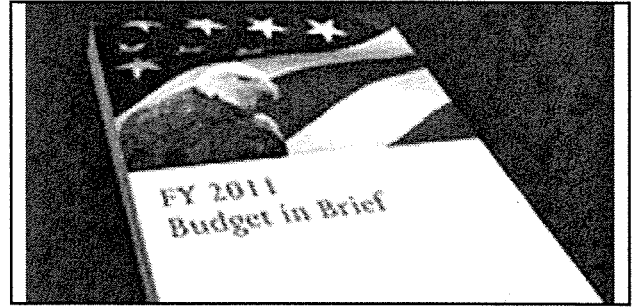
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1. Department's Fiscal Year 2011 Budget Request Announced

Secretary Napolitano today unveiled the department's \$56.3 billion fiscal year 2011 budget request, which prioritizes efforts to enhance security measures that protect against terrorism and other threats and reflects the department's commitment to fiscal discipline and efficiency.



"Our proposed budget is designed to ensure we have the resources we need to secure America," the secretary said in a press statement. "We are committed to strong fiscal discipline, eliminating redundancy and investing our resources in what works while enhancing security across the board."

President Obama's budget request for DHS strengthens the ongoing work across the department in five major mission areas — preventing terrorism and enhancing security; securing and managing the nation's borders; smart and effective enforcement of immigration laws; safeguarding and securing cyberspace; and ensuring resiliency to disasters. The proposed budget also furthers the secretary's major reform goals to continue institutionalizing a new culture of efficiency and fiscal discipline at DHS. A press release with additional details about the budget request in these areas is available at http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1265049363469.shtm.

According to the department's *Budget in Brief* document, the FY 2011 budget request represents a 2 percent increase over the FY 2010 enacted level. This document also notes that the department will continue to pursue a Balanced Workforce Strategy in three ways: first, by taking steps to ensure that no inherently governmental functions are performed by contractors; second, by putting into place rigorous review procedures to ensure that future contract actions do not increase the department's reliance on contractors; and third, by coordinating workforce assessments across DHS to seek economies and service improvements while reducing the department's reliance on contractors. As part of this strategy, the department will continue to convert contractor positions to federal jobs, the document states.

The full DHS FY 2011 budget request can be found at www.dhs.gov/xabout/budget/.

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2. Secretary Discusses Priorities and Global Aviation Security



Secretary Napolitano answers questions during a press conference. Photo by Barry Bahler, DHS

Secretary Napolitano held a press conference last week in which she discussed the department's priorities for 2010 and efforts to increase global aviation security following the Christmas Day attempted terrorist attack on a U.S. bound flight from the Netherlands. The secretary listed the fight against terrorism as the department's top priority, adding that the fight will focus on the following four areas: protecting air travelers, preventing illegal entry, enforcing immigration laws, and using local law enforcement as a force multiplier.

In her opening remarks, the secretary stated, "the attempted attack on the 25th of December was a powerful illustration that terrorists will stop at nothing to kill Americans, and that counter-terrorism remains our top

priority. This administration is determined to thwart those plans, to disrupt, dismantle, and defeat terrorist networks through multiple layers of defense, all working in concert with one another."

The secretary then described the increased international initiative to raise global aviation security. "Last week I was in Toledo, Spain and Geneva, Switzerland, to move this agenda forward. I met with foreign ministers, international aviation officials, and representatives from some of the world's largest airlines, to talk about how

we can collectively strengthen aviation security.” The secretary was pleased to find a strong consensus abroad to strengthen international aviation security standards.

In answering a reporter’s question about how the department is cooperating with foreign airports to try and improve both physical screening and information sharing, the secretary said, “They are moving to add whole-body images for example, explosives detection equipment, more canine teams, more personnel, greater screening within the airport environment itself.” Commenting on information sharing, the secretary said that the department will share portions of a State Department database internationally, “So it, like the no-fly list and the terrorist screening database, is available before somebody boards an airplane, not while they’re in flight.”

A video and transcript of the secretary’s news conference are available at <http://www.dhs.gov/journal/theblog/2010/01/video-secretarys-press-conference.html>.

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3. Deputy Secretary Discusses Strengthening Aviation Security with Canadian Officials

Deputy Secretary Jane Holl Lute last week met with Canada’s Minister of Public Safety Vic Toews and Transport Minister John Baird about strengthening cooperation and coordination between the United States and Canada on aviation security and standards following the attempted terrorist attack onboard a U.S. airliner in December.

“The United States and Canada are committed to working with all international partners to improve information sharing and enhance screening procedures while protecting the privacy of the global traveling public,” said Deputy Secretary Lute.

“Canada is a full partner with the United States in securing aviation in North America,” said Minister Toews. “It is important that we continue to work together to develop and implement effective and complementary measures and standards to ensure the safety and security of our citizens.”

In addition, last week the deputy secretary testified about the Christmas Day attempted attack before the House Committee on Homeland Security. Her complete testimony is available at <http://homeland.house.gov/SiteDocuments/20100127100900-30495.pdf>.

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4. USCIS Reaches Out to Haitian Community



USCIS Director, seated in center, with other USCIS

USCIS Director Alejandro Mayorkas visited the Miami Field Office and led a national stakeholder meeting in Florida on Jan. 20 to discuss Temporary Protective Status (TPS) for Haiti. Organized by the USCIS Office of Public Engagement, more than 500 participants dialed in to the national teleconference and approximately 250 South Florida stakeholders attended the event in person.

officials takes questions at the stakeholder meeting in Miami. Photo courtesy of USCIS

Although in town for just one day, Director Mayorkas took time to meet with several Miami Field Office employees who had been directly impacted by the recent devastation in Haiti. Associate Director of Field Operations Debra Rogers visited employees at the Kendall Field Office to express her sympathy and concern for those employees who had family members in Haiti during the earthquake.

Last week, USCIS held another engagement meeting on the Haitian TPS. More than 1,300 individuals attended the meeting and received detailed information about TPS filing procedures and eligibility requirements. Many attendees expressed their gratitude to USCIS for the comprehensive information and their genuine concern for the Haitian community during this time of crisis. During the Jan. 26 session, the audience was encouraged to use the USCIS Web site as the main source of timely and accurate information, and to visit the local USCIS Field Office to seek answers to their questions. The session was conducted in both Creole and English and included a 90-minute question and answer portion.

Overall, the Southeast Region and the Office of Public Engagement have hosted more than 20 Haitian outreach events reaching thousands of Haitians in local communities across the Southeast Region since the director's visit to Miami. Many other offices across the country have held meetings and also participated in and benefited from three Office of Public Engagement-led national teleconferences on TPS and Haitian adoptions. Field Offices across the nation will continue to hold Haitian information sessions to spread the word on TPS eligibility requirements and the application process.

More information about USCIS activities during the Haitian relief effort is available at www.uscis.gov.

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5. Enhanced Screening Begins for Cargo Arriving at U.S. Sea Ports

Secretary Napolitano last week announced that CBP has begun enforcement of the Importer Security Filing and Additional Carrier Requirements interim final rule — significantly increasing the scope and accuracy of information gathered on shipments of cargo reaching the United States by sea.

"Effective homeland security requires strengthening our capabilities to detect and deter potential acts of terrorism at our land, air, and sea ports," said the secretary. "Collecting detailed information about cargo shipped to the United States before it arrives will enhance the effectiveness of our screening operations at sea ports around the nation."

CBP began a graduated enforcement of the rule over a one-year period, which started Jan. 27 and requires importers to provide specific information on their cargo before it arrives in the United States. The Importer Security Filing and Additional Carrier Requirements — commonly known as "10+2" in reference to the data required under the rule — are a result of the SAFE Port Act of 2006, which mandated the development of a regulation to require additional data prior to a vessel's arrival at a U.S. port of entry.

More information about this is available http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1264608972865.shtm.

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6. Information Sharing and Access Agreement Repository Launches

Editor's Note: This article is the third in an ongoing series about Information Sharing and Access Agreements (ISAAs)

Information sharing at DHS took a bold step forward today with the launch of the ISAA Repository. DHS personnel can now access critical information made available by ISAAs with the convenience of a Web-based application.

ISAAs set the foundation of information-sharing partnerships with external entities, and they do not contain operational information but provide the means to access it. ISAAs make it possible to find information from another federal agency or a local police department. The new ISAA Repository collects the department's many agreements and enables searches by keyword, component author, and other terms. Components can access information made available by the more than 400 ISAAs currently held in the repository and use these ISAAs as models when drafting and negotiating new agreements with information-sharing partners.

Housed within the Enterprise Architecture Information Repository (EAIR) Application, the ISAA Repository is testament to the successful collaboration of numerous stakeholders. The Enterprise Data Management Office of the Enterprise Architecture Program Management Office worked with the Information Sharing and Collaboration Branch (IS&C) of the Office of Intelligence and Analysis to build the Repository. Components provide the true value by filling the repository with their agreements and assets, and ultimately, enhancing the information sharing environment.

The EAIR is located at <https://eair.dhs.gov> and available to all personnel with DHS LAN access. Contact the DHS Helpdesk at 800-250-7911 or ITsupport@dhs.gov to obtain a login. Please direct non-technical questions to IS&C at ISAA@dhs.gov.

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7. Crisis Action Team Performs 24/7 Monitoring of Haiti Recovery Efforts

Within a day of the 7.0 magnitude earthquake that struck Haiti on Jan. 12, John Acton, Director of Operations Coordination and Planning at DHS, ordered the stand-up of the Crisis Action Team (CAT). Through its integration with the DHS National Operations Center, the CAT coordinates with interagency partners on the ground in Haiti to provide Secretary Napolitano with the most up-to-date information about rescue and recovery efforts.

Instituted in summer 2006 as a successor to the Interagency Incident Management Group, the CAT is an on-call federal organization that operates 24 hours a day, seven days a week, to provide national-level crisis action planning, operations coordination, and decision support to the secretary and other senior government officials. In addition to providing decision support for the secretary, the CAT is responsible for maintaining and communicating national-level situational awareness.

"OPS staff and our component and interagency partners have been working around the clock, seven days a week," commented Acton, adding that "a coordinated and integrated response on this scale truly makes this a whole government effort."

Since 2006, the CAT has been activated in support of numerous natural disasters — such as hurricanes, earthquakes, and wildfires — potential domestic terrorist threat streams, special events, and countless exercises.

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8. Key DHS Personnel Announcements

Secretary Napolitano swears in new CNE Director Grayling Williams

Last week, Secretary Napolitano swore in Grayling Williams to serve as the Director of the Office of Counternarcotics Enforcement (CNE). On Dec. 24, 2009, Williams was confirmed by the U.S. Senate to direct

CNE's integrated efforts to coordinate policy and operations to stop the entry of illegal drugs into the United States, and to track and sever the connections between illegal drug trafficking and terrorism.

Before his appointment, Williams served as the Executive Assistant to the Chief of Operations for the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) Operations Division. In this capacity, he initiated and conducted special studies and projects in the program areas of global enforcement, interagency collaboration, and resource and human capital allocation relevant to the daily function of the DEA Operations Division.

Williams has held several positions within the DEA since 1987—including Special Agent and Criminal Investigator (1987-1996), Special Agent Instructor at the DEA Training Academy (1996-1998), and Assistant Special Agent in Charge, and Chief of the Policy and Source Management Section (2003-2008). Williams earned a bachelor's degree from the University of New Haven and a master's degree from John Hopkins University.

Biographical information about the new CNE director is available at http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/structure/bio_1264193522126.shtm.

Secretary welcomes new CRCL Officer Margo Schlanger

Secretary Napolitano last week welcomed Margo Schlanger to DHS as its new Officer for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties.

Schlanger will lead the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL), whose mission is to support the department as it secures the nation while preserving our freedoms and equality under the law. CRCL reviews, evaluates, and provides advice relating to a wide range of technical, legal, and policy issues; investigates and resolves complaints filed by members of the public regarding departmental policies or actions; leads the department's Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity programs; and builds stronger relationships with communities affected by these efforts.

Schlanger is a leading authority on prisons and prisoner litigation. She has testified about prison reform before Congress and the National Prison Rape Elimination Commission. Schlanger brings to the department expertise in constitutional law and civil rights. Before her appointment, she was a Professor of Law at the University of Michigan where her research and teaching focused on civil rights, tort, prisons, and equal employment litigation. She earned her J.D. and her bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, from Yale University; while at Yale, she served as Book Reviews Editor of the Yale Law Journal and received the Vinson Prize.

More information about the new CRCL Officer is available at http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/structure/bio_1264628078956.shtm.

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9. USCIS Field Office Director Goes the Extra Mile in Haiti *Earns the attention and gratitude of thousands of Haitians*

Pius Bannis, a U.S. citizen born in Dominica and educated in the United States has a resume that would impress anyone. However, his most recent job experience as the Field Office Director in Port au Prince for USCIS, has earned him the attention and gratitude of thousands of Haitians and their families in the United States.



USCIS Field Office Director Pius Bannis offers assistance in Port au Prince. Photo courtesy of USCIS

When the 7.0 magnitude earthquake shook the tiny Caribbean nation of Haiti, Bannis and USCIS Overseas Adjudications Officer Marrie Brierre were the only two USCIS employees on the ground. Within days of the earthquake, Brierre was ordered to evacuate from the Embassy, along with many other staff due to the lack of food and water in the Embassy. While no USCIS employees were injured in the quake, the agency was deeply saddened by the losses suffered by foreign service national staff members.

As Field Office Director, Bannis' normal responsibilities include reviewing and adjudicating petitions for U.S. citizens seeking to bring orphans in Haiti into loving homes. After the earthquake, U.S. citizens who had adopted children in Haiti or were in the process of adopting children in Haiti, but had not completed all the necessary requirements, were desperate to bring their children to safety in the United States. Even before Secretary Napolitano authorized the exercise of parole authority for two categories of Haitian orphans, Bannis was working around the clock to review files and identify any cases that might be ready for a visa issuance. As soon as the secretary's decision was issued, Pius worked 20-hour days, as orphanages across the country

sought help from USCIS for those children in their custody who were already in process for U.S. adoptions prior to the earthquake.

For nearly three weeks, Bannis has worked non-stop to process requests from orphanages, assisted individuals in need of urgent medical care or medical evacuation, provided comfort and support to his colleagues as they bury their loved ones and recover from the loss of their homes. He has slept in his office for about four hours each night before waking up to help more people.

More than 100 children at a time come through the waiting room at the Consular Office at the U.S. Embassy in Haiti — some screaming and crying as they look around and cannot identify a familiar face in sight. Others breathe a sigh of relief as they enjoy the food and water USCIS provides for them while they wait. Each one of these children has a story to tell, and they can thank Field Office Director Bannis for going beyond his official responsibilities and giving their stories a happy ending as many begin new lives as Americans.

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10. ICE Announces Results of Project Big Freeze

476 gang members, associates, other criminals arrested

ICE last week announced the arrests of 476 gang members, associates and other criminals. Agents seized 47 firearms as part of Project Big Freeze, an intensive ICE-led law enforcement operation executed in 83 cities across the country focusing on gangs with ties to drug trafficking organizations.

Through Project Big Freeze, ICE agents worked side-by-side with federal, state, and local law enforcement partners in a coordinated national initiative against transnational criminal street gangs in the United States. Transnational street gangs have significant numbers of foreign-national members and are frequently involved in human smuggling and trafficking; narcotics smuggling and distribution; identity theft and benefit fraud; money laundering and bulk cash smuggling; weapons smuggling and arms trafficking; cyber crimes; export violations; and other crimes with a nexus to the border.

"Project Big Freeze is the largest nationwide ICE-led enforcement operation targeting transnational gangs with ties to drug trafficking organizations," said ICE Assistant Secretary John Morton. "Through gang enforcement operations like Project Big Freeze, ICE continues to target and dismantle transnational gangs to rid our streets not only of drug dealers, but the violence associated with the drug trade."

Of the 476 arrests, 207 were arrested for criminal offenses and face prosecution for various federal and state crimes, including narcotics smuggling and distribution, firearms violations, identity theft, aggravated assault, obstruction, entry without inspection, and re-entry after deportation. In addition, ICE agents arrested another 41 individuals on administrative immigration violations. Of all those arrested, 151 were U.S. citizens and 366 were foreign nationals and face deportation now or when their criminal prosecution is complete.

More information about this is available at <http://www.ice.gov/pi/nr/1001/100127washingtondc.htm>.

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11. Employees Give Back on Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service

DHS employees across the country participated in the 2010 Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on Jan. 18 by turning the “day off” into a “day on” for service in honor of Dr. King.



Some helped the civilian auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force perform their search and rescue and disaster relief operations by assembling 1,000 personal first aid kits, while others spent the day fixing up a public school.

Additional volunteer service opportunities are available to DHS employees year-round. Visit www.serve.gov or the DHS volunteer community service Web site at <https://dhsonline.dhs.gov/portal/jhtml/dc/sf.jhtml?doid=55000> for more information.

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12. DHS Hires Cybersecurity Talent through Simplified Process

Managers make offers after interviewing more than 100 candidates from across country

A streamlined federal hiring process, combined with cross-department collaboration, helped DHS recruit and hire cybersecurity talent through the first DHS Cybersecurity Virtual Job Fair and subsequent Cybersecurity Invitation-Only Interview Fair on Jan. 22-23.

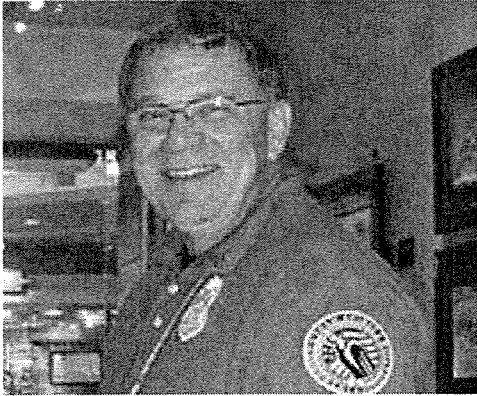
Coordinated by the Office of the Chief Human Capital Officer, the cyber fair was the first of its kind, using a collaborative hiring approach for mission-critical occupations in addition to providing applicants with a streamlined experience. Candidates began the application process via the Cybersecurity Virtual Job Fair Web portal, and based on eligibility, were asked to participate in the Cybersecurity Invitation-Only Interview Fair where they received tentative job offers, were fingerprinted, and began the security process in partnership with onsite staff from the Office of the Chief Security Officer.

The overall results of this centralized hiring approach include more than 23,000 Web site visitors and 4,700 applications, of which nearly 1,000 met eligibility requirements. Of those qualified, hiring managers invited more than 100 candidates from across the country to the interview fair. So far, 20 job offers have been extended with more expected in the coming weeks.

By using a virtual Web portal through which candidates could apply for multiple positions with a single resume upload, DHS was able to simplify the application process and shorten time-to-hire. For more information about the cybersecurity special hiring authority, contact Erin Hayes at erin.hayes@hq.dhs.gov.

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13. Supervisory TSO Exhibits TSA's Spirit of Goodwill



Supervisory TSO John Hart. Photo courtesy of TSA

Supervisory Transportation Security Officer John Hart at Phoenix Sky Harbor International saved a family member's life when he donated his kidney last year. His sister-in-law needed a kidney after hers started to fail in late 2008, and her health began to decline.

Hart, who has been with TSA since 2002, said that after losing his father to cancer and his brother to a suicide, he wanted "a chance to make a difference" when his sister-in-law "needed someone to help her out."

For seven months in 2009, Hart underwent numerous screening tests to ensure he was physically capable of donating a kidney and that his tissue type and immune system match his sister-in-law's. On the day of surgery, he told her: "Tag, you're it." They both laughed. The following

morning, she walked into his hospital room with a big grin on her face and said, "Tag, you're it, John." At that moment, he says, when he looked in her eyes, "it made everything worth it for me."

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14. 2009 Annual Employee Survey Results Coming Soon

Employee feedback is essential in helping managers and senior leaders assess organizational resilience. Permanent civilian employees onboard as of July 30 were asked to complete the department's annual employee survey by Dec. 21, 2009

The findings from the annual survey are leveraged to address employee issues and hone policies for improving department performance. Results will also be used to gauge employee attitudes in a number of areas, including leadership, performance culture, personal work experiences and job satisfaction, and allow the department to track progress in these areas year after year.

Survey data is currently being tabulated, and results will be announced soon. Beginning in mid-February, the Office of Personnel Management will invite a select group of DHS employees to participate in a government-wide employee survey.

Additional information about the 2009 Annual Survey is available at <https://dhsonline.dhs.gov/portal/jhtml/dc/sf.jhtml?doid=109045>.

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Feb. 1 – Secretary Napolitano participates in the Super Bowl XLIV Security press conference featuring members of national and local law enforcement and NFL security, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Feb. 2 – Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications Greg Schaffer delivers remarks about the department's cybersecurity efforts at the Black Hat Briefings, Arlington, Va.

Science & Technology Directorate (S&T) Command, Control & Interoperability Division Director Dr. David Boyd delivers remarks about the Virtual USA initiative at the 11th Annual Technologies for Critical Incident Preparedness Conference and Expo, Philadelphia, Pa.

Feb. 3 – FEMA Response and Recovery Associate Administrator William Carwile testifies about FEMA's urban search and rescue program in Haiti before the House Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Economic Development, Public Buildings, and Emergency Management, Washington, D.C.

S&T Deputy Under Secretary Bradley Buswell testifies about the department's continued efforts to develop the next generation of screening technologies before the House Committee on Science and Technology, Subcommittee on Technology and Innovation, Washington, D.C.

Feb. 4 – ICE Office of Investigations Deputy Assistant Director Janice Ayala testifies about funds from Politically Exposed Persons, suspected of being proceeds of foreign corruption, before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations, Washington, D.C.

Under Secretary for Management Elaine Duke testifies about the department's official travel policies before the House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, Washington, D.C.

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Petty Officer 2nd Class Jose Estrada rushes an injured Haitian girl to an awaiting Coast Guard HH-60 Jayhawk helicopter. Photo by Petty Officer 3rd Class Brandy Hill, USCG

1. DHS Participates in Humanitarian Relief Effort in Haiti

DHS and its components continue to aid in the disaster recovery efforts in Haiti following the recent earthquake, which devastated the island nation and created a large-scale humanitarian relief effort.

The Coast Guard is supporting the massive relief effort in Haiti by providing humanitarian assistance to Haitian survivors, evacuating critically injured Haitian citizens, and evacuating U.S. citizens from Haiti. Below is a brief summary of actions taken by other DHS components in response to the earthquake devastation in Haiti:

- ICE has facilitated the evacuation of orphaned children who have been granted humanitarian parole to enter the United States on a temporary basis.
- FEMA has been providing support to USAID as requests for supporting assets have come in, including the activation of several Urban Search and Rescue teams deployed to Haiti.
- CBP has been providing assistance through its Air and Marine

operations and in other capacities.

- TSA personnel at the Orlando Sanford International Airport transitioned to a 24-hour operation to accommodate the approximately 1,400 evacuees from Haiti who have been flown in by transport aircraft.

Secretary Napolitano last week authorized the activation of Reserve Coast Guard personnel to support the efforts in Haiti. This will bolster the more than 500 Coast Guard personnel already serving in Haiti in support of the relief and recovery effort.

In a message to employees on Friday, the secretary said, "As DHS employees, many of you are already contributing to the response effort. In addition to everything that the U.S. Government and our international partners are doing, the success of the ongoing recovery effort will continue to rely in large part on the generosity of individual citizens." The secretary announced that a special fundraising effort across the federal government has been established to support Haiti recovery efforts. The secretary's complete message is available at <https://dhsonline.dhs.gov/portal/jhtml/dc/sf.jhtml?doid=131272>



At the Orlando Sanford International Airport, Security Training Instructor Dicy Peppers helps an elderly Haitian woman with her luggage. Photo by Mary Jo Gavin, TSA

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2. Secretary Napolitano Testifies about Attempted Terrorist Attack



From left, testifying are National Counterterrorism Center Director Michael Leiter, Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair, and Secretary Napolitano. Photo by Barry Bahler, DHS

Secretary Napolitano testified on Wednesday before the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs about the Dec. 25 attempted terrorist attack aboard Northwest Flight 253. The secretary testified along with Director of National Intelligence Dennis Blair and National Counterterrorism Center Director Michael Leiter. Later in the day, the secretary testified again about the attempted attack before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science & Transportation.

In written testimony before the committee, the secretary said that the terrorist suspect from Nigeria “should never have been able to board a U.S.-bound plane with the explosive PETN on his person.” The secretary told the committee members that DHS is “focused on improving aviation screening and expanding our international partnerships to guard against a similar type of attack happening again.” She advised that “we must move as aggressively as possible both to find and fix security flaws and anticipate future vulnerabilities in all sectors.”

In her testimony, the secretary described the department’s “aggressive international program designed to raise international standards for airports and air safety.” As part of this effort, after testifying last week, the secretary left for Spain and Switzerland to meet with European Union counterparts and global airline industry leaders in the first of a series of meetings to improve global aviation security standards and procedures. Earlier this month, senior leaders from the department traveled to countries around the world to meet with government leaders and major international airport executives to discuss aviation security matters.

The secretary’s written testimony before the Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs committee is available at http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/testimony/testimony_1264015592011.shtm.

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3. Secretary Discusses Enhancing Aviation Security Measures, Standards with Europeans

Secretary Napolitano last week met with members of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) in Geneva as part of the department’s ongoing efforts to work with the airline industry to meet both international and TSA security standards.

“Effective aviation security relies upon close coordination between airlines, government, and law enforcement to identify, deter, and disrupt threats,” said Secretary Napolitano. “I am committed to working closely with the airline industry and my international counterparts to strengthen global aviation security standards for passengers traveling to the United States and around the world.”

The secretary’s trip began in Toledo, Spain, where she met with her European counterparts to discuss ways to strengthen international aviation security standards. “Yesterday, my European counterparts and I reached consensus on a way forward to strengthen the international civil aviation system through enhanced information collection and sharing, cooperation on technological development, and modernized aviation security standards,” said Napolitano. She then traveled to Geneva, Switzerland, where she met with airline industry leaders to discuss methods for enhancing aviation security.

The secretary also emphasized the Obama administration’s commitment to strengthening information sharing about terrorists and other dangerous people with international partners. In 2009, DHS worked with the Justice, and State departments to forge agreements with Greece, Italy, Spain, and Portugal to prevent and combat crime. These agreements allow for the exchange of biometric and biographic data to bolster counterterrorism and law enforcement efforts while ensuring privacy protections.

More about the secretary's trip to Spain and Switzerland is available at <http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/>.

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4. Key DHS Personnel Announcements

FEMA Administrator Fugate applauds President Obama's appointments of regional administrators

FEMA Administrator Craig Fugate applauded President Obama's appointments of Lynn Gilmore Canton and Beth A. Freeman as FEMA Regional Administrators for Region II, which encompasses New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, and Region VII, which encompasses Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, and Nebraska, respectively.

"Regional administrators are crucial to our ability to respond effectively to emergencies based on the needs of the communities we serve," said Fugate. "Lynn Canton and Beth Freeman are experienced emergency managers and dedicated public servants whose knowledge of their regions makes them uniquely qualified to help lead our efforts."

Canton brings a long history with FEMA to her new position. She served as Regional Director for Region II from 1995-2000, when she transitioned to Washington, D.C., to serve as the agency's executive director. Most recently, she worked to ensure transparency and accountability as the deputy comptroller for the New York State Division of State Government Accountability. She holds master's and bachelor's degrees from the State University of New York at Albany.

Freeman has also served FEMA in the past as the Director for Region VII in 2000. She gained a deep understanding of Region VII in her 18 years working for U.S. Senator Tom Harkin of Iowa, during which time she worked as the Senator's Regional Director and managed operations for six Iowa offices. Freeman holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Hawaii and a bachelor's degree from Drake University.

Additional information about this is available at <http://www.fema.gov/news/newsrelease.fema?id=50238>.

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5. Eleven Countries Designated Eligible for Nonimmigrant Visa Programs

Secretary Napolitano last week designated 11 countries as eligible to participate in the H-2A and H-2B nonimmigrant visa programs, which allow U.S. employers to bring foreign nationals to the United States to fill temporary or seasonal jobs for which U.S. workers are not available.

The 11 newly designated countries — Croatia, Ecuador, Ethiopia, Ireland, Lithuania, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Norway, Serbia, Slovakia, and Uruguay — join 28 countries previously designated as eligible to participate in these programs.

The initial lists of participating countries for the H-2A and H-2B programs — published in December 2008 — expired on Jan. 17 and 18, respectively. After consulting with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Secretary Napolitano determined that the 11 newly designated countries meet the standards required for participation in the H-2A and H-2B programs.

More information about this is available http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1264197311110.shtm.

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6. CBP Officer Offers Familiar Language and Solace to Earthquake Evacuees

For Haitian earthquake evacuees arriving at Orlando Sanford International Airport, hearing one of their own speaking to them in Creole is a welcome comfort. Haitian-American CBP Officer Roberto Baptiste is just the man for the job.

"When they hear that language...it gives them warmth to hear someone speaking their language that is here to help them," Baptiste said. Baptiste himself has not been in the United States that long. He grew up in Haiti, arriving here in 2001. He later earned a bachelor's degree in international relations from the University of Western Florida and became a naturalized U.S. citizen in 2007. In 2008, he became a CBP officer assigned in Orlando.

Baptiste feels proud to serve CBP and is thankful that he got the opportunity to finish his education in the United States. "It's a unique position that you get to do so much with one agency," Baptiste said, indicating that in addition to serving as a CBP officer, he also serves as a firearms instructor and provides translation in Creole when needed.



CBP Officer Roberto Baptiste. Photo courtesy of CBP

The CBP officer expressed his amazement and gratitude for the outpouring of support that the world has shown so far to provide relief to the Haitian people. "So many countries have come together to help Haiti. It's unheard of to see that type of support so quickly," he said. "It makes it seem like there is a light at the end of tunnel for the Haitian people."

Additional information is available at http://www.cbp.gov/xp/cgov/newsroom/highlights/haiti_relief/baptiste.xml.

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7. DHS Surpasses Fundraising Goal for 2009 CFC/NCA



DHS has exceeded its goal for the 2009 Combined Federal Campaign of the National Capital Area (CFC/NCA). The department set a goal of \$3.4 million in employee donations. With a final push during the closing week by coordinators, keyworkers, and volunteers from across the department, DHS surpassed its goal with reported donations totaling more than \$3.6 million in employee pledges and donations. The efforts of the CFC volunteers and the generosity of the National Capital Area workforce

made the 2009 campaign the most successful one to date.

DHS has a strong history of supporting the CFC as one of the largest agencies in the National Capital Area, and continued this tradition during the first year under Secretary Napolitano. The CFC provides funding for much-needed services throughout the local, national, and international community. The CFC/NCA supports over 4,000 qualifying charity organizations through the donations of federal employees.

"The success of this year's CFC is due to the overwhelming generosity of our DHS workforce," said DHS General Counsel Ivan Fong, this year's CFC/NCA chair. "I also want to recognize and give thanks to the CFC coordinators and volunteers who made this campaign possible. I am proud to be a part of Secretary

Napolitano's first CFC campaign, and I look forward to continuing the department's strong tradition of generosity and support for our communities."

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8. ICE Agents Remove Bosnian to Face Genocide Charges

A former Bosnian-Serb commander in the wartime Special Police Forces was removed from the United States last week by ICE agents in order to face genocide related charges in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Nedjo Ikonic, formerly of Milwaukee, Wis., came into ICE custody after completing a one-year sentence in federal prison after it was determined that he had been the commander of a police unit involved in a genocide that occurred in Srebrenica in July 1995. Ikonic's arrest was the result of a transnational investigation undertaken by ICE with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Milwaukee. To establish Ikonic's activities during the 1992-95 conflict in Bosnia and Herzegovina, ICE worked with international war crimes investigators from the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia, and investigators from the Prosecutor's Office of Bosnia-Herzegovina in Sarajevo.

"ICE 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," said ICE Assistant Secretary John Morton. "We will not relent in our efforts to ensure that human rights violators are brought to justice and removed from our communities."

After completing his sentence on Dec. 31, 2009, Ikonic was returned to ICE custody and held at the El Paso Processing Center in El Paso, Texas pending his removal. He was then escorted by ICE agents to Sarajevo, where he was turned over to the Bosnia and Herzegovina Border Police.

More information about this is available at <http://www.ice.gov/pi/nr/1001/100120washingtondc.htm>.

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9. Coast Guard Academy Maintains International Business Accreditation

The U.S. Coast Guard Academy has maintained its business accreditation by the Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB). Founded in 1916, AACSB International is the longest serving global accrediting body for business schools that offer undergraduate, master's, and doctoral degrees in business and accounting.

Only 579 schools of business, or less than 5 percent worldwide, have earned this distinguished hallmark of excellence in management education. To maintain accreditation, a business program must undergo a rigorous internal review every five years, at which the program must demonstrate its continued commitment to the 21 quality standards relating to faculty qualification, strategic management of resources, interactions of faculty and students, as well as a commitment to continuous improvement, and achievement of learning goals in degree programs.

The Coast Guard Academy is currently the smallest undergraduate program worldwide to be accredited by the AACSB. "We are very excited to once again be accredited by the AACSB. It could not have happened without the hard work and dedication of our faculty. I also want to thank the dean and our students for their support in this effort," said Capt. Paul Szwed, the Academy's Management Department Head.

The achievement will be recognized in April at the 2010 AACSB International Conference and Annual Meeting in Anaheim, Calif.

More about this is available at <http://www.piersystem.com/go/doc/2487/458859/>.

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10. DHS Office Offers Section 508 Awareness Training

The DHS Office of Accessible Systems & Technology (OAST) is offering Section 508 awareness training in Section 508 law, document accessibility, and Web site and software compliance testing. These courses are offered in online, classroom, and hands-on formats.

OAST trainings can assist all employees, document developers, Web and application developers, and testers, not only become knowledgeable about Section 508 requirements but to ensure that all documents and/or applications and Web sites are Section 508 compliant. Available course offerings include:

- **Introduction to Section 508** - (classroom/lecture)
- **Creating Accessible PDF Documents Using Adobe Acrobat & Using Common Look to Make Complex Documents 508 Compliant** - (hands-on, lecture/demonstration)
- **Web Accessibility Testing** - (hands-on)
- **Application Testing Process & Tools** - (hands-on)
- **Accessibility Testing Techniques Using JAWS** - (online)
- **Creating Accessible Document Structure in Microsoft Word 2003** - (online)

Seating is limited. All prospective attendees are encouraged to contact OAST via the DHS Accessibility Helpdesk at 202-447-0440 or at accessibility@dhs.gov.

Additional information about the 2010 Section 508 trainings is available at <https://dhsonline.dhs.gov/portal/jhtml/dc/sfi.jhtml?doid=120671>.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 25 – Office of Health Affairs Medical Readiness Associate Chief Medical Officer Dr. Til Jolly testifies at a field hearing about disaster preparedness within the medical community before the House Committee on Homeland Security, Subcommittee on Management, Investigations, and Oversight, Danville, Pa.

Jan. 27 – Deputy Secretary Jane Holl Lute testifies about the department's ongoing efforts to enhance and improve security following the attempted terrorist attack on Northwest Flight 253 before the House Committee on Homeland Security, Washington, D.C.

Jan. 28 – Assistant Secretary for Cybersecurity and Communications Greg Schaffer participates in a roundtable discussion about current federal cybersecurity initiatives and best practices at a Federal Executive Forum on cybersecurity hosted by the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, Washington, D.C.

U.S. Coast Guard Commandant Admiral Thad Allen participates in a media availability about counterdrug operations in the United States and the ongoing, multiagency efforts to interdict and prosecute criminals involved in these operations, Clearwater, Fla.

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b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 1:42 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] parole template

Awesome, thanks....pertinent info would suffice. Bio we can get from the last.

b6, b7c

OPERATIONS MANAGER/SSA - SACS NEW YORK & BUFFALO

DHS/ICE HEADQUARTERS - OPERATIONS

DESK: 202-732- [REDACTED]

CELL/BB: 202 590- [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 1:37 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] parole template

b6, b7c

I am working with Peter Vincent to get the information you need. I will send you the form as soon as he get's it back to me.

b6, b7c

Cell (202) 320- [REDACTED]
Desk (202) 732- [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 1:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] parole template
Importance: High

b6, b7c

Who is the POC with [REDACTED] info? This template needs to be completed. Can you please forward for completion.

b6, b7c

OPERATIONS MANAGER/SSA - SACS NEW YORK & BUFFALO

DHS/ICE HEADQUARTERS - OPERATIONS

DESK: 202-732- [REDACTED]

CELL/BB: 202-590 [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 1:17 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: parole template

Ms. [REDACTED] b6, b7c

As discussed, attached please find a blank Significant Public Benefit Parole template showing information needed to process a law enforcement parole request. Pertinent information should be forwarded to SAC NYC Parole Coordinator [REDACTED] b6, b7c to complete the application and forward to the LEPB.

Thank you.

Regards,

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Section Chief
Law Enforcement Parole Branch
Office of International Affairs
Department of Homeland Security
202-732- [REDACTED] b6, b7c

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b6, b7c

From: Vincent, Peter S
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 8:35 AM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: RE:

Thank YOU, [REDACTED] b6, b7c

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202-732- [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 8:31 AM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Subject: RE:

Thanks Peter.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

Cell (202) 320- [REDACTED]
Desk (202) 732- [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: Vincent, Peter S
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 7:54 AM
To: Barr, Suzanne L
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: FW:

fyi

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202-732- [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: Vincent, Peter S
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 7:53 AM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE:

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

The parole documents have been processed and are available for pick-up at the Embassy in London. We do not need any additional photos. Please have your client contact call [REDACTED] b6, b7c at 0770318 [REDACTED] b6, b7c (cell) or [REDACTED] b6, b7c at 0783474 [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Best regards,

Peter

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202-732- [b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c] **mailto:** [b6, [b6, b7c]]@bgllp.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 9:50 AM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Cc: [b6, b7c]
Subject: RE:

Peter -

As [b6, b7c] mentioned to you in her email earlier this week [b6, b7c] will now be leaving from London next week - on July 7th - and will return to London on July 23rd. Sorry about the confusion. I will work on getting you exact flight information etc. As soon as the docs are ready we can send [b6, b7c] over to see his friends at the US Embassy in London.

As always - thanks so much for your help. I hope the weather in DC is as nice as it is right now in NYC. 68 degrees, no humidity and not a cloud in the sky. Very difficult day to be in the office! Speak with you soon.

[b6, b7c]

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From: Vincent, Peter S **mailto:** [b6, [b6, b7c]]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 8:23 AM
To: [b6, b7c]
Subject: RE:

We are still processing [b6, b7c] Do you know what time your client intends to depart tomorrow?

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202-732- [b6, b7c]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@bgllp.com]
Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 12:38 PM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Subject:

Peter -

Any luck with the paperwork for [REDACTED] for travel this Thursday from London? Sorry to hound you... Thanks!

[REDACTED]

b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 1:07 PM
To: b6, b7c
Subject: RE:

b6, b7c

I checked and (b)(6), (b)(7)c Supervisory CBP Officer at JFK Airport. I just need a little background on the issue and I can reach out to him if you would like or forward the information I have to Peter.

b6, b7c

*Office of the Assistant Secretary
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
(202) 732- b6, b7c Office*

From: b6, b7c
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 12:52 PM
To: b6, b7c
Subject: Fw:

b6, b7c

(202) 320- b6, b7c cell)
(202) 732- b6, b7c
b6, b7c @dhs.gov

From: Vincent, Peter S
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Thu Jul 01 12:37:50 2010
Subject: Fw:

b6, b7c

Do you gave any idea what this is about?

Best regards,

Peter




Peter S. Vincent
Principal Legal Advisor

From: b6, b7c <b6, b7c@cipriani.com>
To: Vincent, Peter S <b6, b7c@dhs.gov>; b6, b7c <b6, b7c@bgllp.com>
Sent: Thu Jul 01 11:24:57 2010
Subject: RE:

Peter:

Sorry to bother you, but a man named b6, b7c has called claiming to be from US Customs and inquiring about b6, b7c arrival to arrange a "meet and greet"
Very odd. He actually called asking to speak w/ b6, b7c who works here and is a friend of b6, b7c Can you see if anyone on your end knows anything about this.

Also can you confirm the dates he is approved for travel into the US?
Thanks

From: Vincent, Peter S [mailto:@dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 8:19 AM
To: 
Cc:  b6, b7c
Subject: RE:

My pleasure, b6, b7c and b6, b7c Enjoy your weekends!

Best regards,

Pete

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202-732-b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@bqllp.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 8:16 AM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Cc: [REDACTED]@Cipriani.com
Subject: Re:

Excellent. Thanks again for all your help. I hope you get to relax this weekend. Happy Fourth of July!

b6, b7c,

From: Vincent, Peter S
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Thu Jul 01 06:53:16 2010
Subject: RE:

b6, b7c

The parole documents have been processed and are available for pick-up at the Embassy in London. We do not need any additional photos. Please have your client contact call [REDACTED] b6, b7c at 0770318 [REDACTED] b6, b7c (cell) or [REDACTED] b6, b7c at 0783474 [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Best regards,

Peter

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202-732-b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@bglip.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 9:50 AM
To: Vincent, Peter S

Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Subject: RE:

Peter -

As [REDACTED] b6, b7c mentioned to you in her email earlier this week - GC will now be leaving from London next week - on July 7th - and will return to London on July 23rd. Sorry about the confusion. I will work on getting you exact flight information etc. As soon as the docs are ready we can send GC over to see his friends at the US Embassy in London.

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From: Vincent, Peter S [mailto:[REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED] b6, @dhs.gov]

Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 8:23 AM

To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Subject: RE:

We are still processing, [REDACTED] b6, b7c Do you know what time your client intends to depart tomorrow?

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202-732-[REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c [mailto:[REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED] b6, @bgllp.com]

Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 12:38 PM

To: Vincent, Peter S

Subject:

Peter -

Any luck with the paperwork for GC for travel this Thursday from London? Sorry to hound you... Thanks!

b6, b7c

b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 10:47 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

What's the significance of this individual?

[REDACTED]

Deputy, Chief of Staff
Director, Office of Investigations, ICE
(O) 202 732- [REDACTED]
(C) 202 553- [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED] Horton, Todd
Cc: [REDACTED]; Vincent, Peter S
Sent: Tue Jun 08 09:36:46 2010
Subject: FW: Cipriani

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

This is being pushed down from the Department in support of a NY State case. Can you please ask SAC NY to facilitate and work with OIA to expedite the SPBP?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Cell (202) 320- [REDACTED]
Desk (202) 732- [REDACTED]

From: Vincent, Peter S
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 9:20 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I spoke to [REDACTED] and he is very diligently working on this now. He expects some push back from SAC NY, which should be the requesting entity. Could you reach out to let them know that they are the requesting party?

Best regards,

Peter

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202-732- [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 6:22 PM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

Peter,

I spoke to [b6, b7c] and he said they would take care of it.

[b6, b7c]
(202) 320 [b6, b7c] (cell)
(202) 732 [b6, b7c]
[b6, b7c] dhs.gov

From: Vincent, Peter S
To: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Mon Jun 07 18:17:40 2010
Subject: FW: [b6, b7c]

fyi

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202-732- [b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 6:17 PM
To: [b6, b7c]
Cc: Vincent, Peter S; [b6, b7c]
Subject: Re: (b)(6), (b)(7)(c)

[b6, b7c]

Please process the SPBP as soon as possible. Is Mr. [b6, b7c] heading to New York again? If so, please notify the SAC New York parole coordinator. If possible, I would like the SPBP processed NLT COB tomorrow.

Thanks,

[b6, b7c]

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

From: [b6, b7c]
To: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Mon Jun 07 17:47:24 2010
Subject: FW: [b6, b7c]

[b6, b7c], please see string below. It's pretty clear this is a "hot potato". Let me know how you would like to proceed being familiar with the case. I have not responded to Peter Vincent's reply.

[b6, b7c]

From: Vincent, Peter S
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 4:22 PM
To: [b6, b7c]
Subject: RE: [b6, b7c]

ICE would be the requesting agency.

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
202-732- [b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 4:24 PM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Subject: RE: [b6, b7c]

Peter,

Once the requesting Law Enforcement Agency sends the request to the LEPB it's a matter of coordinating with the Embassy and other agencies that sometimes becomes timely.

Can you provide which agency will be requesting the SPBP and for what purpose subject requires the parole?

Thanks,

[b6, b7c]

From: Vincent, Peter S
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 3:47 PM
To: [b6, b7c]
Cc: [b6, b7c]
Subject: RE: [b6, b7c]

Thanks, [b6, b7c] I understand that the COS for CBP is going to inquire as to a waiver notation in ESTA re the visa waiver, but has asked us to process a SPBP document at the same time. Pete Hoelter and Eddy Dolan provided kind assistance with this matter the last time around. Can you advise as to how long it would take to process such a request and to have it issue from the Embassy in London?

Best regards,

Peter

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
202-732- [b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 3:15 PM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Subject: RE: [b6, b7c]

Peter,

Good Afternoon, I wanted to touch base with you reference [b6, b7c]

From the string below it appears CBP IAP London removed him from the flight to JFK.

[b6, b7c] parole has expired and the LEPB has not received a new request for a SPBP.

I am not sure if CBP resolved and issued since the LEPB was not involved with the latest.

b6, b7c

A/Unit Chief LEPB

DHS-ICE-OIA

Office: 202-732-

b6, b7c

Bberry: 202-257

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@dhs.sgov.gov

b6,

@dhs.ic.gov

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

To: b6, b7c

Cc: b6, b7c b6, @dhs.gov>; b6, b7c

Sent: Mon Jun 07 13:31:16 2010

Subject: RE: b6, b7c

b6, b7c Not sure what additional info is required from CBP, as we are not making the request.

Peter Vincent, ICE Principal Legal Advisor, reached out to our Chief of Staff to allow the subject entry to the US. He will require an SPBP, as he did for his last entry.

b6, b7c

Acting Executive Director

Admissibility and Passenger Programs

Customs and Border Protection

202-344- b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c

Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 1:21 PM

To: b6, b7c

Cc:

Subject: RE: b6, b7c

I am cc'ing b6, b7c Section Chief for LEPB.

Are we able to provide additional information?

Thank you,

b6, b7c

Office of Border Patrol
DETAILED TO LEPB
202-732- [b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Mon 6/7/2010 12:51 PM
To: [b6, b7c]
Subject: RE: [b6, b7c]

Can you request that ICE check through their chain of command? The request for coordination came from their office of the principal legal advisor.

[b6, b7c]
Acting Executive Director
Admissibility and Passenger Programs
Customs and Border Protection
202-344- [b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 8:58 AM
To: [b6, b7c]
Subject: RE: [b6, b7c]

I checked the status of the parole in this subject - in December 2009 LEPB issued a one time, 21-day SPBP, To date we have not received a request for reparole from ICE (or another other agency).

[b6, b7c]
Office of Border Patrol
DETAILED TO LEPB
202-732- [b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Sun 6/6/2010 9:03 AM
To: [b6, b7c]
Cc: [b6, b7c]
Subject: Re: [b6, b7c]

[b6, b7c] (Border Patrol, copied here) is currently on detail to the Law Enforcement Parole Branch with ICE. She may be able to assist.

(sent from blackberry)

[b6, b7c]
(202) 344- [b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c]
To: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Sun Jun 06 08:59:45 2010
Subject: Fw: [b6, b7c]

b6, b7c do you know who our current point of contact is at the ICE parole unit?

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Cc: b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 08:33:29 2010
Subject: Fw: b6, b7c

b6, b7c any assistance you can provide with this would be appreciated - thanks.

REP

b6, b7c
Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 08:01:56 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

Sir - ICE did not have a SPBP for this arrival, so we are prepared to issue. Since we have some time now, we will ask them to continue pursuing.

REP

b6, b7c
Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 07:53:42 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

Does ICE have a significant public benefit parole for him or were we going to issue one to him?

b6, b7c
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 07:07:44 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

Yes sir - we will make sure they are aware.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

b6, b7c

Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 04:38:33 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

b6, b7c is ICE NY aware?

b6, b7c

Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 23:43:01 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

Sir,

Confirmed with NTC-P that subject was identified as having been an ESTA denial based on previous visa revocation. IAP London was contacted resulting in denial of boarding.

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 22:44:38 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

Sir,

DFO b6, b7c just informed me of the following:

Fyi - just learned that IAP in London may have had some involvement with the denial of boarding - CBP @ JFK was not notified of this.

I'm going to attempt to contact IAP through b6, b7c for information.

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Cc: b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 22:22:42 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

Thank You

b6, b7c

Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Cc: [REDACTED]
Sent: Sat Jun 05 22:21:13 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Sir - just confirmed that the Pax was NOT on the flight. At approx 2105, our WC spoke to Delta's Arrival Control who stated that the passenger did not fly. After re-checking APIS, the transmission notes that he did not board. Lastly, JFK also performed a 100% bypass (passport check) on all arriving pax from the flight to confirm as well. Thanks.

REP

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 20:50:07 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Thank You

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 20:12:46 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Sir - the flt is currently at the gate - will send you a quick note upon completion.

REP

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 19:53:15 2010
Subject: Fw: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Was this taken care of??

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Assistant Commissioner

Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: [REDACTED] (HQ)
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri Jun 04 19:47:37 2010
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

Gracias.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 7:33 PM
To: [REDACTED] (HQ)
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 7:01 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

Yes sir, we were aware. We've been coordinating with local ICE, and are prepared to handle - thanks.

REP

[REDACTED]
Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733-[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri Jun 04 18:03:46 2010
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

(b)(6), (b)(7)(c) pls see me.

[REDACTED] are you aware of this??

From: [REDACTED] (HQ)
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 6:00 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

Here you are, senior.

From: Vincent, Peter S [mailto:[REDACTED]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 5:56 PM
To: [REDACTED] (HQ)
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

As discussed.

Best regards,

Peter

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
202-732-[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@bgllp.com]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 1:48 PM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Subject: [REDACTED]

Peter -
Hope you well.

As it turned out - [REDACTED] was not able to travel to the US last week based upon a conflict in his schedule. While I thought I sent you an email to that effect - I now can't find it - so if I didn't let you know - I very much apologize. I have a new computer set up on my desk which has 2 screens - the net effect of which is I sometimes hit "send" but the email doesn't go because the cursor is on the wrong screen. If you did not receive my note on Tuesday - please forgive me.

I just learned that [REDACTED] is now traveling to the US from London **tomorrow into JFK**. Attached and below is his itinerary. Can you please let whomever needs to know about these plans? As always - thank you.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 04-Jun-2010 12:30 pm

Booking locator: [REDACTED] Page 1 of 1

Air

05-Jun-2010

Saturday

Delta Air Lines Flight# 2 Class: I

From: London Heathrow EN, UK To: New York Kennedy NY, USA

Meal: Dinner

Equip Boeing 767-400 Jet Status: Confirmed

Arrival: 05-Jun-2010 Saturday 08:35pm

05:05pm

Depart: 05-Jun-2010 Saturday 05:05pm Stops: 0

Depart - TERMINAL 4

Arrive - TERMINAL 3

Delta Air Lines locator: (b)(6), (b)(7)c

Air

14-Jun-2010

Monday

Delta Air Lines Flight# 3 Class: S

From: New York Kennedy NY, USA To: London Heathrow EN, UK

Meal: Dinner

Equip Boeing 767-400 Jet Status: Confirmed

Arrival: 15-Jun-2010 Tuesday 07:05am

06:29pm

Depart: 14-Jun-2010 Monday 06:29pm Stops: 0

Depart - TERMINAL 2

Arrive - TERMINAL 4

Delta Air Lines locator: (b)(6), (b)(7)c

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 8:22 AM
To: [REDACTED] (OI)
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

b6, b7c

This is the 3rd SPBP we have worked on this guy and request is from the Department.

[REDACTED]
Cell (202) 320-[REDACTED]
Desk (202) 732-[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 8:19 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Vincent, Peter S
Subject: FW: (b)(6), (b)(7)c

b6, b7c

We need NY to work the SPBP again on this guy.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]
Cell (202) 320-[REDACTED]
Desk (202) 732-[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 6:59 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

b6, b7c

Subject should not make any travel plans until this parole is received and approved. There were issues last time in this regard. Who will be submitting the application?

Any idea how this travel relates to a law enforcement parole this time?

b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]@dhs.gov [REDACTED]@dhs.gov>; [REDACTED]@dhs.gov [REDACTED]@dhs.gov>
Cc: [REDACTED]@dhs.gov [REDACTED]@dhs.gov>
Sent: Fri Jun 25 19:49:45 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

Process should be same as last time and we will adjudicate. Thank you.

b6, b7c

From: [b6, b7c] <[b6, b7c]@dhs.gov>
To: [b6, b7c] <[b6, b7c]@dhs.gov>
Cc: [b6, b7c] <[b6, b7c]@dhs.gov>
Sent: Fri Jun 25 19:14:41 2010
Subject: FW: [b6, b7c]

[b6, b7c]

We need to work this guy again.

[b6, b7c]
(202) 320- [b6, b7c] (cell)
(202) 732- [b6, b7c]
[b6, b7c]@dhs.gov

From: Vincent, Peter S
To: [b6, b7c]
Cc: Barr, Suzanne L <[b6, b7c]@dhs.gov>
Sent: Fri Jun 25 18:43:29 2010
Subject: FW: [b6, b7c]

[b6, b7c]

Please see below. Could you please reach out to the folks that handle SPBPs to ask that they process another for this individual who needs to meet with his attorneys again?

Best regards,

Peter

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202-732- [b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c] [mailto:[b6, b7c]@bgllp.com]
Sent: Friday, June 25, 2010 5:04 PM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Cc: [b6, b7c]
Subject: RE: [b6, b7c]

Thanks Peter.

While he is planning (if possible) to come to the US on either the 2nd or 3rd - from Paris - I'm not sure the actual flights are booked yet. If you need that information to process the paperwork - then we will get [b6, b7c] to book the flights now. Again, thanks!!

[b6, b7c]

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From: Vincent, Peter S [mailto: [REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED] @dhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 25, 2010 4:49 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

I will see what I can do to be of assistance. Could you give me a draft travel itinerary so that I can provide it to the operational folks that handle these matters for their review and approval? It may change a bit, but it gives them a place to start.

Best regards,

Peter

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202-732- [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c [mailto: [REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED] @bgllp.com]
Sent: Friday, June 25, 2010 4:04 PM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Peter -

Hope you are well. [REDACTED] b6, b7c has been having productive discussions with [REDACTED] b6, b7c and Jon Sandweg regarding the permanent fix here and the role of State in this process. The gears are in motion for GC to apply for either a B-1 or E-2 visa - and I will provide you updates as that progresses.

In the meantime, as [REDACTED] b6, b7c mentioned to [REDACTED] b6, b7c needs to return again to the US for about 2 weeks starting next Thursday. [REDACTED] b6, b7c suggested that we use the same process that we used on the last visit - with the parole documents. [REDACTED] b6, b7c is currently in London - so he could go over to the Embassy again (where they now know him). However, he will be in Paris on the day he hopes to travel to the US - and leaving from there. I'm not sure if the documents he needs have to come from the local embassy/consulate - but if not - it would make great sense to do this from London and then have him fly from Paris. We should also discuss whether we will have issues at DeGaulle - like he did at Heathrow.

I hate to keep burdening you with this - but I promise you we are in the process of developing a permanent fix to this that will clear this from your plate. As always, thanks for your assistance. If you need to reach me - I am around this weekend and my cell number is 917 593- [REDACTED]

Warm regards,

[REDACTED]
b6, b7c

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 1:24 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] parole template
Attachments: SPBP Template Adobe Fillable.pdf
Importance: High

b6, b7c

Who is the POC with [REDACTED] info? This template needs to be completed. Can you please forward for completion.

b6, b7c

OPERATIONS MANAGER/SSA SACS NEW YORK & BUFFALO

DHS ICE HEADQUARTERS OPERATIONS

DESK: 202-732 3882

CELL/BB: 202-590- [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 1:17 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: parole template

Ms. [REDACTED]

As discussed, attached please find a blank Significant Public Benefit Parole template showing information needed to process a law enforcement parole request. Pertinent information should be forwarded to SAC NYC Parole Coordinator [REDACTED] to complete the application and forward to the LEPB.

Thank you.

Regards,

b6, b7c

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Law Enforcement Parole Branch
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b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: [REDACTED] @dhs.gov]
To: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 10:47 AM
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] parole

All:

Please be advised the LEPB just received the parole request from SAC NYC and has immediately forwarded all parole authorizations to the respective components including the ICE Attaché – London and CBP – NYC Port of Entry. Mr. [REDACTED] can now receive his travel authorization from the Embassy. Thank you.

b6, b7c

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thursday, July 22, 2010 11:53 AM
To: [REDACTED] Ragsdale, Daniel H; Gibson, Beth N; [REDACTED] Moran, Walter A; [REDACTED] Barr,
[REDACTED] Suzanne E; [REDACTED] Pavlik-Keenan, Catrina M
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Daily Brief - July 22

OPLA: Restructuring of OPLA divisions takes effect August 30

HSI: SAC Seattle was asked by Idaho State Police to grant deferred action for a witness in June; granted; that witness was arrested for rape of a child on July 17; cancelled deferred action; alien in custody in Blaine County jail

Philadelphia Inquirer interviewing on Operation Shakespeare (CPI)

Tampa – human smuggling operation taking place in same neighborhood recently searched in connection with a police shooting

ERO: Ohio – county prosecutor issued statement alleging that ICE failed to act (with deferred action) on case after receiving call from prosecutor; Ohio FOD said that the DO that received the call received no specifics from prosecutor and could not take action.

OPA: AP may do a story on 287(g) program

Newsweek is interested in interviewing ICE about the agency's new focus; OPA checking with DHS to determine if they want the interview

ACLU/HRW report on mental health; Beth speaking with AP and UN press

ODLS release tomorrow (congressional notification today)

OCR: Dinkins testifying on human smuggling with Cuellar today

11:30 – [REDACTED] briefing on Northern Border with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

Director scheduled for lunch with Chairman Price today

Director meeting with [REDACTED] at 2pm today

*** Senator Reed contacted OCR about an individual that contacted ICE to allege abuse; complaint referred to OPR; OPR scheduled interview; alien removed (unclear if before or after the interview took place); Las Vegas FOD

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b6, b7c

From: Vincent, Peter S
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 9:56 AM
To: b6, b7c
Subject: FW:

b6, b7c

I assume we have this under control?

Best regards,

Peter

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202-732- b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c [mailto: b6, @cipriani.com]
Sent: Monday, June 28, 2010 9:43 AM
To: Vincent, Peter S; b6, b7c
Cc: b6, @bgllp.com
Subject:

Hi b6, b7c and b6, b7c

Checking in to see if you need anything further regarding the parole documents for Thursday and that we are good to go.

Thanks

b6, b7c

b6, b7c

From: Vincent, Peter S
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 12:38 PM
To: b6, b7c
Subject: Fw:

b6, b7c

Do you have any idea what this is about?

Best regards,

Peter

Peter S. Vincent
Principal Legal Advisor

From: b6, b7c <b6>
To: Vincent, Peter S <b6, @dhs.gov>; b6, b7c <b6, @bgllp.com>
Sent: Thu Jul 01 11:24:57 2010
Subject: RE:

Peter:

Sorry to bother you, but a man named b6, b7c has called claiming to be from US Customs and inquiring about b6, b7c arrival to arrange a "meet and greet" Very odd. He actually called asking to speak w/ b6, b7c who works here and is a friend of b6, b7c Can you see if anyone on your end knows anything about this. Also can you confirm the dates he is approved for travel into the US?
Thanks

From: Vincent, Peter S [mailto:b6, @dhs.gov]
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 8:19 AM
To: b6, b7c
Cc: b6, b7c
Subject: RE:

My pleasure, b6, b7c and b6, b7c Enjoy your weekends!

Best regards,

Pete

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202-732- b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c [mailto:b6, @bgllp.com]
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 8:16 AM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Cc: b6,
Subject: Re:

Excellent. Thanks again for all your help. I hope you get to relax this weekend. Happy Fourth of July!

b6, b7c

From: Vincent, Peter S
To: [REDACTED] Vincent, Peter S
Cc: [REDACTED]
Sent: Thu Jul 01 06:53:16 2010
Subject: RE:

b6, b7c

The parole documents have been processed and are available for pick-up at the Embassy in London. We do not need any additional photos. Please have your client contact call [REDACTED] at 0770318 [REDACTED] cell) or [REDACTED] at 0783474 [REDACTED]

Best regards,

Peter

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
202-732- [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@bgllp.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 9:50 AM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE:

Peter -

As [REDACTED] mentioned to you in her email earlier this week - [REDACTED] will now be leaving from London next week - on July 7th - and will return to London on July 23rd. Sorry about the confusion. I will work on getting you exact flight information etc. As soon as the docs are ready we can send [REDACTED] over to see his friends at the US Embassy in London.

As always - thanks so much for your help. I hope the weather in DC is as nice as it is right now in NYC. 68 degrees, no humidity and not a cloud in the sky. Very difficult day to be in the office! Speak with you soon.

b6, b7c

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From: Vincent, Peter S [mailto:[REDACTED]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 8:23 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE:

We are still processing, [REDACTED] Do you know what time your client intends to depart tomorrow?

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202-732-[REDACTED]

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Sent: Tuesday, June 29, 2010 12:38 PM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Subject:

Peter -

Any luck with the paperwork for [REDACTED] for travel this Thursday from London? Sorry to hound you... Thanks!

[REDACTED]

b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 1:36 PM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] parole template
Attachments: SPBP Template Adobe Fillable.pdf

Importance: High

Per our conversation.

b6, b7c

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b6, b7c

Who is the POC with [REDACTED] info? This template needs to be completed. Can you please forward for completion.

b6, b7c

OPERATIONS MANAGER/ SSA - SACs NEW YORK & BUFFALO

DHS/ICE HEADQUARTERS - OPERATIONS

DESK: 202- [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)c

CELL/BB: 202-590- [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 1:17 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: parole template

Ms. [REDACTED] b6, b7c

As discussed, attached please find a blank Significant Public Benefit Parole template showing information needed to process a law enforcement parole request. Pertinent information should be forwarded to SAC NYC Parole Coordinator [REDACTED] b6, b7c to complete the application and forward to the LEPB.

Thank you.

Regards,

b6, b7c

Section Chief
Law Enforcement Parole Branch
Office of International Affairs
Department of Homeland Security
202-732-
b6, b7c

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From: Vincent, Peter S
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 12:43 PM
To: b6, b7c
Subject: FW: Contact Info

fyi

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202-732- b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c [mailto: b6,
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 12:21 PM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Subject: RE: Contact Info

Peter: I just also spoke with b6, b7c and he updated me. If we go the parole document route, please be guided by the time difference so that if we don't have clearance until tomorrow morning our time, it will be too late because b6, b7c needs to leave central London by 3 pm the latest to get on that 5pm UK flight to NY. Although the US Embassy is around the corner from the restaurant, I imagine with security, etc. it would take some time to go through the process. Thank you again, and please let me know when you have an update.

Best

b6, b7c

From: Vincent, Peter S [mailto: b6, @dhs.gov]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 11:36 AM
To: b6, b7c
Subject: Re: Contact Info

b6, b7c

Despite our best efforts, this matter will not be resolved by this afternoon. In the meantime, we are re-doubling efforts to expedite the parole document.

Best regards,

Peter

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

From: b6, b7c
To: Vincent, Peter S
Subject: Contact Info
Sent: Jun 8, 2010 9:41 AM

Mobile: 646712 b6, b7c Office: 212499 b6, b7c Thanks again. He is on standby in case you get news from CBP in the next 30 minutes or so.

Peter S. Vincent
Principal Legal Advisor

b6, b7c

From: Vincent, Peter S
Sent: Thursday, July 01, 2010 7:54 AM
To: Barr, Suzanne L
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW:

fyi

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From: Vincent, Peter S
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE:

b6, b7c

The parole documents have been processed and are available for pick-up at the Embassy in London. We do not need any additional photos. Please have your client contact call [REDACTED] at 0770318 [REDACTED] (cell) or [REDACTED] at 0783474 [REDACTED]

Best regards,

Peter

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202-732- [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@bgllp.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2010 9:50 AM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE:

Peter -

As [REDACTED] mentioned to you in her email earlier this week - [REDACTED] will now be leaving from London next week - on July 7th - and will return to London on July 23rd. Sorry about the confusion. I will work on getting you exact flight information etc. As soon as the docs are ready we can send [REDACTED] over to see his friends at the US Embassy in London.

As always - thanks so much for your help. I hope the weather in DC is as nice as it is right now in NYC. 68 degrees, no humidity and not a cloud in the sky. Very difficult day to be in the office! Speak with you soon.

b6, b7c

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] Vincent, Peter S
Subject: FW: (b)(6), (b)(7)c

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

This is being pushed down from the Department in support of a NY State case. Can you please ask SAC NY to facilitate and work with OIA to expedite the SPBP?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

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Desk (202) 732-[REDACTED]

From: Vincent, Peter S
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 9:20 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

I spoke to [REDACTED] and he is very diligently working on this now. He expects some push back from SAC NY, which should be the requesting entity. Could you reach out to let them know that they are the requesting party?

Best regards,

Peter

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202-732-[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 6:22 PM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

Peter,

I spoke to [REDACTED] and he said they would take care of it.

[REDACTED]
(202) 320-[REDACTED] (cell)
(202) 732-[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]@dhs.gov

From: Vincent, Peter S
To: [REDACTED]

Sent: Mon Jun 07 18:17:40 2010

Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

fyi

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
202-732 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 6:17 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Vincent, Peter S; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Please process the SPBP as soon as possible. Is Mr. [REDACTED] heading to New York again? If so, please notify the SAC New York parole coordinator. If possible, I would like the SPBP processed NLT COB tomorrow.

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Mon Jun 07 17:47:24 2010
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] please see string below. It's pretty clear this is a "hot potato". Let me know how you would like to proceed being familiar with the case. I have not responded to Peter Vincent's reply.

[REDACTED]

From: Vincent, Peter S
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 4:22 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

ICE would be the requesting agency.

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202-732 [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 4:24 PM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

Peter,

Once the requesting Law Enforcement Agency sends the request to the LEPB it's a matter of coordinating with the Embassy and other agencies that sometimes becomes timely.

Can you provide which agency will be requesting the SPBP and for what purpose subject requires the parole?

Thanks,

b6, b7c

From: Vincent, Peter S
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 3:47 PM
To: b6, b7c
Cc: b6, b7c
Subject: RE: b6, b7c

Thanks, b6, b7c I understand that the COS for CBP is going to inquire as to a waiver notation in ESTA re the visa waiver, but has asked us to process a SPBP document at the same time. b6, b7c and b6, b7c provided kind assistance with this matter the last time around. Can you advise as to how long it would take to process such a request and to have it issue from the Embassy in London?

Best regards,

Peter

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202-732 b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 3:15 PM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Subject: RE: b6, b7c

Peter,

Good Afternoon, I wanted to touch base with you reference b6, b7c

From the string below it appears CBP IAP London removed him from the flight to JFK.

Cipriani's parole has expired and the LEPB has not received a new request for a SPBP.

I am not sure if CBP resolved and issued since the LEPB was not involved with the latest.

b6, b7c

A/Unit Chief LEPB
DHS-ICE-OIA

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Bberry: 202-257

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b6, @dhs.ic.gov

From: [b6, b7c] <[b6, b7c]>
To: [b6, b7c]
Cc: [b6, b7c] <[b6, b7c]@dhs.gov>; [b6, b7c]
Sent: Mon Jun 07 13:31:16 2010
Subject: RE: [b6, b7c]

[b6, b7c] - Not sure what additional info is required from CBP, as we are not making the request.

Peter Vincent, ICE Principal Legal Advisor, reached out to our Chief of Staff to allow the subject entry to the US. He will require an SPBP, as he did for his last entry.

[b6, b7c]
Acting Executive Director
Admissibility and Passenger Programs
Customs and Border Protection
202-344-[b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 1:21 PM
To: [b6, b7c]
Cc: [b6, b7c]
Subject: RE: [b6, b7c]

I am cc'ing [b6, b7c], Section Chief for LEPB.

Are we able to provide additional information?

Thank you,
[b6, b7c]
Office of Border Patrol
DETAILED TO LEPB
202-732-[b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Mon 6/7/2010 12:51 PM
To: [b6, b7c]
Subject: RE: [b6, b7c]

Can you request that ICE check through their chain of command? The request for coordination came from their office of the principal legal advisor.

b6, b7c

Acting Executive Director
Admissibility and Passenger Programs
Customs and Border Protection
202-344- b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 8:58 AM
To: b6, b7c
Subject: RE: b6, b7c

I checked the status of the parole in this subject - in December 2009 LEPB issued a one time, 21-day SPBP, To date we have not received a request for reparole from ICE (or another other agency).

b6, b7c

Office of Border Patrol
DETAILED TO LEPB
202-732- b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
Sent: Sun 6/6/2010 9:03 AM
To: b6, b7c
Cc:
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

b6, b7c (Border Patrol, copied here) is currently on detail to the Law Enforcement Parole Branch with ICE. She may be able to assist.

(sent from blackberry)

b6, b7c

(202) 344- b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 08:59:45 2010
Subject: Fw: b6, b7c

b6, b7c do you know who our current point of contact is at the ICE parole unit?

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Cc: b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 08:33:29 2010
Subject: Fw: b6, b7c

b6, b7c - any assistance you can provide with this would be appreciated - thanks.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

b6, b7c

Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 08:01:56 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

Sir - ICE did not have a SPBP for this arrival, so we are prepared to issue. Since we have some time now, we will ask them to continue pursuing.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

b6, b7c

Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 07:53:42 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

Does ICE have a significant public benefit parole for him or were we going to issue one to him?

b6, b7c

Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 07:07:44 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

Yes sir - we will make sure they are aware.

(b)(6), (b)(7)c

b6, b7c

Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 04:38:33 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

b6, b7c is ICE NY aware?

b6, b7c

Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 23:43:01 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

Sir,

Confirmed with NTC-P that subject was identified as having been an ESTA denial based on previous visa revocation. IAP London was contacted resulting in denial of boarding.

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 22:44:38 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

Sir,

DFO b6, b7c just informed me of the following:

Fyi - just learned that IAP in London may have had some involvement with the denial of boarding - CBP @ JFK was not notified of this.

I'm going to attempt to contact IAP through b6, b7c for information.

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Cc: b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 22:22:42 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

Thank You

b6, b7c

Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Cc: b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 22:21:13 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

Sir - just confirmed that the Pax was NOT on the flight. At approx 2105, our WC spoke to Delta's Arrival Control who stated that the passenger did not fly. After re-checking APIS, the transmission notes that he did not board. Lastly, JFK also performed a 100% bypass (passport check) on all arriving pax from the flight to confirm as well. Thanks.

b6, b7c

b6, b7c

Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 20:50:07 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

Thank You

b6, b7c

Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 20:12:46 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

Sir - the flt is currently at the gate - will send you a quick note upon completion.

b6, b7c

b6, b7c

Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 19:53:15 2010
Subject: Fw: b6, b7c

Was this taken care of??

b6, b7c

Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: b6, b7c (HQ)
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Fri Jun 04 19:47:37 2010
Subject: RE: b6, b7c

Gracias.

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 7:33 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c (HQ)
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 7:01 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Yes sir, we were aware. We've been coordinating with local ICE, and are prepared to handle - thanks.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Cc: [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri Jun 04 18:03:46 2010
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c pls see me.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c are you aware of this??

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c (HQ)
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 6:00 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Here you are, senor.

From: Vincent, Peter S [mailto:[REDACTED] b6, b7c@dhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 5:56 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c (HQ)
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

As discussed.

Best regards,

Peter

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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
202-732- [b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c] [mailto:[b6, b7c]@bgllp.com]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 1:48 PM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Subject: [b6, b7c]

[b6, b7c]

Hope you well.

As it turned out - [b6, b7c] was not able to travel to the US last week based upon a conflict in his schedule. While I thought I sent you an email to that effect - I now can't find it - so if I didn't let you know - I very much apologize. I have a new computer set up on my desk which has 2 screens - the net effect of which is I sometimes hit "send" but the email doesn't go because the cursor is on the wrong screen. If you did not receive my note on Tuesday - please forgive me.

I just learned that [b6, b7c] is now traveling to the US from London **tomorrow into JFK**. Attached and below is his itinerary. Can you please let whomever needs to know about these plans? As always - thank you.

[b6, b7c]

[b6, b7c] 04-Jun-2010 12:30 pm

Booking locator [b6, b7c] Page 1 of 1

Air

05-Jun-2010

Saturday

Delta Air Lines Flight# 2 Class: I

From: London Heathrow EN, UK To: New York Kennedy NY, USA

Meal: Dinner

Equip Boeing 767-400 Jet Status: Confirmed

Arrival: 05-Jun-2010 Saturday 08:35pm

05:05pm

Depart: 05-Jun-2010 Saturday 05:05pm Stops: 0

Depart - TERMINAL 4

Arrive - TERMINAL 3

Delta Air Lines locator: [b6, b7c]

Air

14-Jun-2010

Monday

Delta Air Lines Flight# 3 Class: S

From: New York Kennedy NY, USA To: London Heathrow EN, UK

Meal: Dinner

Equip Boeing 767-400 Jet Status: Confirmed

Arrival: 15-Jun-2010 Tuesday 07:05am

06:29pm

Depart: 14-Jun-2010 Monday 06:29pm Stops: 0

Depart - TERMINAL 2

Arrive - TERMINAL 4

Delta Air Lines locator: (b)(6), (b)(7)c

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Once NY sends the request the LEPB will have it done asap.

b6, b7c

A/Unit Chief LEPB

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Bberry: 202-257-

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Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 9:20 AM

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202-732 [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 3:15 PM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Peter,

Good Afternoon, I wanted to touch base with you reference [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From the string below it appears CBP IAP London removed him from the flight to JFK.

[REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)c parole has expired and the LEPB has not received a new request for a SPBP.

I am not sure if CBP resolved and issued since the LEPB was not involved with the latest.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

A/Unit Chief LEPB

DHS-ICE-OIA

Office: 202-732-

Bberry: 202-257-

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6,

@dhs.gov

@dhs.sgov.gov

[REDACTED] b6, @dhs.ic.gov

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

To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

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

Sent: Mon Jun 07 13:31:16 2010

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c Not sure what additional info is required from CBP, as we are not making the request.

Peter Vincent, ICE Principal Legal Advisor, reached out to our Chief of Staff to allow the subject entry to the US. He will require an SPBP, as he did for his last entry.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

Acting Executive Director

Admissibility and Passenger Programs

Customs and Border Protection

202-344- [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 1:21 PM

To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

I am cc'ing [REDACTED] b6, b7c Section Chief for LEPB.

Are we able to provide additional information?

Thank you,

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Office of Border Patrol
DETAILED TO LEPB
202-732-[REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Sent: Mon 6/7/2010 12:51 PM

To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Can you request that ICE check through their chain of command? The request for coordination came from their office of the principal legal advisor.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Acting Executive Director
Admissibility and Passenger Programs
Customs and Border Protection
202-344-[REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 8:58 AM

To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Subject: RE: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

I checked the status of the parole in this subject - in December 2009 LEPB issued a one time, 21-day SPBP, To date we have not received a request for reparole from ICE (or another other agency).

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Office of Border Patrol
DETAILED TO LEPB
202-732-[REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Sent: Sun 6/6/2010 9:03 AM

To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c (Border Patrol, copied here) is currently on detail to the Law Enforcement Parole Branch with ICE. She may be able to assist.

(sent from blackberry)

b6, b7c
(202) 344- b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 08:59:45 2010
Subject: Fw: b6, b7c

b6, b7c - do you know who our current point of contact is at the ICE parole unit?

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Cc: b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 08:33:29 2010
Subject: Fw: b6, b7c

b6, b7c any assistance you can provide with this would be appreciated - thanks.

b6, b7c

b6, b7c
Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 08:01:56 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

Sir - ICE did not have a SPBP for this arrival, so we are prepared to issue. Since we have some time now, we will ask them to continue pursuing.

b6, b7c

b6, b7c
Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- b6, b7c

From: b6, b7c
To: b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 07:53:42 2010
Subject: Re: b6, b7c

Does ICE have a significant public benefit parole for him or were we going to issue one to him?

b6, b7c
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 07:07:44 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Yes sir - we will make sure they are aware.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 04:38:33 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Bob: is ICE NY aware?

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 23:43:01 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Sir,

Confirmed with NTC-P that subject was identified as having been an ESTA denial based on previous visa revocation. IAP London was contacted resulting in denial of boarding.

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 22:44:38 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Sir,

DFO [REDACTED] b6, b7c just informed me of the following:

Fyi - just learned that IAP in London may have had some involvement with the denial of boarding - CBP @ JFK was not notified of this.

I'm going to attempt to contact IAP through [REDACTED] b6, b7c for information.

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 22:22:42 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Thank You

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 22:21:13 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Sir - just confirmed that the Pax was NOT on the flight. At approx 2105, our WC spoke to Delta's Arrival Control who stated that the passenger did not fly. After re-checking APIS, the transmission notes that he did not board. Lastly, JFK also performed a 100% bypass (passport check) on all arriving pax from the flight to confirm as well. Thanks.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
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New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 20:50:07 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Thank You

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 20:12:46 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Sir - the flt is currently at the gate - will send you a quick note upon completion.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 19:53:15 2010
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Was this taken care of??

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c (HQ)
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Fri Jun 04 19:47:37 2010
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Gracias.

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 7:33 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c (HQ)
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 7:01 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Yes sir, we were aware. We've been coordinating with local ICE, and are prepared to handle - thanks.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Fri Jun 04 18:03:46 2010
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c pls see me.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c are you aware of this??

From: [REDACTED] (HQ)
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 6:00 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

Here you are, senior.

From: Vincent, Peter S [mailto:[REDACTED]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 5:56 PM
To: [REDACTED] (HQ)
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

As discussed.

Best regards,

Peter

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202-732-[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]@bgllp.com]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 1:48 PM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Subject: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Hope you well.

As it turned out - [REDACTED] was not able to travel to the US last week based upon a conflict in his schedule. While I thought I sent you an email to that effect - I now can't find it - so if I didn't let you know - I very much apologize. I have a new computer set up on my desk which has 2 screens - the net effect of which is I sometimes hit "send" but the email doesn't go because the cursor is on the wrong screen. If you did not receive my note on Tuesday - please forgive me.

I just learned that [REDACTED] is now traveling to the US from London **tomorrow into JFK**. Attached and below is his itinerary. Can you please let whomever needs to know about these plans? As always - thank you.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] 04-Jun-2010 12:30 pm

Booking locator: [REDACTED] Page 1 of 1

Air

05-Jun-2010

Saturday

Delta Air Lines Flight# 2 Class: I

From: London Heathrow EN, UK To: New York Kennedy NY, USA

Meal: Dinner

Equip Boeing 767-400 Jet Status: Confirmed

Arrival: 05-Jun-2010 Saturday 08:35pm

05:05pm

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Depart - TERMINAL 4

Arrive - TERMINAL 3

Delta Air Lines locator: (b)(6), (b)(7)c

Air

14-Jun-2010

Monday

Delta Air Lines Flight# 3 Class: S

From: New York Kennedy NY, USA To: London Heathrow EN, UK

Meal: Dinner

Equip Boeing 767-400 Jet Status: Confirmed

Arrival: 15-Jun-2010 Tuesday 07:05am

06:29pm

Depart: 14-Jun-2010 Monday 06:29pm Stops: 0

Depart - TERMINAL 2

Arrive - TERMINAL 4

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 8:49 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

b6, b7c

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Cell (202) 320-[REDACTED]
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 7:43 AM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Fw: [REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wed Jun 09 07:40:35 2010
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

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To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED]

Wonderful!! Please thank our crew on my behalf.

Regards,

b6, b7c

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

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 10:46 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED]

b6, b7c everything is good to go. [REDACTED] will have his parole tomorrow. Will be at range qualifying. Pete H. has been instructed to expedite. Pete V. is happy with our efforts.

b6, b7c

A/Unit Chief LEPB

DHS-ICE-OIA

Desk: 202-732-[REDACTED]

Bberry: 202-257-[REDACTED]

b6, b7c

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

b6,

b6, b7c

From: Vincent, Peter S
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 1:14 PM
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] SPBP

We should just have his attorney provide whatever information we need. Can we find out what exactly is needed? We can get the flight information for tomorrow, but will there be enough time to get it approved and delivered given the time?

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Importance: High

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[REDACTED]@dhs.gov

From: [REDACTED]
To: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tue Jun 08 13:06:42 2010
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] SPBP

b6, b7c

The SAC NY Parole Coordinator and OIA is trying to work on this but the proper form was never completed. Please forward a POC for this on the state side who has all the bio, flight info, etc.

b6, b7c

OPERATIONS MANAGER/SSA - SACs NEW YORK & BUFFALO

CHSICF HEADQUARTERS - OPERATIONS

DESK: 202-732- [REDACTED]

CELL/BB: 202-590- [REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 11:16 AM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: [REDACTED] SPBP
Importance: High

Hello,

Below is an email chain re: SPBP of [REDACTED] b6, b7c in support of state NY case. The AS' staff is requesting that the SAC NY facilitate the SPBP with OIA.

Please let me know if you have any questions/concerns.

Thank you,

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

OPERATIONS MANAGER/SSA SACs NEW YORK & BUFFALO

DHS/ICE HEADQUARTERS - OPERATIONS

DESK: 202 732 [REDACTED] b6, b7c

CELL/BB: 202 590 [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 10:32 AM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

Need you to run down with the field and see why this is a priority and what NY's position is on this...maybe start with [REDACTED] b6, b7c in OAS office [REDACTED] b6, b7c

thanks

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 9:39 AM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED] @dhs.gov
Subject: Fw: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Please see below

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

Deputy, Chief of Staff
Director, Office of Investigations, ICE
(O) 202 732- [REDACTED]
(C) 202 553- [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Cc: [REDACTED] Vincent, Peter S
Sent: Tue Jun 08 09:36:46 2010
Subject: FW: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

This is being pushed down from the Department in support of a NY State case. Can you please ask SAC NY to facilitate and work with OIA to expedite the SPBP?

Thanks,

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202-732- [REDACTED]

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Peter,

Good Afternoon, I wanted to touch base with you reference [REDACTED]

From the string below it appears CBP IAP London removed him from the flight to JFK.

[REDACTED] parole has expired and the LEPB has not received a new request for a SPBP.

I am not sure if CBP resolved and issued since the LEPB was not involved with the latest.

b6, b7c

A/Unit Chief LEPB
DHS-ICE-OIA

Office: 202-732- [REDACTED]
Bberry: 202-257- [REDACTED]

b6,

@dhs.gov

@dhs.sgov.gov

b6, @dhs.ic.gov

From: [b6, b7c] <[b6, b7c]@dhs.gov>
To: [b6, b7c]
Cc: [b6, b7c] <[b6, b7c]@uns.gov>; [b6, b7c]
Sent: Mon Jun 07 13:31:16 2010
Subject: RE: [b6, b7c]

[b6, b7c] - Not sure what additional info is required from CBP, as we are not making the request.

Peter Vincent, ICE Principal Legal Advisor, reached out to our Chief of Staff to allow the subject entry to the US. He will require an SPBP, as he did for his last entry.

[b6, b7c]
Acting Executive Director
Admissibility and Passenger Programs
Customs and Border Protection
202-344-[b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 1:21 PM
To: [b6, b7c]
Cc: [b6, b7c]
Subject: RE: [b6, b7c]

I am cc'ing [b6, b7c] Section Chief for LEPB.

Are we able to provide additional information?

Thank you,
[b6, b7c]
Office of Border Patrol
DETAILED TO LEPB
202-732-[b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Mon 6/7/2010 12:51 PM
To: [b6, b7c]
Subject: RE: [b6, b7c]

Can you request that ICE check through their chain of command? The request for coordination came from their office of the principal legal advisor.

[b6, b7c]
Acting Executive Director
Admissibility and Passenger Programs

Customs and Border Protection

202-344- [b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Monday, June 07, 2010 8:58 AM
To: [b6, b7c]
Subject: RE: [b6, b7c]

I checked the status of the parole in this subject - in December 2009 LEPB issued a one time, 21-day SPBP, To date we have not received a request for reparole from ICE (or another other agency).

[b6, b7c]
Office of Border Patrol
DETAILED TO LEPB
202-732- [b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Sun 6/6/2010 9:03 AM
To: [b6, b7c]
Cc: [b6, b7c]
Subject: Re: [b6, b7c]

[b6, b7c] (Border Patrol, copied here) is currently on detail to the Law Enforcement Parole Branch with ICE. She may be able to assist.

(sent from blackberry)

[b6, b7c]
(202) 344- [b6, b7c]

From: [b6, b7c]
To: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Sun Jun 06 08:59:45 2010
Subject: Fw: [b6, b7c]

[b6, b7c] - do you know who our current point of contact is at the ICE parole unit?

From: [b6, b7c]
To: [b6, b7c]
Cc: [b6, b7c]
Sent: Sun Jun 06 08:33:29 2010
Subject: Fw: [b6, b7c]

[b6, b7c] - any assistance you can provide with this would be appreciated - thanks.

[b6, b7c]

[b6, b7c]
Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- [b6, b7c]

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 08:01:56 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Sir - ICE did not have a SPBP for this arrival, so we are prepared to issue. Since we have some time now, we will ask them to continue pursuing.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 07:53:42 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Does ICE have a significant public benefit parole for him or were we going to issue one to him?

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 07:07:44 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Yes sir - we will make sure they are aware.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sun Jun 06 04:38:33 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Bob: is ICE NY aware?

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 23:43:01 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Sir,

Confirmed with NTC-P that subject was identified as having been an ESTA denial based on previous visa revocation. IAP London was contacted resulting in denial of boarding.

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 22:44:38 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Sir,

DFO [REDACTED] b6, b7c just informed me of the following:

Fyi - just learned that IAP in London may have had some involvement with the denial of boarding - CBP @ JFK was not notified of this.

I'm going to attempt to contact IAP through [REDACTED] b6, b7c for information.

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 22:22:42 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Thank You

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Cc: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 22:21:13 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Sir - just confirmed that the Pax was NOT on the flight. At approx 2105, our WC spoke to Delta's Arrival Control who stated that the passenger did not fly. After re-checking APIS, the transmission notes that he did not board. Lastly, JFK also performed a 100% bypass (passport check) on all arriving pax from the flight to confirm as well. Thanks.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733- [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 20:50:07 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Thank You

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: WINKOWSKI, THOMAS
Sent: Sat Jun 05 20:12:46 2010
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Sir - the flt is currently at the gate - will send you a quick note upon completion.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733-3100

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Sat Jun 05 19:53:15 2010
Subject: Fw: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Was this taken care of??

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

Assistant Commissioner
Office of Field Operations
Customs and Border Protection

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c (HQ)
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Fri Jun 04 19:47:37 2010
Subject: RE: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Gracias.

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 7:33 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c (HQ)
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 7:01 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: Re: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Yes sir, we were aware. We've been coordinating with local ICE, and are prepared to handle - thanks.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c
Director, Field Operations
New York Field Office
U.S. Customs & Border Protection
646-733-3100

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Cc: [REDACTED]
Sent: Fri Jun 04 18:03:46 2010
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c pls see me.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c are you aware of this??

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c HQ)
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 6:00 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Here you are, senior.

From: Vincent, Peter S [mailto:[REDACTED] b6, dhs.gov]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 5:56 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6, b7c (HQ)
Subject: FW: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

As discussed.

Best regards,

Peter

PETER S. VINCENT
PRINCIPAL LEGAL ADVISOR
OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL LEGAL ADVISOR
U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
202-732 [REDACTED] b6, b7c

From: [REDACTED] b6, b7c [REDACTED] mailto:[REDACTED] b6, [REDACTED] @bgllp.com]
Sent: Friday, June 04, 2010 1:48 PM
To: Vincent, Peter S
Subject: [REDACTED] b6, b7c

Peter -
Hope you well.

As it turned out - [REDACTED] b6, b7c was not able to travel to the US last week based upon a conflict in his schedule. While I thought I sent you an email to that effect - I now can't find it - so if I didn't let you know - I very much apologize. I have a new computer set up on my desk which has 2 screens - the net effect of which is I sometimes hit "send" but the email doesn't go because the cursor is on the wrong screen. If you did not receive my note on Tuesday - please forgive me.

I just learned that [REDACTED] b6, b7c is now traveling to the US from London **tomorrow into JFK**. Attached and below is his itinerary. Can you please let whomever needs to know about these plans? As always - thank you.

[REDACTED] b6, b7c

[REDACTED] b6, b7c 04-Jun-2010 12:30 pm

Booking locator [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)c Page 1 of 1

Air

05-Jun-2010

Saturday

Delta Air Lines Flight# 2 Class: I

From: London Heathrow EN, UK To: New York Kennedy NY, USA

Meal: Dinner

Equip Boeing 767-400 Jet Status: Confirmed

Arrival: 05-Jun-2010 Saturday 08:35pm

05:05pm

Depart: 05-Jun-2010 Saturday 05:05pm Stops: 0

Depart - TERMINAL 4

Arrive - TERMINAL 3

Delta Air Lines locator: [REDACTED] (b)(6), (b)(7)c

Air

14-Jun-2010

Monday

Delta Air Lines Flight# 3 Class: S

From: New York Kennedy NY, USA To: London Heathrow EN, UK

Meal: Dinner

Equip Boeing 767-400 Jet Status: Confirmed

Arrival: 15-Jun-2010 Tuesday 07:05am

06:29pm

Depart: 14-Jun-2010 Monday 06:29pm Stops: 0

Depart - TERMINAL 2

Arrive - TERMINAL 4

Delta Air Lines locator: (b)(6), (b)(7)c

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b6, b7c

From: [redacted]
Sent: [redacted] @dhs.gov
To: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 11:08 AM
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: [redacted] parole

b6, b7c

Mr. [redacted] needs to be made aware that he has to report to the Embassy with passport photos for issuance of a travel document. He should know this from the last time; however, our Attaché office is prepared to expedite when he arrives. He needs to arrive within two hours as the Embassy will be closed. Thanks.

b6, b7c

Section Chief
Law Enforcement Parole Branch
Office of International Affairs
Department of Homeland Security
202-732-[redacted]

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From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 10:59 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: RE: [redacted] parole

All,

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

b6, b7c

Cell (202) 320-[redacted]
Desk (202) 732-[redacted]

From: [redacted] [mailto:[redacted]@dhs.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 10:47 AM
To: [redacted]
Cc: [redacted]
Subject: [redacted] parole

All:

Please be advised the LEPB just received the parole request from SAC NYC and has immediately forwarded all parole authorizations to the respective components including the ICE Attaché – London and CBP – NYC Port of Entry. Mr. [b6, b7c] can now receive his travel authorization from the Embassy. Thank you.

[b6, b7c]

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b6, b7C

From: Bulletin News [DHS-Editors@BulletinNews.com]
Sent: Thursday, May 20, 2010 5:01 AM
To: dhs-editors@bulletinnews.com
Subject: The DHS Secretary's Morning Briefing for Thursday, May 20, 2010
Attachments: SecretaryBrief100520.doc; SecretaryClips100520.doc

THE HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY'S MORNING BRIEFING

THURSDAY, MAY 20, 2010 5:00 AM EDT

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IMMIGRATION ISSUE FLARES ON TWO FRONTS AS CALDERÓN VISITS US. The state visit of Mexican President Felipe Calderón and Mexican First Lady Margarita Zavala enflamed the debate over US immigration policy and Arizona's controversial new immigration law. President Calderón used his joint appearance with President Obama at the White House to condemn the Arizona measure, remarks met sympathetically by President Obama. Meanwhile, an event with the two presidents' wives at New Hampshire Estates Elementary School in nearby Silver Spring, Maryland, meant to focus on health and exercise, turned to the issue when a second-grader who appeared to be the child of a woman in the US illegally asked Michelle Obama if the President is "taking everybody away that doesn't have papers." That exchange receives a good deal of coverage, both as part of coverage of President Calderón's remarks, and in its own right.

NBC Nightly News (5/19, story 2, 2:40, Williams, 8.37M) reported that immigration "was a big topic at the White House today, along with that new law in Arizona designed to crack down on illegal immigrants. It came up today in two different settings, and both the President and the First Lady talked about it." NBC (Guthrie) added, "The Obamas welcomed the President and First Lady of Mexico with all the pomp and pageantry expected of a state visit." But President Felipe Calderón "did not stand on ceremony -- at first opportunity, castigating Arizona's new law on immigration as discriminatory." And "even as the two presidents were meeting in the Oval Office, the wives of both leaders were drawn into the debate. At an event that was supposed to promote exercise at a Washington area school, Mrs. Obama took this question from a second-grade girl." Student: "My mom says that Barack Obama is taking everybody away that doesn't have papers." Michelle Obama: "Yeah, well, that's something that we have to work on, right, to make sure that people can be here with the right kind of papers, right?" Student: "But my mom doesn't have any..." Michelle Obama: "Well, we have to work on that."

ABC World News (5/19, story 3, 2:45, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported that in an "extraordinary day in the polarized debate about illegal immigrants in America," Calderón "arrived in the US and criticized Arizona's new law on immigration. President Obama called the law misdirected." The CBS Evening News (5/19, story 13, 0:35, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "Both leaders spoke out against Arizona's controversial new immigration law. The two first ladies visited a grammar school in Silver Spring, Maryland, today and a second grader had a tough question for Mrs. Obama on immigration."

The AP (5/20, Feller) reports President Obama "condemned Arizona's crackdown and pushed instead for a federal fix the nation could embrace. He said that will never happen without Republican support, pleading: 'I need some help.'" Obama "showed solidarity" with President Calderón, "who called Arizona's law discriminatory and warned Mexico would reject any effort to 'criminalize migration.'" Obama "sought to show that he, too, is fed up with his own government's failure to fix a system widely seen as broken." USA Today (5/20, Hall, 2.11M) reports Calderón "criticized Arizona's tough new immigration law as 'discriminatory,' a rebuke of a domestic policy rare for a foreign leader to deliver on US soil."

AFP (5/20, Zamora) says Calderón "refused to hold his punches...strongly criticizing a law that while popular in Arizona has enraged Hispanics and stoked fears of racial profiling. 'Despite their enormous contribution to the economy and society of the United States,' Calderón said, millions of immigrants 'still live in the shadows, and at times, like in Arizona, even face patterns of discrimination.'"

The Washington Times (5/20, Rowland, 77K) reports, "In pointed remarks, Mr. Obama said he sympathized with Arizona's frustration over federal inaction on immigration but agreed with Mr. Calderón the state's new law could lead to discrimination. He also said Republicans are holding up efforts to reform immigration policies." Obama said, "I think a fair reading of the language of the statute indicates that it gives the possibility of individuals who are deemed suspicious of being illegal immigrants from being harassed or arrested. And the judgments that are going to be made in applying this law are troublesome."

The Christian Science Monitor (5/20, LaFranchi, 48K) says immigration "has been at the heart of US-Mexico relations for decades, and so it was Wednesday as Obama received Mr. Calderón for a state visit." Roll Call (5/20, Bendery) reports that Obama "said Calderón was doing his part to create better jobs in Mexico so 'more Mexicans see a future of opportunity in their country.'"

The Wall Street Journal (5/20, A4, Weisman, 2.08M), McClatchy (5/20, Talev, Hall), El Sol de Mexico (5/20), The Hill (5/20, Youngman, 21K), Politico (5/20, Rozen, 25K), and CNN.com (5/19) are among those reporting on the presidents' remarks.

DHS Not Planning To Pursue Family Of Girl Who Asked FLOTUS About Deportation. The New York Times (5/20, A11, Baker) reports that while President Obama and his Mexican counterpart discussed border and immigration policy in Washington, a question posed to First Lady Michelle Obama by a girl at the school she was visiting – whether or not her undocumented mother would be deported – "brought home in a direct and unusually personal way the complicated dynamics of the nation's problem with illegal immigration. Just minutes after the first lady's encounter in Maryland, Mr. Obama strode into the Rose Garden with Mr. Calderon to navigate the treacherous political crosscurrents of the divisive issue." The Times adds that Mrs. Obama's encounter with the girl "was captured on television, and the administration later signaled that it would not pursue the girl's family. Without directly commenting on the situation, Matt Chandler, a spokesman for the Department of Homeland Security, said, 'Our investigations are based on solid law enforcement work and not classroom Q & A's.'"

Likewise, the Los Angeles Times (5/20, Dilanian) says Mrs. Obama had a face-to-face encounter "with the sometimes uncomfortable repercussions of her husband's immigration enforcement policies Wednesday when a second-grader voiced her worries that her mother might be deported." The Times adds that immigrant advocates "seized on the dialogue, which occurred before President Obama addressed immigration with Mexican President Felipe Calderon in the White House Rose Garden."

The AP (5/20, Miller) reports Mrs. Obama said in response to the girl that "we have to work on that. We have to fix that. And everybody's got to work together in Congress to make sure that that happens." In his meeting with Calderon, the President "condemned Arizona's crackdown on illegal immigration and called again for the nation to overhaul immigration. Calderon called Arizona's new law discriminatory and warned that Mexico would reject any effort to 'criminalize migration.'"

The Washington Post (5/20, Shear, Birnbaum, 684K) reports, "With TV cameras rolling during an event to promote healthy eating," the girl asked "why the president was 'taking everybody away that doesn't have papers.' ... In an instant, the spontaneous exchange crystallized the power of the immigration debate, sparking hours of cable news chatter, a rolling Twitter conversation and urgent questions about what, if anything, might happen to the girl's mother as a result of the unscripted moment." The Hill (5/20, O'Brien, 21K) reports the First Lady "told the child of an apparent illegal immigrant on Wednesday that immigration policy should be 'fixed' so her mother could remain in the United States."

Obama: DHS Directed To Step Up Gun, Cash Interdiction Efforts At The Border. The "Burn After Reading" blog on the National Journal (5/20, Risen) reports, "Pressure from the Mexican government to stop cross-border gun purchases by drug cartels is giving some lawmakers hope for a compromise on gun control. In a joint White House press conference with Mexican President Felipe Calderon today, President Obama spoke of shared responsibility on security measures to stop the cartels from buying guns in the US." The President said Wednesday "that he had directed the Department of Homeland Security and other agencies to 'ramp up our efforts at interdicting' the money and guns that have kept the cartels heavily armed against more than three years of Calderon's counternarcotics campaigns. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano has also focused on interdiction efforts recently, telling an audience at the Brookings Institution this month that 'there's probably not much appetite in Congress for reinstituting the assault weapons ban.'"

More Commentary On Immigration Policy. The New York Times (5/20, 1.09M) editorializes, "Four young immigrant students risked everything on Monday when they sat down in Senator John McCain's office in Tucson and refused to leave. They were urging passage of the Dream Act, a bill offering a citizenship path to illegal immigrants who, like them, were brought to the United States as children, too young to have willfully broken the law. For the undocumented, any encounter with law enforcement is perilous - especially in Arizona, where a new law pushes the hunt for illegal immigrants beyond the limits of reason, proportion and the Constitution. ... Who else has shown such courage in the long struggle for immigration reform? Not Mr. McCain, who ditched his principled support of rational immigration legislation to better his odds in a close re-election campaign against a far-right-wing opponent. Not President Obama, who has retreated to lip service and vagueness in his calls for reform. Not his administration."

LAWMAKERS PUSH FOR NATIONAL GUARD DEPLOYMENT AT BORDER. The AP (5/20, Baldor) reports DHS and DOD "officials are at loggerheads over a plan to send National Guard troops to the US-Mexico border, even as President Barack Obama is pledging to bolster security there. The Guard stalemate has festered for nearly a year, and frustrated lawmakers are demanding action to stem the spread of violence and drug trafficking that has spilled across the border into their states." The AP points to an exchange between Secretary Napolitano and Sen. John McCain during a hearing this week in which the Secretary said "the request involves the White House as well as the Pentagon and the Homeland Security Department, and is still in the interagency process. While she said she would like the decision to be made as soon as possible, she added she could not say when she would have an answer."

MORE THAN 350 LOS ANGELES-AREA IMMIGRANT DETAINEES LOCKED UP MORE THAN 6 MONTHS. The Los Angeles Times (5/20, Gorman) reports, "More than 350 immigrant detainees in the Los Angeles area have been held behind bars longer than six months while fighting deportation," according to a Federal government list turned over to the ACLU of Southern California "late last month as part of a class-action lawsuit in US District Court in Los Angeles." ICE and the Department of Justice "declined to comment on the lawsuit." The Times goes on to note ICE's changes to the immigrant detention system under President Obama, reporting that arriving asylum seekers are now released "if they have a credible fear of persecution, prove their identity and pose neither a flight risk nor a danger to the community." ICE spokeswoman Virginia Kice said the agency wants "to ensure we're using our detention resources to keep criminals and other dangerous aliens in custody while we seek their removal from the country." Announcing an overhaul of the detention system last year, DHS Assistant Secretary for ICE John Morton "said he would make immigration detention less reliant on prisons and jails and more specifically designed for civil detainees."

VIDEO INDICATES 95,000 BARRELS A DAY LEAKING INTO GULF, AS CRUDE REACHES COASTLINE. McClatchy (5/20, Schoof, French) reports a mechanical engineering professor told Congress Wednesday that "the latest glimpse of video footage of the oil spill deep under the Gulf of Mexico indicates that around 95,000 barrels, or 4 million gallons, a day of crude oil may be spewing from the leaking wellhead, 19 times the previous estimate" made by BP, and used by the federal government for weeks. Adm. Thad Allen, the commandant of the Coast Guard, "said in an interview Wednesday that he'd had many conversations over the past week or more with other government science officials about how to get a more precise calculation of the flow." Rep. Ed Markey, who led Wednesday's hearing, "said BP had said that the flow rate was not relevant to the cleanup effort. 'This faulty logic that BP is using is...raising concerns that they are hiding the full extent of the damage of this leak.'"

The CBS Evening News (5/19, story 2, 2:10, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "Congressman Markey didn't stop with BP he blasted the Coast Guard for letting BP call the shots. Coast Guard officials were on a boat with BP contractors that stopped our cameras from viewing an oily beach. And the Coast Guard, which is in charge of the investigation, admits it's had access to live video since day one but won't let Congress or the public see it. Today Interior Secretary Ken Salazar seemed to think the video had been turned over. ... When we told him they aren't, he said 'It will all come out in the investigation.'"

The Huffington Post (5/20, Froomkin) reports Markey also "demanded that the oil company and the Coast Guard make a live video feed from the source of the leak continuously available to the public." An oceanography professor at the hearing "warned that administration officials are minimizing the impact of the spill by only considering what they see on the surface." According to a later statement from Rep. Markey, "BP has relented and will release a live video feed of the gushing oil well in the Gulf of Mexico...The video is expected to be posted to Markey's website, globalwarming.house.gov, sometime tonight, according to Markey's office."

Meanwhile, the New York Times (5/20, McKinley, Robertson, 1.09M) reports, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said Wednesday "that sheets of heavy crude oil from the offshore spill had seeped deep into the delicate marshes around the mouth of the Mississippi River," and "again chastised the Army Corps of Engineers, the Coast Guard and BP for not moving quickly enough to decide on the state's proposal to build more than 80 miles of sand berms along the coastline."

ABC World News (5/19, lead story, 2:05, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported, "That black oil that Governor Bobby Jindal was talking

about has the consistency of pancake batter, chocolate mousse. In fact, it can be so toxic it can burn through a hazmat suit in a couple of days. Now that oil is hitting these marshlands and hitting them hard." ABC went on to add, "Just this afternoon, the government confirmed that parts of the slick have made their way into that gulf loop current which could carry the oil to Florida within weeks or even days. But some oceanographers believe the thinnest parts of the oil will likely dissipate by the time they hit Florida."

The CBS Evening News (5/19, lead story, 2:30, Couric, 6.1M) added, "The oil in the marsh is thick, it's black, it almost feels like molasses in your hands. It sticks. It's been in this marsh for only about 24 hours, it's already made its way all the way through and is covering the top few inches of these reeds. ... The crude's carnage could extend well beyond Louisiana's marshes; satellite images and NOAA confirm a long tendril of light oil has now entered the powerful loop current. It could start washing up in the Florida Keys in a week, maybe two."

AFP (5/20, Sabourin) explains, "A strong ocean flow known as the Loop Current is now dragging leaking crude from the giant slick off Louisiana toward Florida's popular tourist beaches and fragile coral reefs, threatening a whole new dimension to the unfolding environmental disaster." Scientists said that under worst case scenario, "the oceanic conveyor belt would see the first oil wash up in Florida in as little as six days, before carrying it up the US East Coast and even into the Gulf Stream." And "experts warn the potential damage to the region's teeming marine life and fragile coastlines could be enormous."

Coast Guard Official: Oil In Loop Current, Heading For Florida. The South Florida Sun-Sentinel (5/20, Gibson) reports Coast Guard Rear Admiral Paul Zukunft told a meeting of Florida's congressional delegation Wednesday that the Loop Current had "intersected with the Southern-most part" of the oil slick coming from the leak in the Gulf of Mexico. "The tar balls found in the Keys this week are unrelated to the spill," according to Zukunft. "But he said Floridians should expect to see tar balls from the spill in another week or two. Asked whether there is anything that can be done to stop the spill from coming ashore in South Florida, Zukunft said: 'It would take an act of God. That technology does not exist.'"

States, Industries Prepare For Effects Of Spill. Although "the Coast Guard said tests showed that tar balls washing ashore on the Florida Keys were not caused by the Deepwater Horizon, easing fears that effects from the spill were already being felt hundreds of miles away," USA Today (5/20, Winter, 2.11M) reports that "communities as far north as North Carolina are preparing to deal with potential oil from the Gulf spill as it drifts into an ocean current that could take it around Florida and up the Atlantic coast." Ben Fox, a spokesman for the governor of South Carolina, said that "a previously scheduled meeting of state agencies next Monday on hurricane response plans will also include preparations for oil coming onshore." And "North Carolina officials are also working with the Coast Guard to develop contingency plans," although "Coast Guard scientists told state officials Monday there was a 1% chance that oil would reach North Carolina's coast."

The New York Times (5/20, Skipp, 1.09M) reports from Florida that "those whose livelihood depends on visitors lathered in sunscreen are trying to persuade tourists scared off by the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico to reconsider. For now, Florida tourism is living and dying in 72-hour increments," because "while no oil from the spill - sheen, slick, blobs or balls - has washed ashore on Florida beaches yet, the state's Department of Environmental Protection is guaranteeing such conditions for only three days at a time." Florida's Department of Tourism "has tried to alleviate any public concern about the beaches by posting information about Florida's destinations on its Web site in real time with beach Webcams, Twitter feeds and photos," and "Gov. Charlie Crist said he had secured \$25 million from BP...to finance the tourism advertising campaign after an initial \$25 million went to disaster preparation and response."

The Miami Herald (5/20, Olorunnipa, Rosenberg, 210K) adds that shifting predictions of if or when the spill might reach Florida's coast have "added to an air of uncertainty about how and when the Sunshine State would grapple with fallout from the Gulf catastrophe that could threaten both the state's fragile ecosystem as well as its lifeblood industry: tourism." Gov. Crist told the Herald "that state officials still have no fixed date on when spill pollution might hit the Keys, or anywhere else."

Highlighting the uncertainty, the St. Petersburg (FL) Times (5/20, Pittman, Sanders) reports, "Oil has officially been spotted in the Gulf of Mexico's loop current, which means tar balls are likely to wash ashore somewhere in the Keys - or several somewheres - in eight to 10 days." In the meantime, "Florida wildlife officials are so concerned about oil getting into the loop current that they joined forces with the University of South Florida to dispatch a research vessel, the Bellows, on a four-day voyage into the gulf." The vessel will "park in the loop current" and take samples to allow better monitoring of what's going to happen."

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (5/20, Kirkham, 169K) reports that as the first signs of thick oil were found in the Plaquemines marshlands of Louisiana, Gov. Jindal urged, "What we do not want is for this oil to get farther into our wetlands, farther into our marshes." He warned that "within seven to 10 days, the thick oil standing in marshes like Pass a

Loutre will eventually lead to discoloration of the marsh grass and, potentially, lead to its death." Jindal has been putting pressure on the Army Corps of Engineers "to approve the emergency dredging permit to build up the sand barriers that the state filed late last Tuesday." Said Jindal, "We need this approved, without delay. I want see this approved today." However, there is "no official word on whether BP will front the estimated \$350 million cost, and possibly more, of constructing the nearly 90-mile chain of sand barriers extending east and west of the Mississippi delta."

The CBS Evening News (5/19, story 3, 1:45, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "The Federal government has closed off 19% of gulf waters to fishing. More than 45,000 square miles. And a lot of fishermen are wondering when they'll make their next catch." ABC World News (5/19, story 2, 1:30, Kofman, 8.2M) reported, "Prices up, supply down and business way down." Sandy Theriot, of Rock's seafood explained, "Customers don't want to come out because, of all the publicity, they think everything is full of oil." But ABC added, "Highly unlikely, 45,000 square miles of gulf coast fisheries are closed. A much bigger area than the oil slick itself. Only a handful of catches have been rejected because of contamination."

Hurricane Season Could Worsen Effects Of Oil Spill. USA Today (5/20, Dorell, 2.11M) reports forecasters and scientists are warning that a major hurricane "could make the oil spill worse," as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said "a hurricane, or a succession of them, may bring oil up from the depths of the Gulf of Mexico and then push it ashore. Forecasters say a season with multiple storms could send oil farther inland and spread it as far as Cape Hatteras, N.C." According to experts at Colorado State University, the nation's oldest hurricane forecasting team, this year's hurricane season "is expected to be above average with 15 tropical storms of which eight could be hurricanes." Joe Jaworski, mayor of Galveston, Texas, a city hit by Hurricane Ike in 2008, said, "To think a storm surge could resuscitate a huge sum of oil (from the deep) and deposit it on land is truly catastrophic."

Coast Guard's Role In Disaster Questioned. The Wall Street Journal (5/20, A6, Bustillo, Smith, 2.08M) reports that the US Coast Guard has come under fire after the oil rig explosion and its ability to carry out its limited responsibilities in preventing such disasters has been questioned. In recent hearings, federal authorities have inquired into whether the Coast Guard has done all it can to ensure that offshore drilling rigs are seaworthy and able to handle fires. Some experts have suggested that the regulatory split between the Coast Guard and the MMS will need to be reexamined. Further complicating the process, many rigs are within foreign jurisdiction, such as the Transocean Ltd. rig, which was registered in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and do not receive the same level of inspection, according to a Coast Guard official.

Use Of Dispersants Questioned. BP was also criticized Wednesday, the Wall Street Journal (5/20, A6, Ball, Power, 2.08M) reports, for the use of a chemical called Corexit 9500 to disperse the oil pouring into the Gulf of Mexico. During a House hearing, Rep. Peter DeFazio claimed, "There are others that EPA measures as more effective on this grade of oil and less toxic." BP responded that it was investigating four alternative chemicals, although no decision has been made as to which one it might use.

Further, the Houston Chronicle (5/20, Dlouhy, 427K) reports, legislators on Wednesday "suggested that corporate ties between BP and the manufacturer drove the choice" of the chemical cocktail. Specifically, the lawmakers "homed in on a former BP executive's role as one of the directors of Nalco Co., whose Energy Services Division, based in Sugar Land, produces the dispersant. A former Exxon Mobil Corp. president is also on Nalco's board of directors."

BP Didn't Request Final Test Of Well's Seal, Company Spokesman Says. The New Orleans Times-Picayune (5/20, DeMocker, 169K) reports a spokesman for Schlumberger, a "top oilfield service company," hired by BP "to test the strength of cement linings on the Deepwater Horizon's well," said BP "sent the firm's workers home 11 hours before the rig exploded April 20 without performing a final check that a top cementing company executive called 'the only test that can really determine the actual effectiveness' of the well's seal." The spokesman added that "BP had a Schlumberger team and equipment for sending acoustic testing lines down the well 'on standby' from April 18 to April 20. But BP never asked the Schlumberger crew to perform the acoustic test and sent its members back to Louisiana on a regularly scheduled helicopter flight at 11 a.m."

Salazar Announces MMS To Be Split Into Three Agencies. McClatchy (5/20, Bolstad) reports Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced Wednesday that in response "to criticism that the troubled federal agency that regulates offshore drilling is too cozy with the industry it oversees," the Minerals Management Service will be split into three branches. The reorganization "will create the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to develop energy resources, including offshore renewable resources, and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, which will police offshore operations and protect the environment." Salazar added that "most importantly...the existing division of the agency that oversees \$13 billion in annual revenue collection will evolve into the Office of Natural Resources Revenue, move to the Interior Department's budget and management division, and be entirely separate from Interior's land and minerals division." Said Salazar, "With this restructuring, we will bring greater clarity to the roles and responsibilities of the department while strengthening oversight of the companies that develop energy in our nation's waters."

BP To Use "Top Kill" Procedure To Halt Oil Spill. NBC Nightly News (5/19, story 4, 2:15, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "Aboard the 'Discover Enterprise' above the damaged well, BP says it's now collecting 3,000 barrels of oil a day, up from 2,000 yesterday. The company says it's also putting the finishing touches on its plans to fully seal the gushing well, perhaps by as early as Sunday, using a technique called 'top kill' where heavy drilling mud and cement encase the well. Federal officials see it as their best chance to stop the massive oil leak."

The Christian Science Monitor (5/20, Guarino, 48K) reports BP officials are preparing the "top kill" procedure, which "they say is crucial in containing oil that continues to rush into the Gulf of Mexico at about 210,000 gallons a day," following "a series of failed containment efforts the company has tried since the Deepwater Horizon oil rig collapsed following an April 20 explosion." The procedure, which is scheduled to take place Sunday, "will involve pumping heavy fluids down two three-inch lines placed inside the wellhead. If successful, the fluids will temporarily stop the oil rush, which would then allow operators to seal the opening with cement. The wellhead, officials say, will never be used again for oil drilling."

Biloxi (MS) Sun Herald (5/20, Nelson) adds that BP chief operating officer for exploration and production Doug Suttles explained that "the company still needs diagnostic information to assess the risk before it uses top kill, taking into consideration the condition of the well. If the procedure fails, there's a risk the leak could worsen." Suttles added, "We have to remember it's all being done at a depth of 5,000 feet...This has never been done before." Lars Herbst, regional director of the Minerals Management Service, "called the procedure 'a very complex operation' and said he had returned Wednesday from a meeting on top kill with MMS engineers in Houston."

The Mississippi Press (5/20, Bean, 15K) reports US Coast Guard Rear Adm. Mary Landry said of the company's plans, "We're absolutely holding out hope that the top-kill works," adding, "Let's all keep our fingers crossed and say our prayers that the top-kill works." Meanwhile, Suttles said "calm seas during the last few days have helped skimming and surface burning operations," and "the insertion tube -- basically a straw sucking oil from open well to a boat on the surface -- has worked well since its installation earlier this week." Said Suttles, "We're very encouraged...We think it's a sustainable operation."

Scientists, Environmentalists Express Concerns With Spill Response. The New York Times (5/20, Gillis, 1.09M) reports, "Tensions between the Obama administration and the scientific community over the gulf oil spill are escalating, with prominent oceanographers accusing the government of failing to conduct an adequate scientific analysis of the damage and of allowing BP to obscure the spill's true scope." Scientists have asserted "that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other agencies have been slow to investigate the magnitude of the spill and the damage it is causing in the deep ocean," expressing concern "about getting a better handle on problems that may be occurring from large plumes of oil droplets that appear to be spreading beneath the ocean surface." Sylvia Earle, a famed oceanographer, said Wednesday on Capitol Hill, "It seems baffling that we don't know how much oil is being spilled," adding, "It seems baffling that we don't know where the oil is in the water column."

And the AP (5/19) reports that "environmental groups are asking the federal government to take over all monitoring and testing related to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill." National Wildlife Federation President Larry Schweiger, in remarks prepared for congressional testimony, "says BP is keeping too much information from the public. His group and nine others asked President Barack Obama on Wednesday to order more direct federal oversight." They also "want the government to release the results of all tests so far."

Inventors Complain BP Ignoring Their Suggestions. Noting that "BP has received thousands of ideas from the public on how to stop a blown oil well in the Gulf of Mexico," the AP (5/20, Kunzelman, Baker) reports some inventors, however, "are complaining that their efforts are getting ignored. Oil-eating bacteria, bombs and a device that resembles a giant shower curtain are among the 10,000 fixes people have proposed to counter the growing environmental threat." Meanwhile, the company "is taking a closer look at 700 of the ideas, but the oil company has yet to use any of them nearly a month" after the accident. BP is "'clearly out of ideas, and there's a whole world of people willing to do this free of charge," said Dwayne Spradlin, CEO of InnoCentive Inc., which has created an online network of experts to solve problems." A BP spokesman Mark Salt responded that "the company wants the public's help, but that considering proposed fixes takes time."

Meanwhile, though, the New York Daily News (5/20, Kennedy, 588K) reports BP, "desperate for ideas," gave the okay to test a device that cleans oil from sea water, invented by actor Kevin Costner, "after the Army Corps of Engineers gave the machine a thumbs-up. Costner's \$24 million centrifuge machine has a Los Angeles-perfect name, 'Ocean Therapy.'" The device is "placed on a barge, it sucks in oily water, separates out the oil and spits back clean water." Costner told reporters "he started paying a team of scientists millions to create the device after the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska, while working on his epic 1995 flop 'Waterworld.'"

Energy Analysts Believe BP May Develop Oil Field At Center Of Disaster. The Christian Science Monitor (5/20, Scherer, 48K) reports "energy analysts believe that BP may ultimately decide to develop" the Macondo prospect "even though it is not considered to be a giant oil field," because the field "is near other BP operations, so its oil - considered ideal for gasoline - could be piped ashore without a lot more expense." However, "BP says it's too early to think about any commercial development of the Macondo prospect." BP spokesman Toby Odone said, "At this point, we genuinely want to get this shut-in, stop the flow of oil, and clean up." Ultimately, though, the company "might also decide not to expend any more money on the prospect other than ongoing efforts to seal the well and drill relief wells." Rick Mueller, an energy analyst, said, "With all the hassle, maybe they'll decide it's better to seal it up and forget about it."

Pickens Says Congress, Administration "Too Quick To Blame" BP. The Dallas Morning News (5/20, Michaels, 350K) reports T. Boone Pickens, speaking at the National Defense University, "faulted Congress and the Obama administration Wednesday for being too quick to blame oil company BP for the Gulf oil spill," taking "issue with Interior Secretary Ken Salazar's remark that the government would 'keep the boot on the neck' of BP." Said Pickens, "Leave them alone, and let them fix it," adding, "BP -- there is nothing wrong with them." The article went on to note that "Pickens made a fortune in the oil business but has renewed his fame as the leader of a campaign to wean the US off foreign oil. The Pickens Plan calls for the US to rely more on natural gas, which is plentiful in America and in North Texas."

Arctic Drilling Proposal Moves Forward Despite Concerns. The New York Times (5/20, A18, Yardley, 1.09M) reports a plan by Shell Oil "to begin exploratory drilling in the Arctic's Beaufort and Chukchi Seas" as early as "this summer received initial permits from the Minerals Management Service office in Alaska at the same time federal auditors were questioning the office about its environmental review process." The approval comes "after many of the agency's most experienced scientists had left, frustrated that their concerns over environmental threats from drilling had been ignored. Minerals Management has faced intense scrutiny in the weeks since the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico." Critics of the plan argue "that an oil spill would be virtually impossible to contain, given the region's remoteness, its severe weather and ice and limited onshore support."

Obama Urged To Overhaul MMS. The Boston Globe (5/20, 325K) editorializes that "President Obama vastly understated the case last week when he said the [MMS] has a 'cozy relationship' with oil companies, because the agency "has routinely flouted federal requirements to seek impact assessments from environmental agencies before issuing permits. This flouting of the law began under the Bush administration, and Obama has failed to correct it." Scientists complained throughout last year "that environmental and safety concerns were being ignored, both for existing rigs and in assessing new drilling permits. But the warnings weren't heeded. Even now, it's not clear if the administration understands the seriousness of the problem." Until "Salazar can convince Congress -- and the nation -- that the [MMS] will conduct extensive safety assessments and allow outside environment reviews before approving any permits," plans for expanded offshore drilling should not be implemented.

GAO FINDS TSA BEHAVIOR DETECTION PROGRAM FAILING TO IDENTIFY TERRORISTS. Describing it as a government program "that doesn't seem to be working," the CBS Evening News (5/19, story 9, 2:15, Couric) aired a report that the TSA's airport behavior detection program "is failing to detect terrorists." A GAO report set for release today "is raising serious questions," having found that "at least 16 individuals later accused of involvement in terrorist plots flew 23 different times through US airports since 2004." CBS added that the TSA issued a statement Wednesday calling "the program a vital layer of security based in science that has resulted in more than 1,700 arrests for illegal activities like drug smuggling." CBS runs a similar report on its website.

KING: NYC ANTI-TERRORISM FUNDING HAS BEEN "BOTTLENECKED IN DHS BUREAUCRACY. The New York Daily News (5/20, McAuliff) reports on what it calls a thickening plot in the controversy over New York City's Federal anti-terrorism funding, with news from Rep. Peter King "that the DHS has just released \$121 million in funding for transit security - \$80 million for New York State and \$41 million for the Port Authority of N.Y. and N.J. - from 2008." King said the funding represents "quite a turnaround by the Department of Homeland Security, which last week slashed New York's mass transit and port security funding." He added that the situation makes "clear that much of this money was bottlenecked in the DHS bureaucracy and should have been available for projects to protect mass transit passengers." DHS Press Secretary Clark Stevens said the agency has maintained that it "is thoroughly committed to supporting New York City's first responders and overall preparedness against acts of terrorism and other disasters, which is why overall port and transit security grant funding in New York City has increased by more than \$47 million or 24 percent under this Administration. ... The projects Representative King references have completed the mandatory reviews and funds are now available for drawdown by the grantees."

Likewise, NY1-TV New York City, NY (5/20) reports on its website that "blames bureaucracy and red tape for stalling the disbursement of the funds." Also covering Wednesday's development, The Hill (5/20, Fabian) notes that "King, along with Democratic Rep. Anthony Weiner (N.Y.) and Sen. Charles Schumer (N.Y.), had criticized the administration's decision last week, just before Obama traveled to the Big Apple to meet with New York City police officers and attend a Democratic

fundraiser."

MOROCCAN-AMERICAN PLEADS GUILTY IN MISSOURI TO MATERIAL SUPPORT OF AL QAEDA. The AP (5/20, Draper) reports naturalized US citizen Khalid Ouazzani, a native of Morocco "who had sworn allegiance to al-Qaida," pleaded guilty Wednesday in Kansas City federal court "to taking part in a conspiracy to provide financial support to the terrorist group." Ouazzani "admitted that he sent \$23,500 to al-Qaida between August 2007 and mid-2008," however, US Attorney Beth Phillips said at a press conference yesterday that "he did not pose a threat to the Kansas City area, where he briefly operated a business that sold auto parts and used vehicles."

The Kansas City Star (5/20) reports Ouazzani "acknowledged in court that he had sworn an oath of allegiance to al-Qaida in June 2008, about the time he sent his last payment to a Middle Eastern bank for transfer to the terror organization." The Star also notes Phillips said at yesterday's press conference, "The public should be assured that at no point did Ouazzani present an imminent risk of harm to our community." However, she "declined several times to discuss details of an investigation by the Heart of America Joint Terrorism Task Force...that led to Ouazzani coming under suspicion."

CNN.com (5/19, Frieden) reported, "Ouazzani was arrested 'early this year,' but his arrest and detention were kept secret until Wednesday, officials said. He was secretly indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City on February 3," Phillips said. "The Justice Department said Ouazzani faces up to 65 years in prison without parole and a fine of up to \$1 million." Reuters (5/20, Pelofsky) also reported on Ouazzani's guilty plea.

LEGAL OPINIONS SPLIT ON LIKELIHOOD OF SHAHZAD LENIENCY FOR COOPERATION. In an analysis of Faisal Shahzad's cooperation with investigators, the New York Times (5/20, Weiser) reports, "It is possible he will continue to cooperate, and ultimately his fate may rest on how his cooperation is viewed. While there is little doubt that the information he provided has helped in the investigation of the attempted bombing, whether his assistance will help him is a different matter, one that has stirred discussion in the legal community." Former federal prosecutor Anthony S. Barkow told the Times, "I think he is doomed. He has confessed to an extraordinarily serious offense that carries with it essentially life in prison." However, "veteran defense lawyer" Gerald L. Shargel "said he thought prosecutors would have to offer some sort of benefit...for his cooperation." If Shahzad "received no consideration and was given the penalty of life without the possibility of parole, Mr. Shargel asked how that would be read by the next terrorism suspect who was apprehended."

Shahzad Asked Investigators To Explain Why Car Bomb Failed. The AP (5/20, Hays, Goldman) reports, "While sequestered in a New York hotel room," Shahzad "revealed he had thought about targeting other landmarks and asked investigators why the bomb he built failed to go off, people familiar with the probe said Wednesday." One "person familiar with the case said Wednesday that" Shahzad "expressed surprise that the device...did not detonate," saying "he thought the fireworks would trigger a chain-reaction that would rupture the tanks and create a deadly fireball, the person said." He "even asked interrogators to explain why the device failed."

US Marshals Service Releases Shahzad Mug Shot. In a brief note, the CBS Evening News (5/19, story 8, 0:15, Couric) reported that the US Marshals Service on Wednesday released Shahzad's mug shot, and the New York Daily News (5/20, Meek, McShane) said that in the photo, his "blank, bearded face shows nothing, with Shahzad displaying the same stoic demeanor displayed Tuesday in his first court appearance."

RHODE ISLAND MAN ARRESTED AT PUERTO RICO AIRPORT WITH WEAPONS. The AP (5/20, Melia) reports from San Juan, Puerto Rico, that Jose Pol, a resident of Rhode Island, was "arrested this week trying to board a flight out of Puerto Rico while carrying weapons that included a stun gun, a switchblade knife and four box cutters, US authorities said Wednesday." Pol, 59, "was passing through a security checkpoint at the US Caribbean territory's main international airport Monday when Transportation Security Administration agents discovered the weapons in his carry-on luggage, the FBI said. US authorities said they had not found any evidence linking the case to terrorism. 'We continue to investigate his motivation and if he has any affiliation with any terrorist or other organization,' said Harry Rodriguez, an FBI spokesman in San Juan."

The Los Angeles Times (5/20, Serrano) quotes "a government source who has been briefed on the arrest but who was not authorized to discuss it" as saying that terrorism "is not ruled out." The Times quotes another "government official" as saying that "it appeared 'highly unlikely' that Pol had direct connections to a radical Muslim organization. He added that investigators were trying to determine whether Pol suffers from a military service disability." FBI Special Agent Antonio Vargas "said in an affidavit filed in a Puerto Rico court that Pol was in line to pass through a Transportation Security Authority checkpoint around 12:15 p.m. 'The TSA officer screening the luggage noticed some irregularities in the luggage and sent Pol for a secondary search,' Vargas said. The secondary search, done by hand, turned up the dangerous items, Vargas said."

The Boston Herald (5/20, Mason) and Reuters (5/20) also report on Pol's arrest.

AWLAKI'S STANDING AS "TERRORIST NO. 1" ASSESSED. Under the headline "Why is Anwar Al-Awlaki terrorist 'No. 1?'" the Christian Science Monitor (5/20, Lubold) breaks down a profile of the "young Muslim cleric," who "has come front and center" recently, "with reports that he is linked" to the Ft. Hood shootings, the failed Christmas Day bombing on a flight over Detroit, and the failed Times Square bombing attempt earlier this month. On the issue of his terrorist organization connections, the Monitor reports that Awlaki had not appeared "to be affiliated with any terrorist organization," but a recent communication attributed to him "carried the insignia of Al Qaeda on the Arabian Peninsula." As to whether he is "America's most wanted," the Monitor notes Rep. Jane Harman's recent assessment that he is "'terrorist No. 1' in terms of the threat he poses to the homeland," and President Obama's "unusual – and controversial – step" earlier this year "of authorizing 'capture or kill' operations against Awlaki, despite the cleric's standing as a US citizen."

NO APPARENT SECURITY GLITCHES AT STATE DINNER. The CBS Evening News (5/19, story 12, 0:15, Couric, 6.1M) reported security was set up to be "tight to prevent gate crashers" at the Obamas' second state dinner Wednesday. AFP (5/19) reports the President "deployed the full pomp of a White House state dinner for only the second time, honoring Mexico's President Felipe Calderón with a sumptuous menu and elaborate decor." The White House "was also road testing unspecified extra security measures, after the inaugural Obama state dinner last year for Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was marred when a socialite couple gatecrashed the festivities."

The AP (5/20) reports, "As about 200 guests streamed into the White House, the Obamas greeted Mexico's first couple on the North Portico. Mrs. Obama wore a one-shoulder, shimmery, cobalt blue floor-length gown, with a wide silver belt and dangling silvery earrings. Zavala wore a plum-colored, sleeveless gown with an Aztec-inspired blue border around the square neckline."

The Washington Post (5/20, Givhan, Roberts, 684K) reports, "This time, it looked as if everything went perfectly. The name of every guest arriving for Wednesday night's state dinner appeared on the official list. The inevitable comparisons to the drama of last year's faded away. And the party talk was focused on politics, the majesty of the White House and how so many memories were being made on such a night. Which is how it should be."

The New York Times (5/20, Baker, 1.09M) writes, "If the unwelcome Tareq and Michaela Salahi were nowhere in sight, the Obamas came up with some star power. ... Among the guests were the actors Eva Longoria Parker and George Lopez; the Olympic speed skater Shani Davis, who brought his coach, Jae Su Chun; and the New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez, who brought his left tackle, D'Brickashaw Ferguson." The Chicago Tribune (5/20, Skiba, 534K) says the guests "mingled with state and federal lawmakers, diplomats, donors, Obama relatives and friends, many from Chicago, plus West Coast guests including Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa." The Hill (5/20, Wilkie, 21K) and CNN.com (5/19) also report on the guest list; Mexico's El Sol de Mexico (5/20) and La Cronica de Hoy (5/20) also have reports.

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NAPOLITANO: BORDER "AS SECURE NOW AS IT HAS EVER BEEN." Secretary Napolitano's discussion of border security issues Wednesday at the Center for Strategic and International Studies is gaining media attention across the nation, particularly in the Southwest, where coverage tends to focus on specific plans and an approval for drones along the Texas-Mexico border. Reports out of Washington are highlighting the speech as a strong defense of the Administration's border security efforts in the face of Republican criticism.

The Washington Post (6/24, A2, Connolly, 684K) reports Secretary Napolitano, speaking one day after the President asked Congress for \$500 million in emergency border security funding, discussed FAA approval for placement of a new aerial drone at the Texas-Mexico border and an "agreement to allow local police from non-border communities to temporarily 'deploy' to the border region to assist with security." Napolitano, the Post says, "laid out the case that the 'border is as secure now as it has ever been,'" while acknowledging that there is more to be done. Sen. John Cornyn, who had "blocked Senate confirmation of Michael Huerta to be deputy director of the FAA" after approval for a Texas-Mexico border drone was slow in coming, said Wednesday that "he would allow a vote on Huerta."

The Washington Times (6/24, Dinan, 77K) reports that in her time at DHS, Napolitano has attempted "to walk a difficult line, arguing on the one hand enough has been done on the border that Congress can work on legalization, but also acknowledging the border isn't secure and needs more help."

On its website, CNN (6/24, Cratty) reports Napolitano said Wednesday that delaying immigration reform until the border is completely sealed is "not the answer to the problem." In what CNN called "a clear reference" to a controversial immigration law in Arizona, Napolitano said the US needs "a single, functional immigration and border policy." On its "Political Punch" blog, ABC News (6/24, Dwyer) reports that Napolitano was "animated" in rejecting preconditions for progress on immigration reform. She "strongly defended the administration's record on policing the border, saying the agency has 'attacked' immigration and crime challenges there and in the interior in an 'unprecedented' way. But she said enforcement alone will not solve the system's problems."

CongressDaily (6/24, Stroh) says Napolitano's comments marked "the strongest response so far to repeated attacks by Republican lawmakers who have slammed the Obama administration for not doing enough to secure the nation's borders." She "said actions the administration is taking represent the 'most serious and thorough' effort ever to secure the nation's borders." CongressDaily adds that Sens. John McCain and Jon Kyl were "unimpressed" by Napolitano's speech.

CQ Homeland Security (6/24, Margetta) quotes Napolitano as saying that the Administration is "attacking the challenges the border brings, and we're doing it in ways that are smart and tough and strategic."

The Miami Herald (6/24, French, 210K) reports Napolitano targeted politicians who propose "bumper sticker" solutions,

saying that while progress is being made, one "may not get this impression from those trying to gain political point by saying the border is spinning out of control."

Noting Napolitano's discussion of the Administration's border security efforts, Fox News' Greta Van Susteren (6/23, 10:21 p.m. EDT) interviewed Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu, who said the Secretary's assessment that the border is as secure as it has ever been is "Absolutely not true."

The Arizona Republic (6/24, Kelly, 393K) reports "Napolitano initially was quoted as saying Wednesday that all 1,000 agents would be added to Border Patrol operations in Arizona. But a Homeland Security spokesman said Wednesday afternoon that the additional 1,000 agents, who must be approved by Congress, would be spread across the border." The AP (6/24) notes that Napolitano also said Wednesday that DHS "is working with the Office of National Drug Control Policy on 'Project Roadrunner,' a license plate recognition system designed to seek out possible drug traffickers."

Highlighting the UAV approval, the San Antonio Express-News (6/24, Martin, 210K) quotes Napolitano as saying that such "flights aren't useful everywhere, but in some places they are part of the right mix of infrastructure, manpower and technology to improve border security."

The McAllen (TX) Monitor (6/24, Janes, 47K) reports the FAA approval "comes only a month after Republican Sens. John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison, Cuellar and other members of the state's border delegation asked FAA Administrator Randolph Babbitt to expedite his agency's approval of the aircraft." Napolitano said Wednesday "that her department has committed a mix of manpower, technology and infrastructure to crack down on border-related smuggling and other crimes. The UAVs are part of a comprehensive border security strategy, said Napolitano, who also called for a 'Southwest Border Law Enforcement Compact' that allows police officers from across the nation to be detailed to border law enforcement agencies."

The Corpus Christi Caller Times (6/24) reports that UAVs "have been pushed for the border region by a bipartisan cadre of lawmakers from border states and for hurricanes and other surveillance in the Gulf of Mexico." AFP (6/24, Zamora) notes that the US "currently has four drones patrolling the border with Mexico in Arizona and one in the northern border with Canada in the state of North Dakota, according to the Department of Homeland Security."

KSAZ-TV Phoenix (6/23, 6:06 p.m. MST) showed Napolitano saying that improved security numbers at the border "tell the story about our strategy. We are focusing our energy on the most dangerous threats to communities."

On its website, KOLD-TV Tucson, AZ (6/24, Herschler) reports, "At least one of the efforts announced Wednesday is geared specifically to the Border Patrol's Tucson sector. DHS is deploying additional Border Patrol agents, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement investigators, air assets and other technologies to target drug cartel operations in the Tucson sector." KGUN-TV Tucson (AZ) (6/24) also notes the new plans for border security on its website.

KTAR-FM Phoenix (6/24) reports on its website that Napolitano said she has "ordered the deployment of additional Border Patrol agents, ICE investigators, air assets and other technologies to the Arizona border." The Secretary "said those resources would target operations against the drug cartels that threaten the area around Tucson."

Napolitano Says Other Plans In Place For Northern Border. Writing for Canada's Macleans (6/24), Luiza Ch. Savage notes that Secretary Napolitano said in a question and answer session following her speech that the measures she had discussed were "for the Southwest border. However, we have other measures we've apply at the northern border. ... We have excellent cooperation with the RCMP and have an aggressive program under way now to improve and provide better equipment and technology in the ports of entry all along the northern border." David Aguilar, Deputy Commissioner, US Customs and Border Protection added, "We don't forget about the northern border."

SOME IN BORDER PATROL SAY THEY WILL BE HINDERED BY OVERTIME LIMITS. The Washington Times (6/24, Seper, 77K) reports that as the Administration seeks new border agents, "and Congress and the public are clamoring for beefed-up border security," a number of "rank-and-file and senior agents told The Washington Times that a new overtime directive issued at the agency's Washington headquarters will limit their ability to get their jobs done, reduce coverage during peak smuggling periods and allow more criminals to avoid apprehension." The Border Patrol "has promised" as part of a major recruitment effort "what it called an 'excellent opportunity for overtime pay.' The overtime cutback comes at a time that violence against the agents, according to Department of Homeland Security records, is up 31 percent this fiscal year."

CORNYN WRITES NAPOLITANO REGARDING AFGHAN SOLDIERS AWOL IN US. KWTX-TV Waco, TX (6/24) reports on its website that Sen. John Cornyn wrote to Secretary Napolitano "Wednesday demanding some answers about the 17 members of the Afghan military who have disappeared from Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio over the last

18 months. Cornyn wants to know why the administration hasn't been able to find the Afghanis and he wants to know why he and his office weren't notified they were missing." He "said official statements do not assure him that none of the 17 poses a security threat."

Also noting Napolitano's letter, KXXV-TV Waco, TX (6/24, Ojeda) reports on its website that Cornyn said in a letter to US Air Force Secretary Michael B. Donley last week "that the department's lack of information released is unacceptable." In his letter to Napolitano, Cornyn asks "why the missing Afghan officers have not been located and stresses the threat of national security."

MORE STATES TAKING ACTION ON IMMIGRATION POLICY. Noting the national attention being paid to Arizona's "tough new law against illegal immigration" and a measure approved this week by voters in Fremont, Nebraska, the Washington Post (6/24, A3, Savage, 684K) reports that "similar proposals are under consideration across the country. Five states -- South Carolina, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Michigan -- are looking at Arizona-style legislation, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures." The first three months of this year saw legislators in 45 states introduce "1,180 bills or resolutions dealing with immigrants, an unprecedented number, according to the NCSL."

Motivation Behind Fremont Law Questioned. The Fremont (NE) Tribune (6/24, Beck, 8K) reports the measure approved this week has prompted some to "question whether Fremont has a problem with people in the country illegally _ or immigrants in general. Supporters of the measure say illegal immigrants have flocked to the eastern Nebraska city of 25,000 to take jobs at two meatpacking plants outside of town." The Tribune notes that ICE spokeswoman said operations are not tracked "via industry, size or location...so she could not say how many raids or audits of employment rolls had taken place in recent years at Nebraska meatpacking plants _ including at Fremont's two plants: Hormel and Fremont Beef. 'ICE has to focus its priorities on dangerous criminals, egregious employers, foreign-born gang members,' she said. 'First and foremost is public safety.'"

Mexicans See Support Come Along With Harsh Measures. The Christian Science Monitor (6/24, Llana, 48K) reports that, along with measures like those in Arizona and Fremont, "Mexicans are also seeing a new level of American discontent percolating over US immigration initiatives, much of it coming from unexpected corners."

EIGHT GOP SENATORS WARN OF OBAMA AMNESTY PLAN. FOX News (6/24) reports on its website that eight Republican senators have joined with the group Numbers USA to warn "that the Obama administration is drafting a plan to 'unilaterally' issue blanket amnesty for millions of illegal immigrants as it struggles to win support in Congress for an overhaul of immigration laws." Sens. Chuck Grassley, Orrin Hatch, David Vitter, Jim Bunning, Saxby Chambliss, Johnny Isakson, James Inhofe, and Thad Cochran wrote to the President Monday urging him "to 'abandon' what they say is a move to 'unilaterally extend either deferred action or parole to millions of illegal aliens in the United States.'"

CAP BACK IN PLACE AFTER DAYLONG REMOVAL DUE TO ACCIDENT. The AP (6/24, Kunzelman) reports, "Oil had spewed uncontrolled into the Gulf of Mexico for much of the day Wednesday before engineers reattached a cap being used to contain the gusher and direct some of the crude to a surface ship." The logistics coordinator on board the Discoverer Enterprise said "that after more than 10 hours, the system was again collecting the crude." BP "later confirmed the cap was back in place, but said it had been hooked up about an hour and half earlier. The coordinator said it would take a little time for the system to 'get ramped back up.'"

The New York Times (6/24, Robbins, 1.09M) reports incident commander Adm. Thad Allen of the Coast Guard, "at a briefing in Washington, said a remote-controlled submersible operating a mile beneath the surface had most likely bumped a vent and compromised the system. Live video from the sea floor showed oil and gas storming out of the well unrestricted. By evening, the cap was back on, nestled in place on the eighth try after about 90 minutes of effort." The Miami Herald (6/24, Rosenberg, 210K) reports that until the rupture "Allen reported that BP had captured nearly 28,000 barrels of oil at the spill site in a 24-hour period on Tuesday."

WEAR-TV Mobile, Alabama (6/23, 11:01 p.m. CT) reported, "BP says the containment cap is back in place...the device was reinstalled and functioning again at 7 o'clock tonight." WFAA-TV Dallas (6/23, 11:11 p.m. CT) reported, "Tens of thousands of gallons of oil spilled into the Gulf today. ... The containment cap had to be removed when an underwater robot bumped it. About half an hour ago we got word the cap is back on."

Earlier, ABC World News (6/23, story 7, 1:20, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported, "More oil is spilling once again into the Gulf tonight. An accident undersea forced BP to remove that containment cap. So the oil is now flowing unrestricted." ABC (Alfonsi) added, "The oil spewing again unchecked. An undersea robot crashed into the containment cap system, shutting down a vent. Sixty thousand barrels a day now gushing into the Gulf, and closing down the pristine beaches of Pensacola. The oily syrup now all over the sand of those famous Florida beaches."

The CBS Evening News (6/23, story 3, 2:40, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "On Day 65, BP was forced to remove the cap it had worked so hard to install after an undersea robot bumped into it. So more crude is gushing out, hundreds of thousands of gallons more." NBC Nightly News (6/23, story 4, 2:35, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "The sickening sight of all that oil again spewing out of that well all over again. The so-called containment cap that had been working at least partially is now gone, and that was a heartbreaker for the Gulf region today, along with an ugly sight on some Florida beaches."

More than 250 stories on local television stations in the Gulf region covered the news that oil and gas continued to flow unchecked for several hours Wednesday. KPRC-TV Houston, TX (6/23, 11:17 p.m. CT) reported, "Oil is gushing uncontrollably into the Gulf." BP engineers "faced a setback in their containment efforts today when an undersea robot bumped the cap that's been collecting oil."

The Washington Post (6/24, Achenbach, 684K) reports, "The Deepwater Horizon well became an uncapped geyser once again Wednesday." The "morning mishap with the makeshift cap on the well ended a 24-hour period of relative success. On Tuesday, the cap had managed to capture 16,668 barrels (700,056 gallons) of oil; 10,429 more barrels (438,018 gallons) were flared through a separate containment operation that continues uninterrupted. The amount was the highest yet contained since the April 20 explosion."

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (6/24, White, 169K) reports, "The 14-foot-tall, 4-foot in diameter cap has been attached to a riser pipe and feeding oil and natural gas to the Discoverer Enterprise ship on the surface since June 3." With the cap displaced, "oil could be seen shooting from the damaged Macondo well into the sea for much of the day Wednesday." The Houston Chronicle (6/24, Hong, Latson, 427K) says the "amount of oil spilling into the Gulf of Mexico jumped by thousands of barrels Wednesday after an underwater robot apparently struck the containment cap."

The Wall Street Journal (6/24, Daker, Hughes, 2.08M), Christian Science Monitor (6/24, Guarino, 48K), New York Daily News (6/24, Lovett, Kennedy, 588K), and AFP (6/24) also report on the containment cap problem and its repair.

Pensacola Beaches "Covered In Oil." NBC Nightly News (6/23, story 5, 1:50, Potter, 8.37M) reported Pensacola, Florida, "residents and tourists awoke to the day they hoped they would never see, with their entire beachfront covered in oil. It rolled ashore overnight and kept coming all day, pushed along by southeast winds. Skimmer boats arrived to stop it but oil still got past them. Beachgoers were shocked and saddened by what happened to the pure, white sand."

The Pensacola News-Journal (6/24, Blair) reports, "Heavy oil tar balls, mats and mousse showed up on Escambia County beaches." Gov. Charlie Crist, in Pensacola "for a tour of the beach and cleanup," said, "To see something like this in such a beautiful place is unbelievable. We've seen tar balls but never this kind of stuff." The Miami Herald (6/24, Klas, Rosenberg, 210K) reports, "Workers spent the day raking up the chocolate-brown oil mats and tar patches that washed ashore, and the state ordered road graders to lift the gunk from the once-white beaches."

Oil Spotted In Mississippi Sound. The Biloxi Sun Herald (6/24, Pender, 41K) reports, "Oil has been found in the Mississippi Sound in the pass between Horn and Ship islands," and has also "been spotted 11 miles south of Petit Bois Island." The Mobile Press-Register (6/24, Raines) reports, "Few tarballs were found this morning on the beach at the broken off western end of Dauphin Island, which was severed from the main part of the island by 2005's Hurricane Katrina."

Two Cleanup Workers Have Died, One Apparently A Suicide. The CBS Evening News (6/23, story 3, 2:40, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "We learned today two cleanup workers have died." CBS (Cobiella) added, "We don't know much. One apparently was a suicide, the other some sort of swimming accident, but neither apparently directly connected to the spill or cleanup." The AP (6/23) reports incident commander Adm. Thad Allen "said Wednesday in Washington that one man was killed by what investigators later called a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Allen said the other worker's death involved swimming. He would not provide more details."

The Mobile Press-Register (6/24, Busby) reports Alabama charter boat captain William Allen Kruse shot and killed himself Wednesday morning "just before his vessel was scheduled to set out to take part in oil cleanup and protection efforts, investigators said." Coroner Stan Vinson "said witnesses told investigators that Kruse had been upset about the loss of business caused by the closing of fishing grounds and public perceptions of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill."

The Los Angeles Times (6/24, Hennessy-Fiske, Fausset, 776K) says the "apparent suicide...was a grim reminder of the mental health toll that may haunt the Gulf of Mexico region for years as industries are damaged and estuaries are despoiled by the BP oil disaster." One charter boat captain said, "How can you deal with watching the oil kill every damn thing you ever lived for in your whole life?" The Washington Post (6/24, Hedgpeth, Fahrenthold, 684K) also reports on the apparent suicide.

NEW CYBERSECURITY DRAFT WOULD NARROW "KILL SWITCH" PROVISION. CQ (6/24, Starks) reports that a "new draft of a Senate cybersecurity bill would narrow a provision that had become the most controversial part of the legislation by sparking fears that the president would get sweeping powers to take over the Internet in the event of an emergency." The measure "had drawn opposition from some business and civil liberties groups because of language that critics labeled a 'kill switch.'" But the "new, narrower version of the bill," set to be introduced Thursday during a Homeland Security Committee hearing, "curtails the scope of the president's authority."

CongressDaily (6/24, Strohm) reports Sens. Joe Lieberman, Susan Collins, and Tom Carper "issued a document Wednesday to counter what they said are myths being spread about their bill." They said the measure "provides the president with a scalpel to address threats to individual systems or networks, so he can avoid using the sledgehammer of shutting down entire communications networks."

ICE URGES JUDGE TO DENY BAIL FOR MAINE MAN QUESTIONED IN SHAHZAD PROBE. The AP (6/24, Lavoie) reports, "A Pakistani man arrested in Maine on an immigration charge during the Times Square bombing investigation is not a danger to the community, but he is a flight risk," ICE Boston Deputy Chief Counsel Richard Neville told US Immigration Judge Francis Cramer at a hearing on Wednesday. Mohammad Shafiq Rahman "is seeking to become a permanent US resident based on his marriage," and "has requested to be released on bail while his case makes its way through immigration court." Cramer "did not immediately rule on Rahman's bail request," and after yesterday's hearing, defense lawyer Cynthia Arn said Rahman "has 'no connection' to Faisal Shahzad."

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OBAMA EXPRESSES ANGER AND SYMPATHY IN THIRD TRIP TO GULF COAST. President Obama returned to Louisiana on Friday, and expressed a level of frustration and anger over the oil leak that critics said was lacking in his earlier pronouncements. As the AP (6/5, Benac) reports, the President "unleashed frustration for all to see Friday, warning BP it had better do right by the people whose lives it has wrecked." The visit "was about the workers with no government titles, the shrimpers and the shopkeepers, the fishermen whose lives have been upended and are running out of people to blame. Yet Obama's trip was also about him." Though Obama "says it serves little substantive point to go around and yell," presidents "face peril if they do not connect emotionally."

On NBC Nightly News (6/4, story 2, 2:45, Williams, 8.37M), Savannah Guthrie reported, "Aides dismiss this criticism that the President is too cool or detached, yet this trip seems to be a counterpoint to all of that. He's meeting with local residents, fishermen and business owners right now. He's invited the families of the 11 fallen oil rig workers to the White House on Thursday. And today he gave BP a piece of his mind."

ABC World News (6/4, story 3, 2:15, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported that though "undersea the robots managed to place a cap over the source of the leak" on Friday, "no one is proclaiming the result a success, including President Obama, on his third trip down to the Gulf." ABC (Tapper) added, "The cap BP has placed over the blown-out well is in place, but BP says the cap is only containing approximately 1,000 of the 19,000 barrels of oil gushing into the ocean each day." President Obama: "It does appear that the cap at least for now is holding. It is way too early to be optimistic." Tapper: "BP promised to provide more information, but so far, the company has not. After being briefed in New Orleans this afternoon, on the latest in the environmental disaster, the President seemed irritated to hear that BP was shelling out \$50 million for a new ad campaign." Obama: "What I don't want to hear is, when they're spending that kind of money, that they're nickel and diming fishermen or small businesses here in the Gulf who are having a hard time."

The New York Times (6/5, Krauss, Fountain, 1.09M) reports the President "kept up his criticism of BP, saying the oil company had paid billions of dollars in stock dividends and spent millions on image advertising while people who suffered from the disaster were reporting difficulties getting claims paid." The New York Daily News (6/5, Siemaszko, Bazinet, 588K) reports Obama "reacted harshly after learning during his third visit to the oil-slathered region" that BP is spending so much on "image-repairing TV ads" and dividend payments. The Hill (6/4, Geman, Swanson), Politico (6/4, Thrush), and AFP (6/5, Johnson) also report on Obama's remarks.

Some Upset By Obama's Refusal To Lift Drilling Moratorium. The CBS Evening News (6/4, story 2, 2:30, Couric, 6.1M) reported the President "has invited the families of the 11 people killed in the rig explosion to the White House next week." He returned to the Gulf Friday "to both see and be seen," and he "took another shot at BP." CBS (Reid) added, "The President lashed out at BP over reports they're spending \$50 million on an ad campaign to improve their image and \$10 billion on dividends for shareholders. ... The President then headed for Grand Isle where a thick ooze is washing ashore and residents are divided over who's to blame. Are you angry at BP?" Herman Daigle, Grand Isle resident: "Very." Reid: "Are you angry at the President?" Daigle: "No. No. ... The man's doing all he can, I think. His hands are tied behind his back to a certain extent." Jerry LaFont, local business owner: "I'm angry at the President, I'm angry at the way they're handling things. I think it's just taken too long to get things done." Reid: "But Jerry LaFont says there's one thing that makes him angrier than the slow response: the President's decision to impose a six-month moratorium on deep-water exploratory drilling."

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (6/5, Rioux, 169K) reports that "if elected officials and residents hoped the president would use the visit to ease the deepwater drilling moratorium or announce programs aimed to soften its potential blow, they no doubt came away disappointed." The President "offered sympathy but no easing of the six-month moratorium that maritime industry leaders said could effectively shut down drilling for two years and cost thousands of jobs as rigs are redeployed to other parts of the globe."

The New York Times (6/5, Zeller, 1.09M) says the moratorium "most directly affects 17 oil companies, including multinational giants like BP, Exxon Mobil, Shell and Chevron. The order, issued May 27, forced 33 rigs to shut down

operations." The Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association "has estimated that each exploration and production job represents four supporting jobs in and around the region. If that is the case, thousands of jobs -- and millions of dollars in wages -- could be affected by the work stoppage, the group said."

The Wall Street Journal (6/5, Esterl, Weisman, 2.08M) says Obama expressed concern about the impact the moratorium will have on the regional economy, and indicating that he did not wish to permanently end offshore oil exploration.

Politics Daily (6/4) reports that a "majority of Americans now say the costs and risks of increased offshore oil drilling are too great and they are more likely to see the April 20 platform collapse of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig and resulting spill as part of a broader problem rather than an isolated incident, according to a CBS News poll conducted June 1-3." The survey found 51 percent saying the "costs and risks are too great compared to 40 percent who still favor increased offshore drilling, with 9 percent undecided. Last week, 46 percent considered increased offshore drilling too risky while 45 percent favored it."

Barbour Again Misses Meeting With Obama. The AP (6/4) reports Gov. Haley Barbour on Friday skipped a meeting with President Obama in Louisiana about the oil spill. A Barbour spokesman said the Mississippi governor "was in New York, where he met Thursday with bond rating agencies. ... The governors of Louisiana, Alabama and Florida all met with Obama Friday in Louisiana."

The Biloxi Sun-Herald (6/5, Pender) notes that Barbour missed meeting with Obama during the President's last visit as well. Meanwhile, the Mobile Press-Register (6/5) reports that Gov. Bob Riley said Obama "ordered the Coast Guard to give Alabama what it needs to protect the shores from oil."

"Top Hat" In Place Over Source Of Leak. The Washington Post (6/4, Achenbach, 684K) reports, "The well has been capped, more or less. BP engineers Thursday night guided a containment dome onto the hydrocarbon geyser shooting from the Gulf of Mexico oil well -- a desperate and iffy attempt to capture the leaking oil and funnel it to a ship on the surface. It was not an elegant operation. Furious clouds of oil escaped the 'top hat.'" Incident commander Thad Allen "called the development a positive step but said, 'It will be sometime before we can confirm that this method will work and to what extent it will mitigate the release of oil into the environment.'"

McClatchy (6/5, Bolstad, Schoof) says that though oil "is still flowing from the containment device," the "flow of oil that's visible via underwater cameras is expected to disappear as crews close the cap's vents and begin sending more of the oil to a ship on the surface. The process is slow because engineers are concerned about crystals known as hydrates forming in the cap, which doomed one of the early efforts at containing the well."

The Los Angeles Times (6/5, Boxall, 776K) called it "a sign that BP may be on the verge of subduing its uncontrolled well," but company officials "said it would be a day or more before they could judge how successful the cap was at containing the leak that is feeding the largest spill in US history." Still, "after string of failures," they "sounded hopeful. 'Things are going as planned,' said BP Senior Vice President Kent Wells about 12 hours into the operation. 'I'm quite encouraged.'"

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (6/5, Kirkham, 169K) says the "attempt to contain the oil through a cap -- as opposed to permanently stemming the flow, a la the failed top-kill method last weekend -- is the latest in a frustrating series of unsuccessful remedies to a 46-day catastrophe." The Houston Chronicle (6/5, Hatcher, Hong, 427K) says BP "still does not know how much oil the device will collect from the well."

Tar Balls Begin Washing Up On Florida Panhandle Beaches. ABC World News (6/4, story 2, 2:20, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported, "As of tonight, the oil has hit 140 miles of coastline in beaches across Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi, and the sheen now looms 3 1/2 miles off the Florida coast." Tar balls are "coming ashore on the beach." The CBS Evening News (6/4, story 3, 2:35, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "All along the Florida Panhandle, they're preparing for the worst. ... It was threatening the coast for a couple days now, but the oil has started to wash up on shore." NBC Nightly News (6/4, story 4, 2:35, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "The first substantial clumps of oil appeared on that blindingly white sand."

The AP (6/5, Nelson, Mohr) reports, "The BP catastrophe arrived with the tide on the Florida Panhandle's white sands Friday." The oil "has now reached the shores of four Gulf states -- Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida -- turning its marshlands into death zones for wildlife and staining its beaches rust and crimson in an affliction that some said brought to mind the plagues and punishments of the Bible."

The Pensacola News Journal (6/5, Blair) reports, "The arrival of the tar balls -- in sizes ranging from a pecan to a hubcab - ended weeks of grim anticipation about when the byproduct of the BP oil disaster would become visible here. The western end of Navarre Beach was strewn with coin-sized globs with the mild odor of a newly paved road. Unlike the hard

nugget tar balls reported elsewhere, the material had the consistency and appearance of warm, melted chocolate."

The Mobile Press-Register (6/5) reports that on the Alabama coast, "the oil was reddish and broken into small bits" that resembled "disintegrating driftwood. But when it latched onto the beach, its hue darkened and the pieces melted together in shiny globs, like chocolate that had exploded in a microwave. ... The good news for coastal Alabama's \$2.3 billion tourism trade is that most beachgoers regarded the oil as a curiosity, not something to run from."

Local Officials Say Cleanup Not Happening Fast Enough. The Baton Rouge Advocate (6/5, 1A, Wold, 102K) reports, "With oil continuing to wash into interior Louisiana marshes along the Gulf of Mexico, local and state officials say they're not seeing cleanup take place. 'There's no cleanup going on in the marsh,' state Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Secretary Robert Barham said. 'I have not seen it, and I guess I've been on the coast as much as anybody.'" However, Ed Owens of the Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Teams "said the cleanup is getting done in a timely manner." The Coast Guard and BP "say more than 20,000 people are responding to 'protect the shoreline and wildlife and cleanup vital coastlines' and more than 1,900 vessels are responding to oil containment and cleanup."

The Mississippi Press (6/5, Philips, 15K) reports, "Dozens more private boats were deployed Friday to search for and skim oil, and many more were on standby as their crews awaited hazardous-materials training. The new boats bring to 158 the number primarily working the Mississippi coast, according to U.S. Coast Guard officials. There are another 220 in Alabama and 112 in Florida."

Spill Threatens Pointe-au-Chien Tribe. The Washington Post (6/5, Fahrenthold, 684K) reports that the oil spill is challenging the French-speaking Pointe-au-Chien American Indian nation, whose members "worry that the oil will kill the marsh" where they live.

NYTimes Says Spill Is Proof That Energy Bill Is Needed. The New York Times (6/5, 1.09M) says in an editorial that in his Wednesday speech at Carnegie Mellon University, President Obama invoked the oil spill "to pound on Congress about its duty to pass a comprehensive energy bill that addresses oil dependency and global warming. The House has passed such a bill, but a companion measure in the Senate languishes, hostage to solid Republican opposition, exaggerated fears about its costs and timidity on the part of the Democratic leadership." He said, "I will work with anyone from either party to get this done." The President's "task is to follow up that vow with action. ... Perhaps the spreading nightmare on the waters of the gulf will get a few to break with the party line."

Immigration and Customs Enforcement:

GRADUATES WITHOUT LEGAL STATUS FACE LIMITED FUTURE. The New York Times (6/5, A17, Santos, 1.09M) reports that college graduates without legal immigration status face "a future with uncertain job options and limited options of government aid to continue their schooling." At Queensborough Community College, which held its commencement ceremony Friday, an estimated 1,000 of its 15,000 students are illegal immigrants, according to the school's president, who notes that, like other schools in the New York City system, "We make a point not to ask about it, and we are proud of it." New York is also one of 10 states where illegal immigrants can be eligible for financial aid. One commencement speaker, NY Sen. Charles Schumer (D), who chairs a Senate immigration subcommittee, declined to forecast prospects for the apparently stalled DREAM Act, which would legalize illegal immigrants who were brought to the US as children.

Customs and Border Protection:

PREDATOR DRONE FLIGHTS ALONG US-MEXICO BORDER BEGIN. The Houston Chronicle (6/5, Martin, 427K) reports, "An unmanned aerial vehicle made its first surveillance flight this week along the U.S.-Mexico border in West Texas and began gathering intelligence for federal, state and local law enforcement agencies." The Hill (6/4, Bolton) reports Customs and Border Protection "began flying unmanned surveillance missions" using Predator B aerial drones "along the Mexican border on Tuesday, according to congressional sources briefed on the matter."

MARYLAND FIRM TO MODERNIZE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM. Guam's Pacific Daily News (6/5, Alladi) reports, "A Maryland-based engineering firm with a presence on Guam has been awarded a \$400 million contract to help modernize the Port Authority of Guam." The Daily News also reports that according to a press release, "The timely completion of this major infrastructure improvement program is necessary to provide modern and efficient transportation access to the island of Guam, and to meet the Department of Defense requirements for the Guam buildup." The Daily News adds, "Yesterday, EA's Guam office manager Bob Shambach said this recent contract award by MARAD is 'definitely' a good sign that Guam may receive the additional \$50 million in Defense Department funding it has requested for buildup-related expansion projects at the island's civilian port. President Obama has written to Congress supporting Guam's request, according to Pacific Daily News files."

MEXICAN DRUG SMUGGLERS UTILIZE ULTRALIGHT AIRCRAFT. McClatchy (6/5, Johnson) reports, "Several times a week, drug smugglers somewhere along Mexico's border with the United States strap themselves into low-flying ultralight aircraft and take off with loads of marijuana." According to McClatchy, "Ultralight aircraft evolved out of hang gliders, and the Federal Aviation Administration doesn't classify them as 'aircraft.' That legal loophole allows dopers to bring in sizable loads of marijuana and get lighter jail terms than if they'd used a car or small airplane. 'It's a pretty new phenomenon,' said Andrew S. Gordon, of the general counsel's office at the Department of Homeland Security." Rep. Gabrielle Giffords "proposed last month to close that loophole with an Ultralight Smuggling Prevention Act."

Transportation Security Administration:

AIRPORT POLICE SEEK GREATER COOPERATION FROM LAPD. The Los Angeles Times (6/5, Weikel, Blankstein, 776K) reports that the police who patrol the Los Angeles International Airport have complained to the head of the city council's public safety committee that the separate Los Angeles Police Department fails to notify them of calls "involving possible disturbances, medical emergencies, crimes and traffic accidents at the airport, which was identified as a top target for terrorists after 9/11." They cite an emergency 'shots fired, man down' call last November – which proved unfounded – in which LAPD dispatchers called an LAPD unit in Marina del Rey rather than the airport-based police in the terminal. An LAPD spokesman claims that communication between the departments has improved since last year and disputed some of the airport police department claims.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT ARRESTED WITH GUN AT INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT. The AP (6/5) reports that a Delta flight attendant "who was carrying a handgun in her purse has been arrested at Indianapolis International Airport." According to an airport spokesman, the weapon was discovered at a security checkpoint early Friday morning. The flight departed without the attendant, who is being held on preliminary misdemeanor charges of carrying a handgun without a permit and entering a controlled area with a weapon.

Federal Emergency Management Agency:

FORMER NOPD OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY TO COVERING UP POST-KATRINA SHOOTING. The AP (6/4, Foster) reports, "A former police officer pleaded guilty Friday to trying to help fellow officers cover up the post-Hurricane Katrina shootings on a New Orleans bridge that left two men dead and four others wounded. Ignatius Hills, 33, pleaded guilty in federal court to conspiracy to obstruct justice and misprision of felony." Hills "was one of seven officers charged in state court with murder or attempted murder." DOJ "opened its probe after a state judge dismissed those charges in 2008."

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (6/5, Vargas) reports Hills "confessed in federal court on Friday that he fired his handgun at the back of a fleeing, unarmed youth and later helped colleagues distort the facts surrounding the deadly Danziger Bridge shooting, in which cops killed two civilians and wounded four others a few days after Hurricane Katrina. ... The conspiracy conviction carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, while the misprision charge carries a maximum of three years. Each crime is punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000." The NOTP notes, "As part of Hills' plea agreement, the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office promised to not seek any state-level charges against him related to the police shooting."

Citizenship and Immigration Service:

BRAZILIAN MAN IN ASYLUM CASE, MASSACHUSETTS HUSBAND ARE REUNITED. The AP (6/5, Contreras) reports, "A Brazilian man was reunited with his Massachusetts husband this week after U.S. Sen. John Kerry pressed federal officials to temporarily allow the 31-year-old gay man back into the country on humanitarian grounds." Brazilian-born Genesio Oliveira married a US citizen in Massachusetts, but had been forced almost three years ago to return to Brazil after being denied asylum in the US. Kerry last year "asked Attorney General Eric Holder to grant asylum on humanitarian grounds. Then in March, Kerry wrote Homeland Security Secretary Napolitano asking her to issue Oliveira 'humanitarian parole' based on his fear of persecution in Brazil." Last month Oliveira learned that he would receive received humanitarian parole and permission to stay in the US for at least a year; he plans to seek permanent residency due to his marriage or as an asylum-seeker threatened by anti-gay violence in Brazil. Gay rights and immigrant advocates hailed the case as "a rare victory for gay, married asylum seekers."

National Protection and Programs:

EPA SEEKS THOROUGH REVIEW OF PLUM ISLAND SITE. The AP (6/4, Eltman) reports that a federal review of the proposed sale of Plum Island, which has housed a animal disease laboratory, must consider both the impact that lab has had on the environment and any endangered bird species found there, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Since the animal disease lab is due to be moved to Kansas, the federal government has been considering selling the remote, limited-access island in Long Island Sound, and the General Services Administration is carrying out an environmental impact study. A June 2 letter from two EPA regional administrators offered the agency's assistance in developing the EIS, but "made no specific recommendations about addressing potential contamination at the lab."

Directorate For Management:

OBAMA EXPECTED TO NAME CLAPPER AS DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. The AP (6/5, Dozier) reports President Obama plans to nominate retired Air Force Lt. Gen. James R. Clapper Jr. to serve as director of national intelligence. The President is expected to announce the choice "in a Rose Garden ceremony Saturday morning. Two senior administration officials, who would speak only on condition of anonymity ahead of the announcement, confirmed Clapper was Obama's choice."

The Washington Post (6/5, Kornblut, Miller, 684K) says Clapper "emerged as the front-runner immediately after the last director, retired Adm. Dennis C. Blair, stepped aside last month following a rocky tenure." However, some lawmakers "have expressed resistance to the selection of another intelligence chief with a military background." Senate Intelligence Vice Chairman Kit Bond "said he was 'not inclined to support' the nominee." The Hill (6/4, Crabtree) reports House Intelligence Committee ranking Republican Pete Hoesktra "has called Clapper 'exactly the wrong person' for the DNI job because of his resistance to keeping Congress informed." Hoesktra "also predicted that Clapper would tangle with Congress because he 'doesn't like' providing information during testimony before committees with jurisdiction."

The New York Times (6/5, Baker, Schmitt, 1.09M) says Senate Intelligence Chairman Dianne Feinstein "also expressed reservations" when Clapper "emerged as an early front-runner to succeed Mr. Blair last month, saying it would be better to appoint a civilian to the job." The Times says the Clapper nomination "amounts to pushing the reset button for the president as he tries to recalibrate an intelligence structure that has undergone continued revamping since the debacle leading up to the Iraq war, yet by most accounts still lacks the cohesion necessary in an evolving war with terrorists."

The Los Angeles Times (6/5, Barnes, Parsons, 776K) reports Pentagon officials said Clapper "has skills to succeed in the post where others have failed and would be able to cajole the various intelligence agencies to work together." A "senior Defense Department official" said, "Clapper's power is knowing how to work the system, knowing how the intelligence bureaucracy works and effectively managing it." Politico (6/4, Hunt) and Politics Daily (6/4) also report on the likely nomination.

Terrorism Investigations:

INDIA SAYS US ASSURES ACCESS TO HEADLEY ON MUMBAI ATTACKS. At the end of a week that included "strategic high-level talks" between India and the US, the AP (6/5, Klug) reports that India said Attorney General Eric Holder said the US will allow access to David Coleman Headley, the US citizen "who has pleaded guilty to scouting Mumbai before the attacks that left 166 people dead and which India blames on Pakistani extremists." When or how was unclear, according to Foreign Minister S.M. Krishna, who "sounded a rare note of discord in this week's talks when he directly requested on Thursday that Secretary of State Hillary Clinton allow access. Clinton and the State Department haven't publicly responded, and the Justice Department also declined to comment Friday on Krishna's remarks." Krishna talked of Holder's assurances Friday at a press conference in Washington.

AFP (6/5) also follows the week of talks with coverage of Krishna's pledge Friday "to go 'more than half the way' to repair testy relations with Pakistan," noting that India believes it "has won support from the United States to keep a careful eye on its neighbour." Krishna said he will go to Islamabad next month, although the two countries' relationship has "not exactly gone as per our estimates, but nonetheless we cannot give up. We will have to keep engaging Pakistan."

India's Hindustan Times (6/5) notes "multiple reports" that India may soon begin interrogation of Pakistani-American David Headley, who was arrested last October in connection with a 2008 terror raid on Mumbai. An unnamed Indian official "said India had an agreement with the US under which it could question Headley within a time frame." The Indian ambassador said that the Indian government "was in touch with US Attorney General Eric Holder on the matter."

National Security News:

AFGHAN PEACE JIRGA ENDS WITH 16-POINT ACTION PLAN. The end of Afghanistan's peace jirga earns coverage from major media outlets, but the tone of coverage is muted to pessimistic about the jirga's practical long-term effect. The New York Times (6/5, A4, Gall, 1.09M) reports that the conference ended Friday "with a direct appeal to the Taliban and other insurgents to break with Al Qaeda, while urging a series of good-will gestures from foreign governments to end

detentions and bombardments and to remove Taliban leaders from a wanted list." The Times adds that the result "could strengthen the position of President Hamid Karzai," but he "still has a long way to go in turning the momentum toward peace." The Times adds that the US is supportive "but it continues to pour thousands of extra troops into the south of the country."

The Washington Post (6/5, A8, Londono, 684K) reports the backing of Afghan leaders for a truce with the Taliban, but says the jirga "fell short of delivering a clear strategy for negotiating with the militant group." Some of the 1,600 delegates pronounced the meeting "fruitless," and the Post notes that "no active Taliban leaders participated."

The Wall Street Journal (6/5, Abi-habib, Zahori, 2.08M) notes the reaction of State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley, who said, "We thought that the peace jirga accomplished its objectives and has provided a national consensus to pursue a political strategy to reduce the danger posed by the insurgency." The Journal also points out that the jirga's 16-point action plan presented few surprises – with the exception of one that urges Karzai to stem corruption in the government.

The AP (6/4, Gannon, Shah) describes delegates as showing "strong support...for unconditional negotiations between their government and the Taliban to try to end years of war," but any reconciliation will need to confront "a diversity of opinion on a range of issues."

AFP (6/5, Massoud) calls the jirga "a landmark conference" but says "the lasting impact of the jirga...remains unclear." AFP describes some of the conference's recommendations in more detail.

According to McClatchy (6/5, Nissenbaum, Shukoor), Karzai "got a modest political boost" out of the jirga, which is describes as "a choreographed three-day gathering of 1,600 selected delegates."

ARMY PLANS \$100 MILLION SPECIAL OPS HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN. The AP (6/5, Flaherty) reports that a contracting notice on a government website shows that the US Army plans "to spend as much as \$100 million to expand its Special Operations headquarters in northern Afghanistan, evidence of its increasing reliance on covert operations." The compound is planned for Mazar-e Sharif and "will include housing for personnel, a training area, medical aid station and tactical operations center." The AP point out that Wired Magazine already reported on the center.

ONE US OUTPOST IN AFGHANISTAN FOCUSED ON IEDS. The Los Angeles Times (6/5, Zucchini, 776K) examines Combat Outpost Kuhat in Afghanistan's Arghandab Valley, where soldiers are "scanning the valley for signs of roadside bombs" after four of them were wounded Thursday by IEDs and "more patrols were heading into the valley Friday." Although "the U.S. military says that elsewhere in Kandahar province it is combining security sweeps with development projects and attempts to bolster local Afghan governance," the outpost's soldiers "are focused on survival." The Times adds, "If anything, the 2nd Platoon barely has the manpower to protect itself, much less practice the finer points of the counterinsurgency strategy promoted by Army Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, the top commander of U.S. and allied forces in Afghanistan."

UN APPROVES 680 MORE POLICE FOR HAITI. The New York Times (6/5, MacFarquhar, 1.09M) reports that the UN Security Council on Friday approved 680 more police officers for Haiti "to help maintain order" there. The extra forces, described as a "temporary surge," will bring security forces "to more than 14,000" to "create a more visible presence in the haphazard camps where survivors are living and to combat possible gang violence." The AP (6/5) says the new officers "will primarily focus on building the capacity of the Haitian National Police."

SHEBAB PARADES BODIES OF AU TROOPS THROUGH MOGADISHU. AFP (6/5, Abdinur) reports that Shebab insurgents paraded bodies through Mogadishu on Friday and said they were African Union troops killed in a battle for control of Somalia's capital. Both the extremists and the government claimed to win a fight that left at least 21 civilians dead. AFP adds, "African Union military officials in Mogadishu could not be reached for comment but several witnesses confirmed the incidents and the Shebab posted pictures on a website affiliated to their movement."

National News:

STOCKS PLUNGE AFTER WEAKER-THAN-EXPECTED JOBS REPORT. ABC World News (6/4, story 5, 2:00, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported on "the news that 430,000 jobs were created, and unemployment fell to 9.7 percent last month -- at first glance, good news. So, why did the Dow industrials fall nearly 325 points today?" ABC (Muir) added, "On the surface, it looked like the best month of new jobs in a decade. So why then did we see that huge drop in the stock market today, and why are economists so troubled?" Unidentified speaker: "Ugly jobs report." Unidentified speaker: "Job growth much weaker than expected." Unidentified speaker: "This is a huge disappointment." Muir: "If you look closer at the numbers, a truer picture emerges. Of the 431,000 jobs created last month, 410,000 of them were temporary census hires. And when that census count is finished in the next month, what we're really left with is about 20,000 new jobs created. And the

prediction for June, July, August?" Mark Zandi, Moody's chief economist: "As the census hiring turns into layoffs, we will see outright job losses in the months of June, July, and August."

The CBS Evening News (6/4, story 5, 2:30, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "The Dow fell 323 points to close below 10,000. While the economy added 431,000 jobs in May, nearly all are temporary government jobs; people hired to help with the census. The unemployment rate fell a bit, but largely because more than 300,000 people dropped out of the job market."

NBC Nightly News (6/4, story 5, 2:45, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "At first glance it looks like good news: 431,000 jobs created, the unemployment rate ticking down to 9.7 percent. Here is the problem. When you read the fine print on this report, you quickly realize all is not well -- far from it." NBC (Yang) added that President Obama "seemed determine to spin the numbers as positive, just as Administration officials predicted they would be." President Obama: "This report is a sign that our economy is getting stronger by the day." Yang: "His upbeat message may be lost on the 15 million Americans out of work, nearly 6.8 million of them for more than six months."

The AP (6/4, Aversa) reports, "A swell in temporary government hiring for the census drove almost all the job market's gains last month - a huge disappointment to Wall Street and a sign that private employers aren't yet confident enough in the recovery to start adding workers with gusto." Bloomberg News (6/5, Chandra) reports, "Employment by American companies rose less than forecast in May and workers dropped out of the labor force, signaling the world's largest economy is still reliant on government assistance to boost growth." The Labor Department said private payrolls rose by 41,000, "trailing the 180,000 gain forecast by economists in a Bloomberg News survey."

The AP (6/4, Bernard) reports, "Stocks fell to their lowest level in four months Friday after the government said hiring remains weak" and Hungary "warned its economy was in trouble." The Dow Jones Industrial Average "fell 323.31, or 3.2 percent, to 9,931.97, its steepest drop since May 20. All 30 stocks that make up the index fell. It was the Dow's third drop of more than 300 points this year, all of which occurred in the last month." The S&P 500 "fell 37.95, or 3.4 percent, to 1,064.88," and the Nasdaq "dropped 83.86, or 3.6 percent, to 2,219.17."

The Washington Post (6/5, Irwin, Hedgpeth, 684K) says "job creation by businesses came almost to a halt in May, the government said Friday, raising new doubts about the strength of economic growth in the months ahead and sending the stock market to one of its steepest losses of the year." The Post says Obama "and his aides have grown increasingly comfortable pointing to -- and taking credit for -- a rising economic tide, and repeated that optimistic message Friday, citing strong overall job growth numbers. But if the recovery falters, Obama could come across as tone-deaf or worse by the midterm elections." Economists "almost universally described the report as disappointing."

The New York Times (6/5, Powell, 1.09M) says "a shadow fell across America's economic recovery" with the news, but Obama "tried to put a gloss on the jobs report, telling workers at a trucking company in Hyattsville, Md., that the numbers showed an economy that was 'getting stronger by the day.'" But the figures "suggested a job market wheezing after months of more vigorous growth."

The Philadelphia Inquirer (6/5, Brubaker, 326K) calls it "an unexpectedly weak jobs report" that indicates that the "recovery from the worst US economic downturn since the 1930s will be a painful slog." The Hill (6/4, Swanson) says the "disappointing" report "led to a sell-off on Wall Street and questions for Democrats ahead of November's elections."

AFP (6/5, Beatty), Politico (6/4, Javers, White) and Politics Daily (6/4, Diemer) also have items on the jobs report, while the Wall Street Journal (6/5, B1, McKay, Davis, 2.08M), New York Times (6/5, Hauser, 1.09M), Washington Post (6/5, Elboghdady, Ahrens, 684K), and New York Post (6/5, 505K) have additional items on the market decline.

In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (6/5, 2.08M) points out that most of the job creation indicated in Friday's Labor Department survey came from temporary census hires, and says the decline in the unemployment rate was due mainly to the contraction in the labor force caused by more Americans giving up looking for work.

NEW DOCUMENTS PAINT KAGAN AS "PRAGMATIST" WITH "OVERTLY LIBERAL VIEWS." The AP (6/4, Davis) reports, "Newly released documents from her days as an aide to former President Bill Clinton portray" Elena Kagan "as a person of strong opinions and sometimes overtly liberal views, but above all a pragmatist who pursued middle-ground solutions on issues ranging from abortion to taking on Big Tobacco." According to the AP, "There's little in the papers that suggests Kagan...would stray far from Stevens' perch on the left of the political spectrum." Kagan argued "in favor of a veto of a late-term abortion ban, for strong gun control measures, against a federal law prohibiting assisted suicide and endorses a legal argument for affirmative action." However, she "tempers much of her advice with strong notes of political and legal practicality, often opting for a middle course likely to produce results without unduly angering opponents."

The New York Times (6/5, Stolberg, 1.09M) says Kagan "frequently scribbled notes in the margins of memorandums yet

rarely expressed forceful views." According to the Times, "Kagan's missives in the margins offer little hint of how she might behave if confirmed to the Supreme Court."

The Los Angeles Times (6/5, Oliphant, Savage, Serrano, 776K) also says the new documents "appeared, at least initially, unlikely to hand Republicans a significant weapon to use to imperil her nomination. ... The majority of the memos, e-mail messages and reports made public Friday provide little insight into her views. Instead, they offer a more detailed picture of a pragmatic strategist dedicated to advancing Clinton's largely centrist policy aims."

Bloomberg News (6/4, Litvan, Stohr) also notes Kagan "opposed legislation to make doctor-assisted suicide a federal crime, according to newly disclosed documents. 'This is a fairly terrible idea, but I know Begala likes it,' she said in a handwritten White House note in 1998, referring to Clinton adviser Paul Begala. ... A White House official who requested anonymity said today that Kagan had offered early-stage advice opposing a federal law and also proposed letting others in the administration weigh in with their own views."

Most Kagan-Related Documents Still Unreleased. The Washington Post (6/5, Barnes, Goldstein, 684K) notes that "the documents show Kagan at the nexus of some of the thorniest domestic issues facing Clinton, but in many cases her own opinions are absent," and "some papers that ask for her views contain no response. The missing pieces may be filled in before the Senate Judiciary Committee is scheduled to begin her confirmation hearings June 28. Friday's document dump represented just more than a quarter of the 160,000 pages of documents and e-mails that the William J. Clinton Presidential Library says it is preparing."

Roll Call (6/4, Stanton) adds that Sen. Jeff Sessions "called the number of documents released inadequate and reiterated his concern that the committee will not have enough time to pore over the information before Kagan's hearings. 'The batch of documents received today represent less than a third of the 160,000 pages of material we have been told exist from Elena Kagan's time as a senior policy aide to President Clinton. We are now a mere 23 days away from the hearing and the committee still has yet to receive over 100,000 pages of documents,' Sessions said in a statement."

US URGES GAZA-BOUND SHIP FOLLOWED BY ISRAELI WARSHIPS TO DIVERT TO ASHDOD. Coverage of ships bound for Gaza is intense and fluid, with most major media outlets either straining to cover it as it occurs or providing backgrounders on foreign policy concerns or the last confrontation with Israel and ships. In some cases, media are providing all three types of reports. The only major TV network to cover the story was NBC Nightly News (6/4, story 8, :20, Williams, 8.37M), which reported, "Overseas, another ship of activists looking to test Israel's blockade of Gaza is making its way there...setting the stage for what could be another confrontation with the Israeli military. The activists onboard say they will not resist if Israeli soldiers try to take over their vessel."

Early Saturday, two outlets say Israel "intercepted" the Rachel Corrie near the Gaza coast. Both the Los Angeles Times (6/5, Sanders, 776K) and the Wall Street Journal (6/5, Cummins, Mitnick, 2.08M) report to that effect, but their stories say only that Israeli naval vessels were near the boat and trying to send radio messages that it should divert. Such messages were ignored, according to the Journal.

AFP (6/5, Zaanoun) also reports the ship ignored radio messages "and pressed on towards Gaza," although some in Gaza said the ship had been surrounded by Israeli ships offshore "and all communications with the ship cut."

Efforts by the US to influence the outcome are also reported, as in this brief AP (6/5) report that "the White House is encouraging an Irish aid ship bound for the blockaded Gaza Strip to avoid a possible repeat confrontation with Israel and instead sail to the Israeli port of Ashdod to deliver its supplies." The NSC's Mike Hammer "says the Rachel Corrie should sail to Ashdod in the interest of safety."

The New York Times (6/5, A7, Kershner, 1.09M), however, reports that "on Friday, the Israeli and Irish governments reached an agreement to unload the vessel's cargo at the port in Ashdod, in southern Israel, and transport it to Gaza -- essentially the same deal Israel offered to the activists in the aid convoy that was attacked on Monday." Yet, the Times further reports that "those on board had rejected that approach," with Free Gaza Movement spokeswoman Greta Berlin saying, "The whole point is to try to break the blockade." The Times report stresses that passengers said there would be no violence.

The Washington Post (6/5, A7, Zacharia, Kessler, 684K) leads its report with Israel's statements Friday that it would "stop an Irish humanitarian aid ship from reaching the Gaza Strip after activists on board refused requests to unload its cargo at an Israeli port." Still, the Post says Israel was responding to "international pressure," and "officials said Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was weighing possible changes that might allow some aid vessels to reach Gaza if they first submitted to inspections in non-Israeli ports."

In a later report, the AP (6/5, Teibel) says the Rachel Corrie "was just a few dozen miles...from the blockaded Palestinian territory" around 5 a.m. Saturday local time, "and was being tailed by three Israeli naval boats," according to "a pro-Palestinian activist." That source told the AP that Israel had "two warships in the back of them...and a smaller boat was approaching." The AP points out the Rachel Corrie "was carrying hundreds of tons of aid, including wheelchairs, medical supplies and cement" and "differs significantly from the flotilla the Israeli troops intercepted on Monday" in that it carries only 11 people, "whose effort was mainly sponsored by the Free Gaza movement, a Cyprus-based group that has renounced violence." Israel also had urged the ship to divert to Ashdod, while "the State Department said US officials had been in touch with 'multiple' countries, including the Israeli and Irish governments, about the latest effort."

AFP (6/5, Ward) reports on at least one active battle -- on YouTube, where "the fight over what exactly happened on board the ferry is still raging...with both sides posting more and more clips on the video-sharing website to support their case."

Turkey Warns Of Loss Of Diplomatic Relations With Israel. The New York Times (6/5, A7, Landler, 1.09M) is among media outlets examining what is characterized as a deteriorating relationship between Turkey and Israel. As do other media, the Times reports "A senior Turkish diplomat warned that his country might sever diplomatic relations with Israel unless its government apologized for the attack" on a flotilla of ships and "consented to an international investigation; and lifted its blockade of Gaza." The warning comes from Namik Tan, Turkey's ambassador to Washington, who is quoted in several reports as saying, "Israel is about to lose a friend; this is going to be a historical mistake. ... The future of our relationship will be determined by Israel's actions." The Times adds that "the United States has tried to mollify Turkey, with long meetings and phone calls to Turkish leaders by Mr. Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton." Tan "said Turkey appreciated American pressure on Israel to release the passengers and return the bodies from the ship. But he repeated Turkey's disappointment over the Americans' refusal to condemn Israel."

The Washington Post (6/5, Kessler, 684K) also covers Turkey's threats, noting that it "is on the brink of severing relations with Israel." The Post quotes Ambassador Namik Tan as saying, "Israel cannot find any better friend in the region than Turkey. ... And Israel is about to lose that friend." The Post adds, however, that "a senior Israeli official rejected the demand" that Turkey made for an apology over the raid.

Israel's Imperatives Sometimes Undermine Obama Foreign Policy Goals. On its front page, the Washington Post (6/5, A1, Wilson, 684K) examines how Israel's goals make it "at times a vexing ally to the United States" and how "it poses a special challenge for President Obama, whose foreign policy emphasizes the importance of international rules and organizations that successive Israeli governments have clashed with and often ignored." The Post explores that theme, pointing out Israel's "unique set of security threats and national ambitions that have fostered policies inconsistent with Obama's broader agenda, including his push to stop the spread of nuclear weapons and repair US relations with the Islamic world." The circumstances, according to the Post, have "forced him to carve out exceptions for Israel that undermine the consistency he seeks in dealing with allies and antagonists alike."

State Says Mitchell Makes Progress With Israel, Palestinians On Indirect Talks. In the midst of coverage about another ship heading toward Gaza, envoy George Mitchell's reported progress Friday with indirect Israeli-Palestinian talks receives brief treatment in an AFP (6/5) report. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said Mitchell departed the Mideast after talks that "were constructive and substantive." Still, AFP notes that Mitchell also "attended the 2010 Palestine Investment Conference in the occupied West Bank," and Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas "accused Israel of 'terrorism' after the Jewish state's deadly raid on a six-ship aid convoy bound for the Hamas-run Gaza Strip on Monday."

Turkish Ambassador To US Says Israel Should Apologize To Turkey. In a Washington Post (6/5, 684K) op-ed, Turkish Ambassador to the US Namik Tan writes, "Whatever the aid carriers may have chanted in opposition to Israel, this was a humanitarian initiative. In any democratic country, people have freedom of expression so long as they avoid violence. Because the attack took place in international waters, 72 miles off Israel's coast, it was illegal. Indeed, this was the first such attack against civilian Turkish citizens by a foreign military force in our republic's 87-year history. ... It will be up to Israel to decide how it reconstitutes its standing as a good bilateral partner and responsible member of the international community." Tan says Israel "can start by bringing an end to its blockade on Gaza. ... Moreover, Israel owes an apology to the Turkish nation."

More Commentary. The Washington Post (6/5, 684K) editorializes, "Western governments have been right to be concerned about Israel's poor judgment and botched execution in the raid against the Free Gaza flotilla. But they ought to be at least as worried about the Turkish government of Recep Tayyip Erdogan, which since Monday has shown a sympathy toward Islamic militants and a penchant for grotesque demagoguery toward Israel that ought to be unacceptable for a member of NATO." Erdogan's "crude attempt to exploit the incident comes only a couple of weeks after he joined Brazil's president in linking arms" with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

The New York Times (6/5, 1.09M) editorializes, "Erdogan is to be applauded for his attempts to broker secret negotiations between Israel's previous government and Syria. His more recent effort, with Brazil, to cut a nuclear deal with Iran was disturbingly naive. Turkey needs to keep working diplomatically to end the blockade. Israel has now indicated a willingness to modify the siege; it needs to end it altogether. If Turkey is truly committed to the rights of the Palestinians, it should be pressing other Muslim countries to seriously encourage an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal -- the best way to up the pressure on Israel."

In a Washington Post (6/5, 684K) op-ed, Palestinian journalist Daoud Kuttab writes, "The Israeli attack on the Gaza-bound 'Freedom Flotilla' has put the United States in a difficult position. But it has also given Washington an opening for a game-changing action. ... Palestinians, including Hamas, have unclenched their fists and called on the United States to help end the siege, occupation and misery. By widening the dialogue with Palestinians to include Hamas," President Obama could "not only fulfill his election promises but also ease a humanitarian crisis in Gaza and make a serious contribution to peace in the Middle East."

GATES TELLS CHINESE MILITARY TO ENGAGE WITH US. A range of media outlets focus on Defense Secretary Gates' remarks Friday that China's military is holding security issues with the US "hostage," as the New York Times (6/5, Belford, Shanker, 1.09M) reports, because of objections to US policy on arms sales to Taiwan. At a security conference in Singapore, Gates said, "The United States and China clearly disagree on this matter. ... Yet Taiwan arms sales over the decades have not impeded closer political and economic ties, nor closer ties in other security arenas of mutual interest." Gates said the sales reflected no change in US policy, nor would China's objections.

Bloomberg News (6/5, Kate) reports that Gates also warned of "a real cost to any absence of military-to-military relations," because "they are essential to regional security." He added that China's reaction "makes little sense." Gates also said the US will "object to any effort to intimidate US corporations or those of any nation engaged in legitimate economic activity" after China told some oil and gas companies to stop exploring in offshore areas claimed by Vietnam.

In part, Gates' motivation for the comments comes from a desire to engage China on issues such as North Korea, according to the Wall Street Journal (6/5, Ramstad, 2.08M). Gates said South Korea has a right to gain penalties against the North, because the sinking of the Cheonan "is far more than a single, isolated incident. ... It is, rather, part of a larger pattern of provocative and reckless behavior." The Journal says China's Major General Ma Xiaotian spoke later at the conference without addressing Gates' remarks. Later, he said, "US arms sales to Taiwan are not something normal. They have been interfering in US-China relations for 30 years."

According to the Los Angeles Times (6/5, Barnes, 776K), Gates "reiterated that the United States does not support independence for Taiwan...and merely wants to encourage regional stability and prevent any violent conflict." He said, "Because China's accelerating military buildup is largely focused on Taiwan, U.S. arms sales are an important component of maintaining peace and stability in cross-strait relations and throughout the region."

SOUTH KOREA ASKS UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO ACT ON NORTH KOREA. Most media outlets report in some fashion on South Korea's request Friday to the UN Security Council "to take action against North Korea over the sinking of a South Korean warship," although it was unclear "what action it was seeking," according to the New York Times (6/5, A8, Belford, 1.09M). In a letter, South Korea asked the council to "respond in a manner appropriate to the gravity of North Korea's military provocation" and in a way that would be "strong enough to deter any similar attack in the future," the Times says. Several combined and separate reports note that Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates meanwhile "said that joint military exercises with South Korea might be delayed until after the Security Council met on the issue." The Times says that delay "was seen in South Korea as an effort to avoid provoking China."

The Washington Post (6/5, A6, Whitlock, 684K) is among outlets reporting the story, noting that the request marks a formal progression in the dispute and that it is "prompting the United States to hold off on a fresh display of military strength in the region." Separately, the Washington Post (6/5, A6, Harden, 684K) reports on the political backdrop in South Korea, and how "voters did not rally round" South Korean President Lee Myung-bak this week in local and regional elections, suggesting "that many South Koreans, even those who are angry at North Korea for the Cheonan's sinking and the deaths of their countrymen, are more concerned about maintaining peace than with teaching" North Korea "a lesson."

Anonymous Military Officials Say US, South Korea Were In Joint Exercises Near Cheonan Night Of Attack. In a report it labels an "AP Enterprise," the AP (6/5, Jelenik) reports that on the same night North Korea is accused of sinking the Cheonan, the US and South Korea "were engaged in joint anti-submarine warfare exercises just 75 miles away." The AP says its sources are anonymous US military officials who "for the first time disclosed details of the joint naval exercise." The AP report also says of North Korea's actions, "What surprised experts was that a 130-ton minisub could without warning take down a warship nine or 10 times its size, a power mismatch called asymmetric warfare" and a set of

equipment considered highly atypical for North Korea. The AP adds that one US official "privately said" the Cheonan may have been sunk by mistake – in "an accident or an exercise gone wrong."

US WELCOMES KAN AS JAPANESE PM. Major news outlets cover the election of Naoto Kan as prime minister of Japan Friday, with several, including the New York Times (6/5, Fackler, 1.09M), noting that he is "the fifth Japanese leader in four years" and "faces an uphill task" in winning popular support after the resignation of Yukio Hatoyama, who showed "months of indecision over the fate of an American military base." Also Friday, the Japanese cabinet resigned so that Kan can name his own. Of the US, Kan "said he would honor an agreement to relocate a United States Marine air base on Okinawa and work to rebuild trust between the allies. But he also said he would place equal emphasis on improving ties with China, with whom Japan now has larger trade relations."

The US welcomed Kan, with NSC spokesman Mike Hammer issuing a statement on behalf of President Obama, reports the AP (6/5). Hammer "says U.S.-Japanese relations are crucial to peace and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region and that Obama will work closely with Kan on a range of common issues." AFP (6/5, Hiyama) also notes that Kan promised "close ties with Washington."

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Days Of Planning Led To Flotilla's Hour Of Chaos
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Weak Job Growth Puts Brakes On Steady Recovery
Gulf Oil Spill Could Push Pointe-Au-Chien Indian Tribe To The Point Of No Return
"Fustanella" Is N.Va. Teen's Killer Bee Word
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Conservative Class On Founding Fathers' Answers To Current Woes Gains Popularity

Atlanta Journal-Constitution:

Teacher-Student Sex Reports Hurt Schools
1 Dead In Gwinnett Shooting
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Oil Spill: Panhandle Affected

Detroit Free Press:

Council Votes To Override Bing's Budget Veto
Michiganders Less Likely To Marry Outside Their Race, Report Says
Teacher Accused Of Improperly Restraining Girl At Detroit School
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White House:

PRESIDENT OBAMA – No public schedule.

VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN -- No public schedule.

US Senate: Not in session.

US House: Not in session.

Other: DISASTER MANAGEMENT -- Global experts convene to discuss disaster management in the 21st Century. More than 400 experts and practitioners from 50 countries representing Google, Microsoft, Yahoo, NASA, and the World Bank. Location: World Bank Headquarters Main Complex - Preston Auditorium 1818 H St, NW. Contacts: [b6, b7C] 202-436- [b6]

AMERICAN-ARAB CONVENTION -- American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) 30th Anniversary National Convention. Speakers already confirmed for the Convention include Attorney General Eric Holder, representatives from the Department of Commerce, Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security and Department of State. Location: Wardman Park Marriott Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, NW. Contacts: [b6, b7C], 202-244- [b6]

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY - WORKSHOPS -- Theological College, the national seminary of Catholic University, will present three workshops on music in the liturgy for musicians in parishes, religious houses, and educational organizations. Location: Theological College The Catholic University of America 401 Michigan Ave., NE. Contacts: [b6, b7C] 202-319- [b6]

4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL RALLY -- Amnesty International members and other activists rally to encourage President Obama to place pressure on the Indonesian government to release two Amnesty International prisoners of conscience, Filep Karma and Yusak Pakage. Both men were sentenced to 15 and 10 years in prison, respectively, for participating in a peaceful protest for Papuan independence and raising the outlawed Morning Star flag. Location: Lafayette Park, across from the White House. Contacts: n/a, 202-509- [b6]. Notes: Amnesty says it will go ahead with this rally, even though President Obama has postponed his planned trip to Indonesia.

6:30 p.m. MARINE SCHOLARSHIP GALA -- The Scarlet & Gold Committee of the 24th Annual Marine Corps Scholarship Gala honor Congressman Norm Dicks (D-Wash.) and Joseph Robert, Jr., founder and executive chairman of J.E. Robert Companies, for their support in furthering educational opportunities for the sons and daughters of those serving in the United States Marine Corps. Location: Capital Hilton, 1001 16th St. NW. Contacts: [b6, b7C] 202-828- [b6]

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From: Barr, Suzanne E
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 4:44 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6
Subject: Re: AZ Cross Check

I told you I would change it to one...can u make it then?

From: Burke, Dennis (USAAZ) [REDACTED] b6
To: Barr, Suzanne E [REDACTED] b6
Sent: Mon Aug 09 16:37:28 2010
Subject: RE: AZ Cross Check

I can't make it at the time you have it.

Kelly still works for you?

From: Barr, Suzanne E [REDACTED] b6
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 1:21 PM
To: Burke, Dennis (USAAZ)
Subject: Fw: AZ Cross Check

Pansy

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

From: Nantel, Kelly A
To: Barr, Suzanne E
Cc: Milhoan, Catherine L; Rocha, Richard A
Sent: Mon Aug 09 16:19:19 2010
Subject: AZ Cross Check

Suzie - we just heard back from the USAO and Dennis Burke won't be able to attend the presser on Thursday. He is sending a representative but we won't have a name until later today or tomorrow.

US Marshal Gonzalez has accepted and will have a speaking role after Mr. Morton. The two reps from Probation and Parole will both attend but will not have a speaking role. More details as they come together! Any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Thanks.

Kelly A. Nantel, Press Secretary
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Sent using BlackBerry

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From: Bulletin News [DHS-Editors@BulletinNews.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 31, 2010 7:30 AM
To: dhs-editors@bulletinnews.com
Subject: The DHS Secretary's Morning Briefing for Saturday, July 31, 2010
Attachments: dhsbriefing100731.doc; dhsclips100731.doc

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TO: THE SECRETARY AND SENIOR STAFF

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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.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement:

ARIZONA GOVERNOR CONSIDERS CHANGING IMMIGRATION LAW. 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."

Agency Considers Skirting Congress On Immigration. 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.'"

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."

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.

NYTIMES SAYS ALL IMMIGRATION DETAINEES DESERVE A FAIR HEARING. 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."

Federal Emergency Management Agency:

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE JUMPS AQUEDUCT, 300 HOMES EVACUATED. The AP (7/31, Adelman) reports, "A huge wildfire in the high desert wilderness north of Los Angeles jumped an aqueduct" and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said that "Some 2,000 structures were threatened and 300 homes were evacuated."

US Coast Guard:

STORM-RELATED DEBRIS FORCES POSTPONEMENT OF STATIC KILL. The CBS Evening News (7/30, story 3, 2:45, Couric) reported, "BP was hoping to start process of permanently sealing its damaged well this weekend, but on Day 102, it hit another snag. Crews found debris in the bottom of the relief well. They'll have to clean it out before they can start pumping in mud. That's now been pushed back to Tuesday. Also today, BP said its scaling back its cleanup efforts along the Gulf Coast, but the incoming CEO made it clear the company is in it for the long haul."

NBC Nightly News (7/30, story 4, 4:30, Curry) reported, "Workers found debris at the bottom of the relief well and will have to clean it out, pushing the final phase back 36 hours. One of the questions everyone's been asking since the cap was put on that wild well, what happened to all that oil that spewed out? One reason we can't see it: BP used a massive amount of chemical dispersant to break it up which had some scientists warning that that could make things even worse for marine life."

On ABC World News (7/30, story 6, 2:10, Sawyer), Jeffrey Kofman reported, "In the two weeks since the well was capped, government and independent scientists have done extensive testing in the deep sea. It is not what they expected." Adm. Thad Allen: "We're finding hydrocarbons around the well, but as we move away, there's background traces." Kofman: "Many scientists across the gulf coast pointed to the same answer. The deep sea microbes that occur naturally in the waters in the Gulf, and when there is oil, they multiply to eat it."

The AP (7/31, Bluestein, Weber) reports, "Tropical Storm Bonnie left crews working to plug the Gulf oil gusher a little memento that is expected to push their work back about a day." Allen said the "sediment settled in the relief well last week when crews popped in a plug to keep it safe ahead of Bonnie. 'It's not a huge problem,' Allen said, but removing the debris will take 24 to 36 hours and likely push a procedure known as a static kill back to Tuesday. Earlier that work had been expected to begin late Sunday or early Monday." Bloomberg News (7/30, Klimasinska, Chediak) reports, "The 'static kill' procedure, in which mud will be pumped into the well, may start Aug. 3 rather than Aug. 2," Allen said.

McClatchy (7/31, Seibel) reports BP Senior Vice President Kent Wells said "the debris consisted of 45 feet of rock and soil that had fallen into the bottom of the well after technicians were evacuated from the Deepwater Horizon site a week ago in preparation for Tropical Storm Bonnie. Wells said it was 'not uncommon to find fill' in a well when it has been left unattended for a few days. 'They're not perfect holes,' he said."

The New York Times (7/31, Robertson, Krauss) reports, "Officials in charge of the oil spill response in the gulf region say they are beginning to shift their efforts to a new phase, focusing more on long-term recovery now that some of the urgent demands of the spill are diminishing." The Los Angeles Times (7/31, Lin, Roosevelt) reports, "Aircraft looking for slicks made 103 sorties on Thursday and were scheduled to make 98 trips on Friday, Allen said. Federal officials said Friday that surface oil had mostly degraded to a thin sheen." The Wall Street Journal (7/31, Gonzalez) also has a report.

House Approves Offshore Drilling Bill, But Also Rejects Moratorium. The Los Angeles Times (7/31, Simon) reports, "In its most sweeping response to the gulf oil spill, the House on Friday approved legislation that would impose new environmental safeguards for offshore drilling, remove a liability cap for spill damages, and slap industry with a new tax to fund conservation projects nationwide. The Democratic-drafted legislation passed on a largely party-line 209-193 vote but faces trouble in the deeply divided Senate." The Hill (7/30, Geman, Goode) reports 39 Democrats opposed the bill, while two Republicans -- Reps. Vern Ehlers and Tim Johnson -- supported it. Republican Rep. Gary Miller voted "present."

The Houston Chronicle (7/31, Dlouhy) reports that in a "rebuttal of the Obama administration, the House also voted 216-195 to reject its drilling moratorium and lift the ban for rigs that satisfy newly imposed safety and environmental requirements." Politico (7/30, Davenport) also reports on the votes.

Oil Industry Insularity Hampers Federal Oversight. The Washington Post (7/31, Leonnig) reports, "In the wake of the BP disaster, Congress is pressing the agency formerly called the US Minerals Management Service to clamp down on potential conflicts of interest." But "the oil industry of the Gulf Coast is an insular world in which rig foremen and the federal inspectors charged with regulating them sometimes work side by side, or grew up in the same towns and even homes." The Post notes that David Dykes, "the federal regulator now leading his agency's investigation of the BP oil spill,"

is the brother of an oil industry executive, but Dykes "did not formally recuse himself from matters involving his brother's company. No rule required him to do so."

National Protection and Programs:

ARIZONA TRIBE BECOMES FIRST TO ISSUE IDS WITH ENHANCED SECURITY FEATURES. The AP (7/30) reports, "A southern Arizona tribe has become the first to issue identification cards with enhanced federal security features to its members. The cards will allow members of the Pascua Yaqui 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." AP adds, "The National Congress of American Indians has said its hopeful the use of the secured cards could be expanded to allow tribal members to travel abroad."

TWO EMBASSY EMPLOYEES IN PARIS EXAMINED AFTER HANDLING SUSPICIOUS ENVELOPE. The US Embassy in Paris is the subject of major media coverage after two local employees were evaluated Friday after handling mail. The New York Times (7/31, A10, Erlanger, 1.09M) reports that the two employees handled "a 'suspicious envelope,' but were found to be healthy, according to an embassy spokesman, Paul B. Patin." The envelope contained no threatening message, and testing revealed contents that "were not believed to be harmful," although an unidentified police official said the envelope "was contaminated with tear gas." The employees complained of being dizzy. Patin "could not confirm the tear-gas report," but the Times notes that "further testing is under way at a laboratory."

The AP (7/31, Rousseau) reports that both men "were cleared and released after being examined at the Paris hospital Hotel Dieu." They were exposed to "a manila envelope sent as registered mail that had no mail inside, but it began emitting fumes after the employee opened it." State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said, "Whatever the smell was, it was not deemed harmful. It's not toxic." The AP adds that "two months ago, Paris police were asked to investigate a similar case involving a letter to the US ambassador."

Terrorism Investigations:

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OPPOSES MUSLIM CENTER NEAR GROUND ZERO. The AP (7/31, Zoll) reports the Anti-Defamation League, "the nation's leading Jewish civil rights group," has "come out against the planned mosque and Islamic community center near ground zero, saying more information is needed about funding for the project and the location is 'counterproductive to the healing process.'" In a statement, the ADL said, "Ultimately this is not a question of rights, but a question of what is right. In our judgment, building an Islamic center in the shadow of the World Trade Center will cause some victims more pain -- unnecessarily -- and that is not right."

The New York Times (7/31, Barbaro) reports the decision "touched off angry reactions from a range of religious groups, which argued that the country would show its tolerance and values by welcoming the center. ... But the unexpected move by the ADL, a mainstream group that has denounced what it saw as bigoted attacks on plans for the Muslim center, could well be a turning point in the battle over the project."

National Security News:

WHITE HOUSE URGES WIKILEAKS TO REFRAIN FROM POSTING MORE WAR DOCUMENTS. The AP (7/30) reports the White House "is imploring the website WikiLeaks not to post any more classified documents about the Afghanistan war, saying US national security and Afghan lives are at risk." Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said on NBC Friday morning that "the leak of some 90,000 secret military documents already has jeopardized the lives of Afghans working with the US and its war allies." Gibbs says the Taliban "has declared it will comb the documents for the names of people who have cooperated with international forces in Afghanistan."

The New York Daily News (7/31, Hartenstein) reports "self-proclaimed" Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told British television, "We are studying the report. We will investigate through our own secret service whether the people mentioned are really spies working for the US. If they are US spies, then we know how to punish them."

The New York Times (7/31, Bumiller) reports army investigators "are broadening their inquiry" into the leak "to include friends and associates who may have helped" suspect Pfc. Bradley Manning. Two civilians "interviewed in recent weeks by the Army's criminal division said that investigators were focusing in part on a group of Private Manning's friends and acquaintances" in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

SIX US SERVICE MEMBERS DIE IN AFGHANISTAN. NBC Nightly News (7/30, story 3, 2:40, Curry) reported, "And today, we learned that six more American troops died in Afghanistan. That brings American deaths in July to at least 66

making this the deadliest month of the war. This year, 264 Americans have died in Afghanistan. More than 1,100 have died since the war started nearly nine years ago." NBC proceeded to show footage from correspondent Jim Maceda's two weeks "with one unit that has suffered tremendous losses."

ABC World News (7/30, story 3, 2:50, Sawyer) also reported on the deaths and ran footage of an upcoming interview with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi by Christiane Amanpour, who reported that "we did speak a lot about Afghanistan, because it's not just danger on the battlefield for the American forces, but it is also apparently danger potentially for the President's Afghan war strategy from his own party in Congress." Amanpour also interviewed Defense Secretary Gates, who she said was "appalled and mortified" by the leak of documents about the war.

The CBS Evening News (7/30, story 8, 3:15, Couric) reported the US service members' deaths and focused on the effect on their spouses. CBS (McCarthy) interviewed spouses and added, "Each one of the Marines is a volunteer and they know what they're getting into. For the families back home, dealing with what they don't know is often hardest battle."

The Washington Post (7/31, Partlow, 684K) reports that in the Friday casualties, two US service members were killed in a roadside bombing, while another died in an insurgent attack. All were "in southern Afghanistan, where the Taliban insurgency is strongest."

Slain Soldier's Parents File Lawsuit Over Insurance Profits. The CBS Evening News (7/30, story 9, :40, Couric) reported, "A follow-up now on a story we've been reporting this week, an insurance company accused of making huge profits on death benefits owed to the families of fallen American soldiers. We learned today that the parents of one soldier have filed a class action suit against Prudential Insurance" and says "the company earned more than five percent interest on veterans' life insurance policies and pays beneficiaries only one percent."

AFGHANS RIOT IN KABUL AFTER US CONTRACTOR'S ACCIDENT. NBC Nightly News (7/30, story 2, :20, Curry) reported, "In Kabul today, a crowd of angry Afghan citizens took to the streets shouting 'death to America,' throwing stones and setting cars on fire after four Afghans were killed in an accident involving an SUV driven by US contractors."

The CBS Evening News (7/30, story 7, :25, Couric) also reported the story, adding that "At least four Afghans were killed, but it's unclear if all died in the accident or in the riot and gunfire that followed."

The New York Times (7/31, A8, Oppel, Mashal) reports that "a crowd of hundreds of Afghans rioted after a sport utility vehicle carrying American Embassy contractors struck a car of Afghans, killing at least three of them, the Afghan police said." The Times says the crowd set fire to two SUVs belonging to DynCorp International, which is "working under a State Department contract." Local police said the contractors "traded fire with the police," but the company and the US Embassy denied that. DynCorp later "said that the collision had occurred after the Afghan vehicle 'unexpectedly pulled in front of them,' and that the crowd attacked the contractors when they got out of their vehicle."

AFGHAN WOMEN FEAR GAINS WILL BE LOST IN TALIBAN RECONCILIATION. On its front page, the New York Times (7/31, A1, Rubin, 1.09M) examines the fears of Afghan women that their "precarious rights...have begun seeping away" as the country considers whether to reconcile with the Taliban. The Times says, "Girls' schools are closing; working women are threatened; advocates are attacked; and terrified families are increasingly confining their daughters to home," as the country continues to experience "instability" and considers the role of the Taliban. The Times adds, "Interviews around the country" with women "suggest a nuanced reality -- fighting constricts women's freedoms nearly as much as a Taliban government, and conservative traditions already limit women's rights in many places." Still, the women fear "a Taliban return."

COURT SAYS LAWSUIT BY IRAQI NATIONALS CAN PROCEED AGAINST L3. AFP (7/31) reports that US District Court Judge Peter Messitte ruled that 72 Iraqi nationals can proceed to sue L3 Communications for actions by its former Titan Group unit, which provided contract interpreters for the US army at Abu Ghraib prison. The Iraqi nationals allege that they were subject to "beatings, torture, sexual aggression, the use of electric shock, mock executions and hangings from their feet" by L3 employees while the nationals were incarcerated at Abu Ghraib at times between 2003 and 2008. L3 "had argued the company was immune from litigation because it was acting under the aegis of the US government," but the judge ruled otherwise. AFP says L3 "may appeal the decision."

CHINA CRITICIZES CLINTON OVER US POSITION ON SOUTH CHINA SEAS. The AP (7/31, Bodeen) reports that China on Friday "criticized remarks" by Secretary Clinton last week that the US "had a strong interest in seeing territorial disputes in the South China Sea resolved peacefully." In what the AP calls a "rare news conference," military spokesman Geng Yansheng told reporters China opposes what he called the 'internationalization' of the matter." Yet Geng, "indicated that China would not interfere with the passage of foreign ships and planes through the area as long as they were in compliance with international law." The AP adds that "Geng's mild tone appeared to indicate China does not wish to

escalate the disagreement over Clinton's remarks, delivered last week at a regional security forum in Vietnam."

The Financial Times (7/31, Hille, 448K) points out that China's reaction came within hours of a large naval exercise it conducted in the sensitive area. It adds, however, that some analysts are skeptical that China will allow ships and planes through the South China Sea area without interference.

PROBE OF DUBAI PLOT CONNECTS US FIRMS TO FUNDS. The Wall Street Journal (7/31, Cummins, Perez, 2.08M) reports that American authorities believe some US companies inadvertently played a role in the assassination of a Palestinian leader in Dubai earlier this year by transferring money to people involved in the plot. The cases involve companies that match people with jobs over the Internet and handle money transactions with pre-paid cash cards. The US is cooperating in the investigation, which has largely focused on Mossad.

OBAMA CALLS FOR RELEASE OF HIKERS FROM IRAN. The one-year anniversary of the detention of three US hikers in Iran prompted several media reports. Bloomberg News (7/31, Johnston) reports that President Obama on Friday "called for the immediate release" of Shane Bauer, Josh Fattal, and Sarah Shourd and "said their detention has nothing to do with the differences between the US and Iranian governments." He said their detention has caused "extraordinary grief and uncertainty for them, for their families, and for their loved ones." AFP (7/31) reports that Amnesty International also called for the hikers' release Friday.

The New York Times (7/31, A9, MacFarquhar, 1.09M) reports that the hikers' families "held a protest rally on Friday outside the Iranian Mission to the United Nations to demand their release." It was "the first of around 30 similar protests organized by friends of the three in cities around the world," some of which will take place Saturday.

IRAN SAYS IT IS READY FOR "IMMEDIATE TALKS" ON NUCLEAR FUEL EXCHANGE. AFP (7/31, Ghazi) reports, "Iran said on Friday it was ready for immediate talks with the United States, Russia and France over an exchange of nuclear fuel and added that it was also against stockpiling higher enriched uranium." The remarks carried by the Mehr news agency by Iranian atomic chief Ali Akbar Salehi "came as Washington decided to fan out envoys across Asia, Middle East and the United Arab Emirates asking its partners to levy tighter sanctions against Tehran." He said talks with "the so-called Vienna group" of the US, Russia, and France "will be held in Vienna," while he "indicated that the overall nuclear talks between Iran and the six world powers -- Britain, China, France, Russia, the United States and Germany -- could be held in Turkey at the the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, in mid-September." AFP points out that the US is sending officials to "China, the United Arab Emirates and other key countries in support of tighter sanctions."

China Opposes EU Sanctions Against Iran. AFP (7/31) reports that China on Friday said it opposed new sanctions by the EU on Iran, "again calling for more talks to resolve the standoff." Foreign ministry spokesman Jiang Yu "welcomed Iran's announcement that it was ready for immediate talks with the United States, Russia and France over an exchange of nuclear fuel, saying she hoped talks would begin 'as soon as possible.'" The EU on Monday hit Iran's oil and gas sectors with sanctions involving equipment, technology and services. The AP (7/31) also reports that story.

Israel Skeptical Of Sanctions But Willing To Give Them More Time. AFP (7/31) reports that Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak on Friday expressed his country's skepticism that "a new round of sanctions targeting Iran's nuclear program will be effective," but he added that "there is 'still time' for them to work." He said "that despite skepticism, Israel was willing to give the latest round of United Nations pressure on Tehran more time to have an effect." He added, however, that "we cannot wink in front of tough realities, however tough they might be."

LEADERS OF SAUDI ARABIA, SYRIA UNITE TO ENCOURAGE CALM IN LEBANON. An array of media reports focus on Middle Eastern leaders converging to lend stability to Lebanon. The Christian Science Monitor (7/31, Blanford, 48K) reports that "leaders of Saudi Arabia and Syria arrived in Beirut Friday for an unprecedented summit with Lebanese President Michel Suleiman...amid rising regional concern over the potentially explosive findings of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon," which "reportedly has found evidence implicating members of Hezbollah in the truck bomb assassination of former prime minister Rafik Hariri in February 2005." The visit by King Abdullah and President Bashar al-Assad "was the first time either of them have visited since an Arab League summit in 2002, underlining the level of unease in the region."

The New York Times (7/31, A10, Bakri, 1.09M) reports the two visiting leaders "pledged to calm tensions," while their presence "underlined the re-emergence of Syria in Lebanon's political life and the degree to which the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri still haunts the country's tenuous peace." King Abdullah and President Assad met with Suleiman, Prime Minister Saad Hariri, and Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri for discussions about the tribunal's findings. In addition, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Mouallem talked with Hezbollah lawmakers. The Times points out that Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah has "warned" that he "would not...surrender any of its members, whatever the findings."

The AP (7/31, Kennedy) reports, "The leaders of Syria and Saudi Arabia, once bitter rivals, made an unprecedented show

of cooperation Friday, traveling together to Lebanon in hopes of preventing any violence" if Hezbollah is indicted. The "unusual joint visit" also "consecrated both countries' roles as power brokers in the region, where Syria is an ally of Iran and Saudi Arabia generally supports the U.S." Paul Salem of the Carnegie Middle East Center in Beirut explained, "This is significant for two leaders who were fighting it out in Beirut just a few years ago. ... This indicates that they think this crisis is so big that they have to come themselves."

According to AFP (7/31, Zabliti), the two leaders intended to encourage "Lebanon's rival factions to avoid violence" during their "mini-summit." In a statement, they "stressed the need to 'resort to legal institutions and Lebanon's unity government to resolve any differences.'" AFP notes that the UN "hailed their visit as potentially 'historic' for Lebanon."

Qatar's Ruler Arrives For Visit To Lebanon's South. AFP (7/31) reports that "Qatar's ruler Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani arrived in Lebanon on Friday for visit that will take him to parts of the war-torn south whose reconstruction the emirate is helping to finance." His arrival came "on the same day that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and Saudi King Abdullah made an unprecedented joint visit." AFP notes that "Qatar played a key role" in defusing 2008 tensions that nearly resulted in civil war, "brokering a deal for the formation of a national unity government, after pledging massive aid to help rebuild the south."

Jordan Joins Saudi Arabia's Call For Stability In Lebanon. Lebanon also was the focus of talks Friday between Saudi King Abdullah and Jordan's King Abdullah II, who "called for stability and security to be strengthened in the country," reports AFP (7/31), which adds that "the two kings also held talks on the Palestinian issue." Jordan was expected to hold an official dinner for King Abdullah, "who wraps up his visit on Saturday."

US "CAREFULLY WATCHING" TALKS BETWEEN NORTH KOREA, BURMA. The AP (7/31) reports that the US is "carefully watching" the visit of North Korean Foreign Minister Pak Ui Chun to Burma, which "has not officially announced the visit is taking place." Of concern is whether the two countries are discussing arms ambitions. The visit was on its second day Friday. Earlier, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley had urged both countries to respect their global obligations. The AP adds that "Pak went Friday to the junta's headquarters in the administrative capital of Naypyitaw" for a meeting with his Burmese counterpart, Nyan Win, "as well as Prime Minister Thein Sein."

National News:

OBAMA TAKES "VICTORY LAP" IN REVIVING DETROIT. All three broadcast networks opened their Friday evening newscasts with reports on President Obama's visit to Detroit, which they and most print sources cast in a positive light. However, the news is coupled with a report on the slow growth of the gross domestic product in the second quarter, which dampened the upbeat news.

ABC World News (7/30, lead story, 2:25, Sawyer) reported, "It worked. That's what the President said about the taxpayer bailout, as he saluted the official return of America's auto industry. The three big companies all in profit for the first time in six years. In fact, they're hiring. Chrysler just announced 900 new jobs. So, is bailout still a four-letter word, or did taxpayers get their money's worth?" ABC (Karl) added, "In Motown, a victory lap for the President." President Obama: "Hello, Detroit!" Karl: "The American auto industry is on the rebound, and he's taking credit." Obama: "If we had done nothing, not only were your jobs gone, but supplier jobs were gone and dealership jobs were gone and the communities that depend on them would have been wiped out." Karl: "The US auto industry turnaround is undeniable. The job losses, more than 330,000 in 2008, have stopped. And the industry is actually hiring new workers -- 55,000 over the past year. ... The President mocked Republicans who loudly opposed the bailout and predicted it would not work." Obama: "They don't like admitting when I do the right thing. But they might have had to admit it. And I want all of you to know, I will bet on the American worker any day of the week." Karl: "One of the biggest critics were Richard Shelby. Today, he still thinks the bailout was a mistake." Sen. Richard Shelby: "The American taxpayers are still on the hook, will always be on the hook. A lot of this money will never be paid back."

The CBS Evening News (7/30, lead story, 3:10, Couric) more negatively opened, "Just when you thought you could breathe a sigh of relief, some discouraging economic news today: The recovery is sputtering. The government reported the economy grew by just 2.4 percent between April and June. That's a much slower rate than the previous three quarters. And job creation -- well, that's still a big problem." CBS (Mason) added, "In Detroit today, President Obama got behind the wheel at a GM plant to say the economy is still on the right road." President Obama "I have confidence in this economy! We are coming back!" Mason: "Ford's CEO Alan Mulally agrees."

NBC Nightly News (7/30, lead story, 3:00, Curry) reported, "Tonight, the economy is front and center as President Obama spent the day in Michigan talking about his decision to bail out the US auto industry and pointing to GM as an economic comeback story. ... The gross domestic product, which is the broadest measure of economic growth, weakened to 2.4 percent. And in more unsettling news, growth numbers from 2007 to 2009 revised downwards which shows the economic

meltdown was even worse than previously thought." NBC (Guthrie) added, "One senior White House official told me today you've got to look at the big picture. Eighteen months ago the economy was falling off a cliff. Today it is growing, but even officials here acknowledge that this recovery is running into some headwinds. The President today in Michigan, taking a short spin in Chevy's new hybrid electric vehicle. In the heart of car country, Mr. Obama hopes to highlight a turnaround story, an American auto industry resurrected from the dead."

The AP (7/31, Babington, Krisher) reports, "Touring Chrysler and General Motors assembly plants, Obama argued that his administration's unpopular \$60 billion bailout of the two companies - essentially government-funded forced bankruptcies - was paying off. Clear evidence that he sees an opening to appeal to recession-weary voters, Obama will continue to press the same case next week when he tours the Chicago plant where Ford Motor Co. builds the Taurus sedan and plans to assemble a new Explorer sport utility vehicle."

Bloomberg News (7/30, Brower) reports, "Heading into a congressional election season in which polls show the public skeptical about the \$84.8 billion rescue and anxious about economy, Obama is using the backdrop of Detroit- area plants owned by GM and Chrysler to promote what he says is an industry revival that has saved more than a million jobs." The President said at the Chrysler factory, "The fact that we're standing in this magnificent factory today is a testament to the decisions we made."

The Detroit Free Press (7/31, Gardner, Gray) reports, "He drove the Volt, listened to General Motors and Chrysler workers describe their jobs and reminded labor and management that a revived industry has recaptured only a fraction of the jobs it lost during the downturn. Still, President Barack Obama celebrated the modest momentum that has led to the industry recapturing 16% of the 334,000 jobs that disappeared in the two years leading up to the bankruptcies of GM and Chrysler." The President "told politically friendly crowds that it could have been much worse."

The Detroit News (7/31, Shepardson) reports Obama "offered a fiery defense Friday of the \$85 billion domestic auto bailout, praising the dramatic revitalization of the industry and taunting critics." The President "received loud applause as he told autoworkers that he resisted the urging of some to let the auto industry die."

The Washington Post (7/31, Shear, Whoriskey) reports the visit "was designed as a victory rally -- complete with campaign-style trappings -- an 'I told you so' event aimed squarely at his Republican critics who had attacked the auto bailouts as government takeovers." Politico (7/30, Marr) reports Obama "wrestled to reclaim the definition of one of the most charged words in Washington's political lexicon: bailout. ... 'You're proving the naysayers wrong,' he said, speaking at the Jefferson North Assembly plant building the new 2011 Jeep Cherokee. 'All of you.'"

The Los Angeles Times (7/31, Memoli) reports the trip "is part of a White House effort to highlight what it sees as a major economic success story, though it played out against the backdrop of disappointing news of slower-than-expected economic growth." McClatchy (7/31, Talev) reports, "Workers at the two plants embraced Obama, many crediting him with saving their jobs."

The New York Times (7/31, Calmes) says the government "has all but run out of tools to fix things. The boost from Mr. Obama's two-year stimulus package is waning, and Republicans have worked hard to convince many voters that the tax cuts and spending did not work in the first place -- a contention that many economists dispute." The Wall Street Journal (7/31, Terlep) and The Hill (7/30, Youngman) also have reports.

GDP GREW AT WEAK 2.4 PERCENT ANNUAL RATE IN SECOND QUARTER. The AP (7/30, Aversa) reports, "The economy is still growing, just not by much. And until that changes, don't look for the jobs to come back." The gross domestic product "grew at an annual rate of 2.4 percent from April to June, down from 3.7 percent the quarter before and the weakest showing in nearly a year. Many economists say the economy is growing even more slowly now." The AP says "even the good news for the economy this spring came with an asterisk. Home builders, for example, increased their spending at the fastest pace in 27 years. But economists say that was likely a one-time event propelled by a now-expired tax credit for homebuyers."

Bloomberg News (7/30, Schlisserman) reports growth was "less than forecast, reflecting a larger trade deficit and an easing in consumer spending. ... Household purchases climbed at a 1.6 percent rate following a 1.9 percent first-quarter gain that was smaller than previously estimated." AFP (7/31, Beatty) reports, "In the first quarter, growth hit 3.7 percent, up substantially from the 2.7 percent previously reported by government."

The New York Times (7/31, Rampell) reports the Commerce Department report on "showed that economic growth slipped sharply in the latest quarter from a much brisker pace earlier, an annual rate of 5 percent at the end of 2009 and 3.7 percent in the first quarter of 2010. Consumer spending, however, was weaker than initially indicated earlier in the recovery." The Washington Post (7/31, Irwin, Ryst) says the numbers show "the recovery is fading, and a troubling new

pattern is setting in: economic growth that is too slow to put Americans back to work."

The Wall Street Journal (7/31, Dougherty, Hagerty) and Chicago Tribune (7/31, Lee) also have reports. The Wall Street Journal (7/31) says in an editorial that the gross domestic product numbers show Americans are right to be unimpressed by the rate of economic recovery.

Stocks Down Friday. Bloomberg News (7/30, Gammeltoft) reports, "US stocks fell this week, trimming the biggest monthly rally for the Standard & Poor's 500 Index in a year, after economic reports and earnings forecasts from technology companies disappointed investors." The New York Times (7/31, Kim) reports that on Friday, "the Dow was down 1.22 points, or 0.01 percent, at 10,465.94. The broader Standard and Poor's 500-stock index increased 0.07 point, or 0.01 percent. The Nasdaq was up 3.01 points, or 0.13 percent, to 2,254.70." NBC Nightly News (7/30, story 11, :15, Curry) also has the numbers.

OBAMA DREW RECORD-HIGH 6.6 MILLION VIEWERS TO "THE VIEW." The New York Post (7/31) reports President Obama's "appearance on daytime talk show 'The View' may have raised a few eyebrows in political circles, but it proved to be a winner for the TV network." The Thursday episode "drew 6.6 million viewers -- making it the most watched telecast in the ABC series' history. It also drew the largest number of women viewers in 17 months with 516,000 in the 18-34 age group and 1.3 million females tuning in aged 18-49. Previously the most-watched episode of the panel show screened on November 5, 2008 -- the day after Obama was elected to the White House."

SENATE EXPECTED TO VOTE ON ENHANCED MEDICAID FUNDING MONDAY. The Hill (7/30, Pecquet) reports the Senate "is expected to hold a cloture vote Monday evening on a bill that includes enhanced federal Medicaid funding for states." The Federal Medical Assistance Percentages provision in the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill "would give states a 3.2 percent Medicaid funding boost for the first quarter of 2011 and 1.2 percent for the second quarter, at a cost of \$16.1 billion."

ADMINISTRATION BUYS TELEVISION AD PROMOTING HEALTHCARE LAW TO SENIORS. Politics Daily (7/30) reports, "The Obama administration has hired a familiar face to pitch its health care law to seniors in a new television ad." The \$700,000 ad, funded by Medicare, features actor Andy Griffith telling seniors "that 'good things are coming' under the health care overhaul, including 'free checkups, lower prescription costs and better ways to protect us and Medicare from fraud.'"

FDA APPROVES FIRST-EVER HUMAN TEST OF STEM CELL-BASED THERAPY. The New York Times (7/31, Pollack) reports the FDA has approved "the world's first authorized test in people of a therapy derived from human embryonic stem cells." The clinical trial "could offer the first glimpse of the safety and possible effectiveness of a technology that has been hailed for its vast medical promise but also embroiled in political and ethical controversy." The trial "will test cells developed by the Geron Corporation and the University of California, Irvine in patients with new spinal cord injuries."

OBAMA CALLS RANGEL CASE "VERY TROUBLING" AS SOME DEMOCRATS SEEK HIS RESIGNATION. The CBS Evening News (7/30, story 4, :55, Couric) reported Rep. Charles Rangel "faces a trial in the House of Representatives this fall on 13 counts of ethics violations, a process that could take months. ... Harry Smith asked President Obama his reaction to the Rangel case." President Obama "I think Charlie Rangel served a very long time and served his constituents very well, but these allegations are very troubling, and, you know, he's somebody who is at the end of his career, 80 years old, I'm sure that what he wants is to be able to end his career with dignity. And my hope is that happens."

The AP (7/31, Kellman) reports Obama "says he hopes the 80-year-old lawmaker can end his career with dignity and some House Democrats want him to resign - now." A "half-dozen Democrats," including Reps. Ann Kirkpatrick and John Yarmuth, "either conditionally or outright called for Rangel's resignation Friday." Politico (7/30, Thrush, Allen) reports, "A person close to the Rangel tells Politico the embattled Democrat 'doesn't give a damn about what the president thinks about this' and won't step down." But "Obama's statement clearly changes the dynamic, and makes it much harder for the tenacious Rangel to hold on, according to Congressional sources."

The New York Times (7/31, Kocieniewski) reports the panel that investigated Rangel "recommended that the Harlem congressman be punished with a reprimand, rather than a more serious censure or expulsion from office, the chairman of the panel said Friday." The recommendation "appears to be carrying significant weight with the full 10-member House ethics committee, which will decide Mr. Rangel's fate." The full committee "spent hours behind closed doors" Friday "debating whether to agree to a settlement" that would require Rangel "to admit to wrongdoing in exchange for receiving a reprimand and avoiding a public trial on his conduct." The New York Post (7/31) says a reprimand "is the least severe punishment."

The Washington Post (7/31, Smith) says Rangel "has chosen a less-than-collegial defense to charges that he violated House ethics rules when he asked corporate donors with legislative interests to give to an academic center bearing his name. He was not the only lawmaker to solicit donations in this manner, his lawyers argue, saying that peers who did the same thing were not punished." Rangel's legal team "reached across the Capitol to point a finger" at Senate Minority Leader McConnell, "who helped raise money for a center named for him at the University of Louisville," and "cited similarities" with former senators Robert Byrd, Jesse Helms, and Trent Lott.

WATERS TO FACE HOUSE ETHICS TRIAL. The AP (7/31, Margasak) reports a House investigative panel will charge Democratic Rep. Maxine Waters "with ethics violations, raising the possibility of a second high-profile trial with political implications for Democrats this fall." Those familiar with the investigation "say the allegations could be announced next week The House ethics committee declined Friday to make any public statement on the matter." The Washington Post (7/31, Pershing, Kane) reports Waters "has decided against settling potential House ethics charges for her role in helping to steer federal funds to a bank, choosing instead to proceed to a trial, a source familiar with the process said Friday night."

The Los Angeles Times (7/31, Simon, Mascaro) reports a source said "the allegations were presented Friday to Waters. ... The findings on the investigation into Waters by the Office of Congressional Ethics are expected to be made public on Monday." The New York Times (7/31, Lipton), The Hill (7/30, Johnson), and Politico (7/30, Allen) also have reports.

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS UPSET BY WHITE HOUSE PROMISE OF AID TO LINCOLN. The Hill (7/30, Bolton) reports, "African-American lawmakers are irate that the Obama administration has promised Sen. Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.) \$1.5 billion in farm aid while claiming it can't pay a landmark legal settlement with black farmers. Six members of the Congressional Black Caucus wrote to President Obama on Thursday calling on him to find a way to compensate black farmers who suffered discrimination in government loan programs during the 1980s and 1990s. The letter was spurred by behind-the-scenes deal-making in the Senate as part of an effort to pass small-business legislation."

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VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN -- No public schedule.

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Other: NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE -- Holds its Centennial Conference, "Empowerment Time: Past, Present and Future." This four-day event will feature "power-packed" plenary sessions, workshops, and The N.U.L. Experience - a Career Fair with over 100 companies, a College Fair, an Expo Hall with hundreds of exhibitors, and an interactive, multimedia, 3,000 sq-foot Centennial Empowerment Exhibit showcasing the organization's history and legacy. Highlights: 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Whitney M. Young Jr. Awards Gala. Location: Washington Convention Center, Mt. Vernon Square. (Except where otherwise noted.) Contacts: [b6, b7C] 773-543- [b6]

18TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF COMPARATIVE LAW -- Continues in Washington D.C. Location: Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 1150 22nd St. NW. (Except where otherwise noted.) Contacts: [b6, b7C] (American University), 202-274- [b6]

3 p.m. - 7 p.m. NATIONAL DANCE DAY -- Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) hosts National Dance Day at the National Mall, where she will present Nigel Lythgoe, executive producer and co-creator of the television show "So You Think You Can Dance" with a resolution commemorating the day's event. Among the special guests will be Olympic gymnast Dominique Dawes, who serves on the President's Council on Fitness, Sports, & Nutrition, and former So You Think You Can Dance finalists. The event will feature performances by Soles of Steel, Beat Ya Feet Kings, Dance Collective, Fluria Flamenca, Banneker Ball Room Dancing Club, Step Afrika, Dance Institute, Gotta Swing, Capitol Movement Project, DCypher, Dance Institute, AIL, and The Washington Ballet. Location: 3rd St. and Madison Drive NW. Contacts: [b6, b7C], 202-225- [b6]

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DHS TO EXPAND SNIFFING DOG FORCE. The Los Angeles Times (7/17, Dilanian) reports that "the Department of Homeland Security relies on an elite squad of about 2,000 canines to sniff for bombs, drugs and smuggled cash. Now the department is moving to expand its four-legged force by 3,000 - about 600 dogs a year over the next five years." Requirements under "a recent bid solicitation aimed at small breeders across the country," call for "males and females ages 12 months to 36 months. ... The department is looking for Labrador retrievers, golden retrievers, German shepherds, Dutch shepherds, Belgian Malinois 'or other working, herding or sporting breeds with prior approval.'" The department "says no training is necessary - their experts will handle that. But the candidates must be 'alert, active, outgoing, confident' and 'extremely tolerant of people.'"

Immigration and Customs Enforcement:

UTAH IDENTIFIES TWO SUSPECTS BEHIND IMMIGRANT LIST. The AP (7/17, Vergakis) reports Utah authorities announced yesterday "they have identified at least two state workers who apparently accessed confidential documents to create a list of 1,300 purported illegal immigrants that was mailed to law enforcement officials and the news media." According to Gov. Gary Herbert, "the employees work for the Department of Workforce Services, which administers food stamp programs and other public benefits. The employees have been placed on administrative leave, and the state attorney general will determine whether to file criminal charges."

Customs and Border Protection:

ARIZONA SPENDS \$77,000 TO DEFEND NEW IMMIGRATION LAW. The AP (7/17, Davenport) reports, "The state is paying approximately \$77,000 to private lawyers for just the first 12 days of work defending Arizona's new immigration enforcement law." This is only an "initial amount," and is "expected to be a small fraction of the total costs the state will ultimately face in the seven pending cases."

ARIZONA GETS \$14 MILLION IN FEDERAL GRANTS FOR BORDER SECURITY. KTAR-TV Phoenix (7/16) reported on its website, "Arizona will get \$13.8 million in federal grants this fiscal year from Operation Stonegarden which supports efforts to secure US borders." Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano reveled "the grants on a visit Friday to Laredo, Texas, where she met with law enforcement leaders and planned to tour the Laredo Port of Entry, on the border

with Mexico." She said, "Operation Stonegarden is one part of our overall strategy to provide state, local and tribal law enforcement on the frontlines the resources they need to confront the complex and dynamic challenges that exist along our borders." The article noted, "The grants are divided among 15 border states and the Territory of Puerto Rico, based on threat, vulnerability, miles of border and border-specific law enforcement intelligence." KOLD-TV Tucson (7/16) also reported the grants on its website.

NUMBER OF IMMIGRANT FATALITIES IN ARIZONA DESERT SOARS IN JULY. The AP (7/17, Myers) reports, "The number of deaths among illegal immigrants crossing the Arizona desert from Mexico is soaring so high this month that the medical examiner's office...is using a refrigerated truck to store some of them," according to the chief examiner. Pima County Medical Examiner Dr. Bruce Parks said Friday that "the bodies of 40 illegal immigrants have been brought" to his office since July 1. "At that rate, Parks said the deaths could top the single-month record of 68 in July 2005 since his office began tracking them in 2000."

CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD MOBILIZED AT BORDER. The AP (7/16) reported Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger yesterday mobilized units of the California National Guard in "a federal effort to deter drug trafficking and illegal immigration along the border with Mexico. His order supports President Barack Obama's plan to have 1,200 National Guard troops assist with federal border protection, customs and immigration agents." The mobilization "comes amid a national debate over an Arizona law that directs police to conduct immigration checks when they are questioning people about possible legal violations."

NUMBER OF IMMIGRATION-RELATED LAWS SURGES IN 2009. The Los Angeles Times (7/17, Gorman) reports, "Arizona's strict new law has generated the most controversy, but there are hundreds of immigration-related laws on the books" across the US. These laws "regulate employment, law enforcement, education, benefits and healthcare." Colorado, for instance, "restricts illegal immigrants from receiving in-state tuition. Nebraska requires verification of immigration status to obtain public benefits. In Tennessee, knowingly presenting a false ID card to get a job is a misdemeanor." Furthermore, "the number of immigration-related laws and resolutions enacted by states surged to 333 last year, up from 32 in 2005," show the data from the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Transportation Security Administration:

SECURITY BREACH DELAYS FLIGHTS AT RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT. The AP (7/16) reported, "Flights at T.F. Green Airport in Rhode Island are back to normal following a security breach." A Transportation Security Administration spokesman explained "the breach occurred around 6 a.m. Friday when a passenger passed through a security checkpoint at the Warwick, R.I., airport without being fully screened. The person was taken into custody, interviewed by investigators and released."

IROQUOIS NATIONAL LACROSSE TEAM STYMIED BY UK OFFICIALS OVER PASSPORTS. The New York Times (7/17, Kaplan) reports, "The 23 players on the Iroquois national lacrosse team expected to spend this week vying for a world championship. Instead, they spent Friday night divvying up their gear in the driveway outside a Hilton hotel" in New York state, "having officially declared defeat in their weeklong dispute with the British government over whether they should be allowed to travel using their tribal passports." The team "forfeited its first game Thursday night against England. Unless the team departed for the tournament by Friday evening, it would have had no choice but to forfeit its next game, scheduled for Saturday afternoon against Japan." British officials "would not accept its tribal documents in lieu of American or Canadian passports because of security concerns. The Iroquois passports are partly handwritten and lack the holograms and other technological features that guard against forgeries."

US Coast Guard:

CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM AS WELL PRESSURE SLOWLY STARTS TO RISE. The AP (7/17, Smith) reports, "In a nail-biting day across the Gulf Coast, engineers struggled to make sense of puzzling pressure readings from the bottom of the sea Friday to determine whether BP's capped oil well was holding tight. Halfway through a critical 48-hour window, the signs were promising but far from conclusive." BP Vice President Kent Wells "said on an evening conference call that engineers had found no indication that the well has started leaking underground." Wells said, "No news is good news, I guess that's how I'd say it." Incident commander Adm. Thad Allen said "one mysterious development was that the pressure readings were not rising as high as expected," which could be due to a slowing in the source of the oil after three months of spewing, or "there could be an undiscovered leak somewhere down in the well. Allen ordered further study but remained confident."

All three broadcast networks once again opened with lengthy reports on the situation in the Gulf. ABC World News (7/16, lead story, 3:10, Muir, 8.2M) reported, "All eyes on the Gulf are fixed on that capped well this evening. We were tracking

that image all day here: a clear picture of that cap with no oil to be seen. But the focus tonight: those crucial pressure readings now coming from the well. ... Tonight, Allen says the pressure continues to rise, but slowly being the key word." ABC (Gutman) added, "They say the well is holding, sealing in all the oil, but the numbers aren't quite as high as they would like to see them. BP and the Coast Guard do have a Plan B, and that is to siphon the oil back to the surface to ships waiting there. Tonight, this colossal cork called a stacking cap has shut in the torrent of oil for more than 24 hours. But those key pressure readings remain too low, indicating a possible problem."

The CBS Evening News (7/16, lead story, 4:30, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "For a second day, no oil is gushing into the Gulf of Mexico, and that cap seems to be doing its job. But the tests are not over. ... President Obama said today the job won't be done until the well is completely killed and he reminded Americans there is still an enormous cleanup job. With the oil that's already spilled spreading and a lot of the gulf closed to fishing, BP's damaged payments reached \$201 million today, a quarter of that going to fishermen and shrimpers." CBS (Cobiella) added, "Engineers were hoping for answers. Instead they got uncertainty, and now the clock is ticking on this test. ... They were hoping to see high pressure readings after the cap was closed, 8,000 to 9,000 pounds per square inch. That would mean the well is strong. Anything below 6,000 psi would mean its leaking. The tests showed pressure just over 6,700 and slowly rising."

NBC Nightly News (7/16, lead story, 3:10, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "Reports from the Gulf of Mexico haven't really been optimistic in any way for going on three months. But tonight, the prognosis is being described as muted optimism as the tests on that well have been going on now for more than 24 hours and so far no leaks, no rupture, no new oil on top of the ton they are already dealing with." NBC (Thompson) added, "You can see the difference on the surface above the damaged well. The flames of the 'Discoverer Enterprise' and 'Q4000' are out. No ship is collecting oil because, for a second day, the crude is not flowing. But there are concerns."

The New York Times (7/17, Fountain, 1.09M) reports the President "cautioned against concluding that the corner had been turned in the oil disaster. ... He said it was still possible for there to be complications that 'could be even more catastrophic' than the original leak. Appearing in the Rose Garden before taking off for a short Maine vacation, Mr. Obama said all decisions about the fate of the well would be based on science, 'not based on P.R., not based on politics.'"

The Los Angeles Times (7/17, Boxall, Semuels, 776K) reports BP "gingerly moved ahead with tests of its newly sealed oil well Friday, stepping up scans of the seafloor for leaks that would signal potential problems with a containment operation that has rarely gone as planned." If the pressure "doesn't rise to a certain point and stay steady," it "could be an indication that oil is seeping into the seabed from the well hole, which could make matters worse. If that happens, BP will immediately open the cap valves to release oil and resume a collection operation that had been capturing some of the leak and funneling it to ships."

The Washington Post (7/17, Farenthold, 684K) reports, "When Friday dawned, it was still Groundhog Day in Alabama. There were tar balls congealing in the sand, again. There were more people walking head-down into the BP claims center, holding their tax forms. At the Purple Octopus souvenir shop, the naughty T-shirts and hermit-crab houses still weren't selling. But there still something different, hopeful about this day. There was news to watch: a cap on BP's leaking well, and tests to determine if it would hold. ... And so, on the 88th day, they waited."

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (7/17, White, 169K) reports, "The first day of an 'integrity test' on the blown-out well that for months had been shooting oil into the Gulf of Mexico ended with uncertainty." The Houston Chronicle (7/17, Fowler, 427K) reports well pressure "continued to rise very slowly Friday evening - about 2 pounds per square inch every hour - and was 6,720 psi by early evening," Wells said. The Mobile Press-Register (7/17, Kirby) reports Allen "said the plan is to leave the well cap in place and monitor conditions every six hours."

The Miami Herald (7/17, Tasker, 210K), Baton Rouge Advocate (7/17, Davis, 102K), Wall Street Journal (7/17, A5, Chazan, 2.08M), Bloomberg News (7/17, Swint, Gismatullin), AFP (7/17, Johnson), The Hill (7/16, Geman), and Politico (7/16, Marr) also report on the tests.

CHU TAKES COMMAND OF BP OIL WELL CONTAINMENT. The New York Times (7/17, Broder, 1.09M) reports that even though Energy Secretary Chu "has no training in geology, seismology or oil well technology... he has stepped in repeatedly to take command of the effort to contain BP's runaway well, often ordering company officials to take steps they might not have taken on their own." The Times adds that, "Robert Dudley, the top BP official handling the spill response, said that he was impressed not only with Dr. Chu's technical virtuosity, but his command demeanor." Dudley said, "He is confident, he is inquisitive and he seeks views from a variety of people...He can speak with senior executives and then with subsea engineers, and ask probing questions about pressure variants and burst steel casing. He can actually interpret the data and have a very sharp engineering discussion with an expert from BP."

The Wall Street Journal (7/17, Hughes, 2.08M) adds that Chu's focus on pressure readings reflects his emphasis on data

and that he has become so important to the oil spill response that he has had to cancel other plans.

JINDAL SAYS DRILLING MORATORIUM ADDS "INSULT TO INJURY." In the Washington Post (7/17, 684K), Gov. Bobby Jindal writes, "By now, everyone no doubt realizes that I am not a fan of the pace at which the federal government has worked to contain the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Sadly, federal officials were slow to act and overly bureaucratic. They have never really understood the urgency of the situation down here. ... Against this backdrop, the federal government unwisely chose to add insult to injury by decreeing a moratorium on deepwater drilling in the gulf. This ill-advised and ill-considered moratorium, which a federal judge called 'arbitrary' and 'capricious,' creates a second disaster for our economy, throwing thousands of hardworking folks out of their jobs and causing real damage to many families. ... The bottom line is this: Thousands of Louisianans shouldn't have to lose their jobs just because the federal government can't do its job."

LA Times Says Moratorium Is Necessary. The Los Angeles Times (7/17, 776K) editorializes, "The reason the wells have the potential for catastrophes like BP's Deepwater Horizon spill appears to be that the technology for preventing major blowouts at those depths is less than fully reliable. ... Though the moratorium might harm the livelihoods of thousands of Americans, the nation's best interests lie in a thorough investigation and the tight oversight of new, safer technologies - if they can be found - before high-risk oil operations can resume."

FEINBERG FACES SKEPTICISM AS HE BEGINS NEW FUND ADMINISTRATION. The New York Times (7/17, Schwartz, 1.09M) and the Wall Street Journal (7/17, King, 2.08M) both have profiles of BP oil spill fund administrator Kenneth Feinberg, with the Times saying Feinberg had to play "the role of salesman and politician" in Louisiana this week. Feinberg "knew he was facing many skeptics -- and cynics -- who no doubt wondered if they could get more money from the oil company, not to mention satisfaction, in the courts." The Journal says Feinberg's task this time is much larger than what he and others dealt with after 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina. Feinberg has no legislation or contracts to guide him, and potentially deals with a much larger pool of claimants.

COLLINS CRITICIZES GOP ATTACKS AGAINST OBAMA OVER OIL SPILL ACTIVITIES. In her New York Times (7/17, 1.09M) column, Gail Collins writes, "The Republicans have now set up a site called 'Golf or Gulf' that lists all the things Obama has been doing for the last three months when he could have been sitting around worrying about the oil spill. He had Paul McCartney over to the White House. And he played golf 10 times! Let's repeal the oil spill and start all over."

National Protection and Programs:

FIFTEEN NATIONS TO WORK TOGETHER ON CYBERTHREATS. The Washington Post (7/17, Nakashima, 684K) reports 15 nations including the US, China, and Russia "have for the first time signaled a willingness to engage in reducing the threat of attacks on each others' computer networks." The group "recommended that the UN create norms of accepted behavior in cyberspace, exchange information on national legislation and cybersecurity strategies, and strengthen the capacity of less-developed countries to protect their computer systems," among other things.

Terrorism Investigations:

LATIMES SAYS RULING STRENGTHENS CASE FOR CIVILIAN COURT TERROR TRIALS. The Los Angeles Times (7/17, 776K) says in an editorial that federal judge Lewis Kaplan "has strengthened the case for trying accused terrorists in civilian courts rather than before military commissions. His decision should be required reading for President Obama, who has developed unsettling second thoughts about the Justice Department's plans for a civilian trial of self-proclaimed 9/11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and four alleged accomplices." Kaplan's ruling in the case of Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, "indicted in 1998 for conspiring in al Qaeda bombings of US embassies in Tanzania and Kenya," says the Supreme Court "has held that speedy trial claims must be viewed 'in the particular context of the case.' He said there was no persuasive evidence that the delay 'has impaired Ghailani's ability to defend himself in any respect or significantly prejudiced him in any way pertinent to the speedy trial analysis.'"

National Security News:

GOVERNMENT AUDITORS SAY AFGHAN RECONSTRUCTION IG "FAILING." The AP (7/17, Margasak) reports, "The inspector general investigating fraud, waste and abuse in the \$51 billion Afghanistan reconstruction program has received a failing grade from his peers." In addition, "the council of government auditors who reviewed the work asked Attorney General Eric Holder to consider suspending or rescinding law enforcement powers of the Afghanistan reconstruction watchdog," the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) headed by retired Marine Maj. Gen. Arnold Fields. The AP adds, "Fields told the review group, the inspectors' general Council on Integrity and Efficiency, that

he accepted the findings and promised improvements were under way." Specific criticisms of SIGAR are that it "did not train investigators in use of firearms and deadly force, did not even have a policy on firearms, and lacked an electronic filing system to collect important information - including data to measure investigators' performance." The AP notes that Sen. Claire McCaskill, head of a committee that investigates government contracting, said, "This report proves that SIGAR's performance is inept. ... It is time for a house-cleaning at SIGAR, including new leadership. For the sake of our soldiers and the American taxpayer, time is of the essence."

TENSIONS BETWEEN INDIA, PAKISTAN COULD AFFECT US IN AFGHANISTAN. McClatchy (7/16, Shah) reported, "Recriminations flew between India and Pakistan on Friday, a day after failed peace talks that could have negative fallout for the US-led military campaign in Afghanistan." Pakistan said "India had scuttled the talks by refusing to discuss anything but terrorism allegations against Pakistan, while India said that was the key issue between the countries." McClatchy says that some "analysts and officials" believe the two countries are now "effectively...contesting a proxy war in Afghanistan. ... Many think that there'll be no stability in Afghanistan until Pakistan and India stop playing out their decades-long rivalry there, with Pakistan giving sanctuary and support to the mainly Pashtun Taliban and India supporting the largely non-Pashtun Northern Alliance."

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The AP (7/17, Caldwell, Castillo) reports, "A drug cartel has used a car bomb for the first time in Mexico's decades-long fight against traffickers." The target of the explosion was "federal police in a city across the border from Texas, the mayor of Ciudad Juarez said Friday." The mayor said that "federal police have confirmed to him that a car bomb was used in the attack that killed three people Thursday." The AP notes, "It was the first time a drug cartel has used a bomb to attack Mexican security forces, marking an escalation in the country's already raging drug war." The mayor said that "federal police and paramedics were lured to the scene by a phone call reporting that shots were fired at a major intersection and a municipal police officer lay wounded."

Cold War Era Grenades Being Used In Mexico Drug Struggle. Reporting on the explosion, the Washington Post (7/17, Miroff, Booth) says, "Grenades made in the United States and sent to Central America during the Cold War have resurfaced as terrifying new weapons in almost weekly attacks by Mexican drug cartels." US and Mexican law enforcement officials confirm that US grenades were "sent a generation ago to battle communist revolutionaries in the jungles of Central America." They are now "being diverted from dusty old armories and sold to criminal mafias, who are using them to destabilize the Mexican government and terrorize civilians." But "not all grenades found in Mexico are American-made. Many are of Asian or Soviet and Eastern European manufacture, ATF officials said, probably given to leftist insurgents by Cuba and Nicaragua's Sandinistas."

SPY SWAP TESTS US PROSECUTORS' INTEGRITY. The New York Times (7/17, A14, Weiser) reports the spy swap

between the US and Russia was an integrity test for Preet Bharara, the United States attorney in Manhattan. Telling "his closest aides" that "their criminal case...was fast becoming a deal being orchestrated by politicians and diplomats," noted that "the proudly independent Manhattan federal prosecutor's office and the Justice Department 'should never be an extension of or a rubber stamp for the White House. ... I feel that very strongly,'" he said. "The meeting late last month began an intense tutorial by the prosecutors on law and philosophy, ethics and history, politics and statecraft. They examined research on the history of swaps of spies and other prisoners." Now, after the spy exchange, Bharara noted, "If something would have violated our principles...we would have objected." After concluding "the deal being brokered by the politicians was acceptable and just," the "prosecutors scrambled to secure guilty pleas from the 10 jailed suspects in different cities as the case sped to a conclusion."

CLINTON SUGGESTS UK COMMUNICATE WITH CONGRESS ABOUT MEGRAHI RELEASE. AFP (7/17) reports that Secretary of State Clinton "renewed American concerns" Friday about the release last year of Lockerbie bomber Abdelbaset Ali Mohmet al-Megrahi in a phone call with British Foreign Secretary William Hague. The two talked in advance of Prime Minister David Cameron's planned White House visit next week, and Clinton "indicated that...it might be appropriate for the British government to communicate with Congress as well to make sure that they fully understand...what transpired a year ago," according to State Department spokesman Philip Crowley. AFP notes that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee intends to hold a hearing about the bomber's release "over the fierce objections from Washington." AFP says Hague "reiterated" to Clinton that the bomber's release was "a mistake."

The AP (7/17, Frommer) reports that the Secretary also told Hague that Congress is interested in whether BP sought the Lockerbie bomber's release in order to pursue a Libyan oil exploration deal, and some in the Senate "demanded records of any BP communications with Libya, Britain, Scotland and others concerning al-Megrahi and the prisoner transfer agreement." State's Crowley said Hague "offered to communicate directly with the Hill and the secretary agreed that was a good idea," and both Clinton and Hague agreed the bomber's release "was an error."

Cameron Says Britain Is "Junior Partner" In US-UK Special Relationship. Bloomberg News (7/16) reports British Prime Minister David Cameron, preparing for his first visit to the US since taking office, "said he sees Britain as America's 'junior partner.'" In an interview with Time, Cameron said, "President Obama and I have a very good relationship, we get on well. I believe in the special relationship. Britain is, of course, the junior partner. I hope we bring things to that relationship." Cameron "has faced criticism at home for the way he handled" Obama's criticism of BP "over the Gulf of Mexico oil leak."

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STATE DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS CUBAN CARDINAL VISITED US. The Miami Herald (7/17, Tamayo, 210K) reports, "Cuban Cardinal Jaime Ortega visited the United States in June, just days before he announced that the Raul Castro government had agreed to free 52 political prisoners, the US State Department confirmed Friday." Spokeswoman Virginia Staab, however, "declined comment on reports that Ortega met with two senior US officials in Washington during the visit and informed them -- with Cuba's approval -- of his talks with Castro on the prisoner release." The Herald notes earlier media reports about Ortega meeting with a State Department official and Rep. Howard Berman, D-Calif., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs committee.

COURT ORDERS STATE DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW TERRORIST DESIGNATION FOR IRANIAN GROUP. The Washington Post (7/17, A2, Kessler, 684K) reports that "another foreign policy hot potato" emerged Friday when a federal appeals court "ordered the State Department to review its decision to label an Iranian opposition group as a foreign terrorist organization, strongly suggesting the designation should be revoked." The appeals court said the "due process protections" of the People's Mujaheddin Organization of Iran "were violated because the State Department did not give it a chance to rebut unclassified information used to justify the designation." The group "has for years fought its designation as a foreign terrorist organization, contending that it was only labeled as such by the Clinton Administration in 1997 to curry favor with the Iranian government, which views the group as a threat." The group's "designation was reaffirmed at the end of the George W. Bush administration, even though the top State Department counterterrorism official at the time, Dell L. Dailey, had pushed to remove the group from the US list of foreign terrorist groups."

The AP (7/17) adds that the terrorist label "prohibits groups from raising money and obtaining other support in the United States." The EU "dropped the People's Mujahedeen from its list of banned terrorist groups last year."

AFP (7/17) points out that "the group, which asked for a review of its classification in 2008, was turned down by then-secretary of state Condoleezza Rice in the final days of her tenure." State Department spokesman Philip Crowley "said the court had remanded the issue to Rice's successor, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and that the agency would study the opening 'carefully.'" He said, "Notably, the court left the MEK's designation as a foreign terrorist organization in place during the remand. ... The US government continues to view the MEK as a terrorist organization."

IRAN BLAMES US FOR ATTACKS AS SUNNI GROUP TAKES CREDIT. NBC Nightly News (7/16, story 5, :15, Williams, 8.37M) reported that "a Sunni insurgent group said it carried out one of the deadliest attacks in Iran in years. A double suicide bombing outside a Shiite mosque killed at least 27, wounded 300 more."

The Los Angeles Times (7/17, Daragahi, Mostaghim, 776K) reports that the militant group Jundallah "claimed responsibility Friday" and said the attacks were to "kill members of the Revolutionary Guard and avenge the arrest and hanging last month of its leader, Abdulmalak Rigi."

The AP (7/17) reports that Iran's Fars news agency said 40 suspects were arrested in connection with the bombing. There was little other information, although Iran's deputy police chief, Gen. Ahmad Reza Radan said the bombers' goal was "to create insecurity in the city of Zahedan after the bombing."

According to the Washington Post (7/17, A6, Erdbrink, 684K), however, Iranian "state radio is taking the lead in an apparent attempt by the government to hold the United States at least partly responsible for the bombing." Iran's "main news program said, 'The terrorists were...equipped and trained by a foreign intelligence organization to slaughter people,'" and the attacks were "in line with United States policies against the Islamic republic."

The New York Times (7/17, A6, Yong, Worth, 1.09M) reports, however, that "the bombing underscored the continuing threat of religious and ethnic violence in Iran, which is unrelated to the political upheavals of the past year." Jundallah "claims to be fighting on behalf of Sunni Muslim members of the Baluch ethnic group in Iran and Pakistan and has been a thorn in the side of Iran's security services for years, repeatedly bombing Zahedan and other southeastern cities."

On Friday, President Obama "strongly condemned" this week's attacks, reports AFP (7/17). In a separate report, AFP (7/17, Deshmukh) adds that the UN and the EU also condemned the bombings.

Treasury Department Adds Al-Awlaki To Terror List. The AP (7/17, Sullivan, Lee) reports that "the Treasury Department placed Anwar al-Awlaki -- accused by officials of helping plan the failed Christmas Day airline bombing -- on its list of Specially Designated Global Terrorists" on Friday. As a result, "any bank accounts found in the United States belonging to him are frozen. Americans are forbidden from doing business with him. And, it bans him from traveling to the US" The designation "comes about six months after the US government put al-Awlaki on a secret list of targets to be captured or killed."

AFP (7/17) adds that "the measures were outlined in Executive Order 13224." AFP points out that Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Stuart Levey said the US-born cleric "sought to encourage his supporters to provide money for terrorist causes. ... Those who provide material support to Awlaki or AQAP violate sanctions and expose themselves to serious consequences."

Groups Say Iran Denying Prisoners Medical Treatment. AFP (7/17) reports that Amnesty International and Reporters Without Borders said Friday that media reports and family accounts indicate that Iran is refusing medical care to some 100 political prisoners it has held in the year since the country's disputed presidential election. The prisoners are jailed "in

inhuman and degrading conditions. Their most basic rights are being violated, starting with the right to adequate medical treatment." In a joint statement, the groups "said they believed medical treatment was being denied to prisoners to 'put pressure on them and their families.'"

MITCHELL MEETS WITH NETANYAHU. AFP (7/17) reports that envoy George Mitchell "held talks" with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday, but Israel's government "gave no details of their discussions." Mitchell was expected to discuss direct talks with Palestinian officials, and he is scheduled to meet with Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas today.

According to the AP (7/17, Laub), the Palestinians "have warned" Mitchell "that it will be difficult to revive peace talks if Washington cannot stop Israel from demolishing Arab homes or building for Jews in east Jerusalem," although Mitchell "is expected to try to persuade Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in a meeting Saturday to agree to direct negotiations with Israel. Abbas aides say they expect Mitchell to tell the Palestinian president what Israel is prepared to do to make that happen." The AP also notes Mitchell's talks Friday with Netanyahu and the absence of detail from the Israeli government and adds, "Abbas will likely find himself under intense US pressure to return to direct negotiations, even if all of his demands are not met."

RWANDANS TRICKED INTO FORCED RETURN HOME. The New York Times (7/17, A5, Kron, 1.09M) reports, "About 1,700 Rwandans seeking asylum have been herded onto trucks at gunpoint and driven across the border to Rwanda in what the United Nations has called an illegal operation to repatriate refugees." The Times describes accounts of Ugandan police going to a refugee camp this week in southern Uganda and luring "asylum seekers with promises of food, before surrounding them and forcing them onto trucks back to Rwanda. At least two refugees jumped out of trucks to their deaths, many more were injured and local news reports said some had been shot." The Times adds that the UN condemned the action Friday.

AGREEMENT REACHED ON "LIMITED" EXPORT OF DIAMONDS FROM ZIMBABWE. The New York Times (7/17, A5, Cowell, 1.09M) is among major media outlets reporting that that the World Diamond Council and the UN-backed Kimberley Process reached agreement "to allow Zimbabwe to export limited numbers of stones from fields where the military has been accused of human rights abuses and smuggling." The agreement, made in meetings in St. Petersburg, Russia, "provides for Zimbabwe to export two batches of rough diamonds before Sept. 6 under the supervision of Kimberley Process monitors."

US BACKS UN STATUS FOR INTERNATIONAL GAY RIGHTS COMMISSION. The AP (7/17, Lederer) reports, "The Obama Administration and 14 members of the US Congress are urging the U.N. Economic and Social Council to accredit the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission so it can work at the United Nations." The US suspects that the commission has faced discrimination, and it floated a draft resolution Friday that "would have ECOSOC grant the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission consultative status." Commission official Jessica Stern "said the group expects the 54 members of ECOSOC to vote on the US draft on Monday." The US "urged ECOSOC to support the international commission's application which would send a message to the NGO committee 'that it must review all applications without discrimination.'"

WPOST, NYTIMES SAY WORLD HAS BEEN GENEROUS TO HAITI, BUT MUST DO MORE. The Washington Post (7/17, 684K) editorializes, "It has been half a year since an earthquake nearly flattened Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, killing 250,000 people and leaving 1.5 million homeless. Any critique of the relief and reconstruction efforts must begin with the magnitude of the catastrophe. Indonesia took five years to replace 139,000 houses destroyed by the December 2004 tsunami on the island of Aceh; Haiti, far poorer and more disorganized, has lost 190,000 homes." The US "still struggles with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Yet thanks to the generosity of people and governments around the world, the efforts of aid workers, and the tenacity of the Haitian people, Haiti has made it this far without the starvation, epidemics or civil unrest that many feared. Now, though, recovery must accelerate."

The New York Times (7/17, 1.09M) editorializes, "The world's leaders swore that this time would be different, that they would use this tragedy to help the Haitians build a viable economy and a functioning state." But "a new reconstruction agency, the Interim Haiti Recovery Commission, which is supposed to oversee that rebuilding, is hardly off the ground." The US "has been generous. It has already spent more than \$1 billion on emergency aid and is now spending another \$175 million on projects like cash-for-work programs, debris clearance, school construction and support for agriculture and police officers. ... Haitians have been extraordinarily patient. But their suffering is real, and they need to see progress. The world needs to see that progress is possible. If not, all of the big dreams for Haiti could evaporate."

WSJOURNAL DECRIES IRANIAN JUSTICE SYSTEM. In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (7/17, 2.08M) condemns Iran's justice system, focusing on the case of a woman who could be slowly stoned to death. In Iran, the Journal says, women's testimony counts only half as much as men's, and gays are publicly hanged.

National News:

OBAMAS ARRIVE IN MAINE AFTER GOOD WEEK FOR PRESIDENT. The AP (7/17, Smith) reports, "Cheered by a key victory in Congress and good news from the Gulf oil spill zone, a relaxed President Barack Obama began a weekend holiday Friday on a sun-dappled mountain peak overlooking the rocky Atlantic coast. Within hours of landing at the Bar Harbor airport," the Obamas "were clambering over the granite outcrops at the summit of Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park." The "brief vacation quickly yielded plenty of photos of a president who knew he's had a good week."

NBC Nightly News (7/16, story 11, :40, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "They went hiking at Acadia National Park, Cadillac Mountain, and then got ice cream, of course. The President told reporters he got a coconut ice cream cone. He then proceeded to pose with tourists visiting from Germany. The Obamas are there until Sunday." The CBS Evening News (7/16, story 7, :15, Couric, 6.1M) also briefly reported on the vacation.

ABC World News (7/16, story 5, 2:35, Muir, 8.2M) also reported on the trip, but tied it to a story about the President's poll numbers, saying the "First Family left for a weekend in Maine, where today they visited Acadia National Park. The oil for now is finally stopped, and on the political front, his financial reform package finally passed. So, why such low poll numbers? ... Some Democrats have been grumbling that the public is not giving the President enough credit for all he has accomplished in such a short time." ABC (Tapper) added, "After all, Democrats argue, 18 months into his presidency, Mr. Obama has chalked up a number of legislative victories: an \$862 billion stimulus bill that many economists say staved off a depression. A major overhaul of America's healthcare system. And just yesterday, the biggest reform of Wall Street and the nation's financial system since right after the Great Depression. So, what's going on? It's this: As unemployment has gone up, up, up, the President's approval rating on the economy has gone down, down, down."

The Bar Harbor Times (7/17, Anderson) reports the Obamas, "including their dog Bo, arrived in Maine Friday a little after noon, having flown into the Hancock County-Bar Harbor Airport in Trenton in separate aircraft. The canine Obama flew in one aircraft and the human Obamas in the other." The President "emerged from Air Force One with a big smile and saluted as he made his way down the steps and was greeted by Gov. John Baldacci and his wife, Karen," as well as Rep. Mike Michaud and the head of the Bar Harbor Town Council.

The Portland Press Herald (7/17, Metzler) reports Obama "was the first to walk onto the tarmac, dressed casually in a pale blue Oxford shirt and khakis. A few minutes later, Michelle Obama, dressed in black capris, a tank top and sandals, walked onto the runway. Shortly after, Malia and Sasha joined their parents." The Bangor Daily News (7/17, Miller) reports, "Within 40 minutes of landing at the Hancock County-Bar Harbor Airport in Trenton just after noon, the Obamas were pedaling bikes down the carriage roads that surround Witch Hole Pond."

The New York Times (7/17, Stolberg, 1.09M) reports, "It has been 100 years, the local newspaper reports, since a sitting president chose this picturesque seaside village as his vacation spot. When William Howard Taft arrived in July 1910, he sprained his ankle playing golf, the captain of his yacht got 'a terrible sunburn' and the townsfolk made such a ruckus about who would entertain him that Mr. Taft decided to give a speech from the bandstand on the village green." Obama "faces pressures of a different sort. ... What sounds like a much-needed family escape from the literal and political heat of Washington to some sounds like hypocrisy to others, given recent statements by both the president and first lady urging Americans to spend their vacation time and money along the shores of the oil-stricken Gulf of Mexico."

In his New York Times (7/17, 1.09M) column, Charles Blow writes, "This summer has not been kind to this president. A CBS News poll released on Tuesday found that 'a majority of Americans have a negative impression of the economy and expect the effects of the recession to linger for years.' ... The president has yet to jolt the economy into recovery, he's made some unpopular decisions and circumstances have not always favored him. But a presidency is a never-ending series of choices. Seasons change, winds switch directions, bad times don't last always."

NINETY-FOUR ARRESTED OVER MEDICARE SCAMS TOTALING \$251 MILLION. ABC World News (7/16, story 6, 2:05, Muir, 8.2M) reported on "hundreds of raids carried out this country today in what's being called the biggest Medicare fraud bust in history. Doctors and nurses billing the American taxpayer for procedures that never happened, and clinics that don't even exist."

The CBS Evening News (7/16, story 3, 2:00, Couric, 6.1M) noted that "one way the government plans to pay for healthcare reform is by cracking down on Medicare fraud. ... Dozens of people have been arrested including doctors, patients, and clinic owners accused of scamming Medicare out of hundreds of millions of dollars."

The AP (7/17, Kennedy, Hays) reports, "Authorities said busts carried out this week in Miami, New York City, Detroit, Houston and Baton Rouge, La., were the largest Medicare fraud takedown in history." The move also was "part of a

massive overhaul in the way federal officials are preventing and prosecuting the crimes."

CNN.com (7/16) reports, "The defendants are charged with conspiring to submit over \$280 million in false claims to the federal healthcare program designed to aid the elderly." Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said, "Today's arrests send a strong message that attempts to defraud Medicare will not be tolerated." According to the report, "charges include filing fraudulent claims for HIV/infusion services, home healthcare, physical therapy and durable medical equipment."

The New York Daily News (7/17, Marzulli, 588K) reports, "The feds busted a Medicare mill in Brooklyn where the elderly gathered in a 'kickback room' to collect payoffs under a Cold War-era poster warning them to keep their mouths shut." Brooklyn US Attorney Loretta Lynch said yesterday "that 15 people were arrested - including an 82-year-old woman. Seven others are being sought in the \$78 million scheme."

WARREN ON LIST TO HEAD CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU. The New York Times (7/17, Chan, 1.09M) reports, "The Obama administration, savoring Congressional approval of a far-reaching financial regulation bill, now faces a crucial choice over who will lead the powerful new consumer guardian created by the legislation." The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau will have "an estimated budget of \$500 million and broad discretion to write and enforce rules for mortgages, credit cards, student loans and debt collection." Troubled Assets Relief Program Congressional Oversight Panel Chairwoman Elizabeth Warren, "the Harvard law professor whose proposal to create the agency was embraced by Mr. Obama and who is the favorite of liberal advocacy groups," is said to be a top contender.

The Hill (7/16, Brush) reports White House adviser David Axelrod "praised Warren as a 'great champion of consumers and middle-class families across the country.'" Axelrod said, "She is obviously a candidate to lead this effort. There are other candidates as well. But Elizabeth is certainly a candidate." The Wall Street Journal (7/17, Paletta, 2.08M) reports the White House is considering two other candidates as well: Treasury Department Assistant Secretary Michael Barr and Justice Department Chief Counsel for Competition Policy and Intergovernmental Relations Gene Kimmelman.

Passage Of Financial Reforms Gives Geithner Vast New Authority. The Washington Post (7/17, Cho, 684K) reports, "Half a year after some predicted he would be booted from the Obama administration," Treasury Secretary Geithner "stands to inherit vast power to shape bank regulations, oversee financial markets and create a consumer protection agency. Few Treasury secretaries have had such sweeping influence over such a wide realm as Geithner will wield once President Obama signs the new financial overhaul legislation passed this week by Congress." The Post says it "has been a remarkable turnaround for the 48-year-old Treasury secretary, who endured repeated calls for his head from lawmakers a few months ago."

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE DOWN; INFLATION DIPS SLIGHTLY. The AP (7/16, Aversa) reports, "Consumers are having second thoughts about the recovery Shoppers are losing confidence, becoming more concerned about low pay and a weak job market than about bargains. And their worries are threatening to drag down the economy." The University of Michigan consumer sentiment survey found consumer confidence "fell in July to its lowest point in nearly a year. A volatile stock market, near-double-digit unemployment, lackluster wage gains and a stalled housing market have raised fears that the recovery is on the verge of stalling." The index "sank to 66.5 in early July, from 76," hitting its lowest point since August 2009. The New York Times (7/17, Rich, 1.09M) reports that the economic recovery "has been helped in large part by the spending of the most affluent. Now, even the rich appear to be tightening their belts."

The New York Times (7/17, Hauser, 1.09M) reports the Consumer Price Index "declined 0.1 percent last month on a seasonally adjusted basis. Lower prices for gasoline, which showed a 4.5 percent decline, were a big factor for the decrease." The Wall Street Journal (7/17, A2, Reddy, Zhao, 2.08M) says that while economists see the risk of actual deflation as low, declines in prices add another sign that the economy is slowing.

Stocks Down Nearly Three Percent Friday. The Washington Post (7/17, Mui, 684K) reports, "Wall Street erased the week's gains on Friday as the major stock market indexes fell nearly 3 percent amid fresh concerns that the economic recovery is stalling." The Dow Jones Industrial Average "was down 261.41 points, to 10,097.90, a 2.5 percent loss," while the Nasdaq fell 70.03 points, or 3.1 percent, to 2179.05. The S&P 500 "dropped 31.60 points, or 2.9 percent, to close at 1064.88." The New York Times (7/17, Hauser, 1.09M), Wall Street Journal (7/17, B1, Gongloff, 2.08M), and Chicago Tribune (7/17, Marksjarvis, 534K) also have the numbers.

THIRTY-TWO US SOLDIERS COMMITTED SUICIDE IN JUNE. NBC Nightly News (7/16, story 6, 2:40, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "We have learned a terrible statistic in this country this week. It is a grim new record for America. In the month of June, 32 suicides among US soldiers. Its part of a significant uptick since the start of the year. It's happening in the midst of two wars that the US Army is fighting, and despite a huge campaign to stop it." The Washington Post (7/17, Jaffe, 684K) reports, "The boost in the number of suicides in June was likely driven by the 'continued stresses on the force'

caused by the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, said Col. Chris Philbrick, the director of the Army's suicide prevention task force."

MANCHIN NAMES 36-YEAR-OLD GOODWIN TO FILL BYRD SEAT. NBC Nightly News (7/16, story 7, :25, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "The oldest member of the US Senate is being replaced by the youngest. West Virginia's governor today announced his choice to temporarily fill the Senate seat of the late Robert Byrd. Carte Goodwin is a lawyer who was, until recently, the governor's general counsel. He's 36 years old. He will hold the seat until a special election in November."

The AP (7/16, Messina) reports Gov. Joe Manchin appointed Goodwin, "a member of a prominent West Virginia family," to the seat. Manchin "announced Goodwin's appointment during a packed afternoon news conference at the state Capitol. 'I know he's going to make us all proud,' Manchin said. 'I know that West Virginia is better off because he's passed this way.'"

The Wheeling News-Register (7/17) reports, Sen. Jay Rockefeller "promised to serve as a mentor to Goodwin in Washington. 'There is no such thing as an interim senator,' Rockefeller said Friday during the announcement ceremony at the State Capitol building. 'Maybe there is a time limitation here. But there is no such thing.'" The Beckley Register-Herald (7/17, Workman) reports, "Goodwin becomes the youngest sitting member of the US Senate. Byrd was the longest serving and oldest member of Congress. In contrast, Goodwin will serve one of the shortest ever terms."

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel (7/17) reports Rep. Shelley Moore Capito said "political ambitions taint the process to organize a special election," and said Manchin's choice of Goodwin "was to protect Manchin's 'own desire' for the seat." Capito said, "Based on the person chosen from the rumored field of candidates to fill the US Senate vacancy on an interim basis, it is once again evident that political ambition was the key factor in the selection. Gov. Manchin followed the same path as Florida Gov. Charlie Crist did last August when he appointed his former staffer for the sole purpose of protecting his own desire to run for the US Senate seat." Capito, "who has been cited as a possible Republican candidate" for the seat, did congratulate Goodwin on the appointment.

The Charleston Gazette (7/17, Kabler), Charleston Daily Mail (7/17, Rivard, 20K), Los Angeles Times (7/17, Memoli, 776K), New York Times (7/17, Becker, 1.09M), Wall Street Journal (7/17, Maher, 2.08M), The Hill (7/16, D'Aprile), and Politico (7/16, Toeplitz) also report on the selection.

BROWN HAS ATTAINED UNUSUAL POWER FOR A SENATE FRESHMAN. The Washington Post (7/17, Bacon, 684K) reports, "One of the surest ways to tell whether a bill will rise or fall in Congress right now is not a speech from President Obama or a declaration by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi." It is instead "often a letter from the office of a senator who has served in Washington for less than seven months." Sen. Scott Brown "campaigned in Massachusetts as an outsider" and, "far from becoming a dependable GOP vote, Brown has turned out to be an unpredictable lawmaker. In a Senate where Democrats control 59 votes but need 60 on most major legislation, Brown is in many ways the third member of a troika" along with moderate Maine Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe. Brown's "outsized role has both parties alternately praising and condemning him. In a true feat of bipartisanship, he has at times annoyed both conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh and Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid."

The Boston Globe (7/17, Viser, 325K) reports, however, that Brown's "unemployment plan -- which calls for diverting \$35 billion in stimulus money to pay for benefits for the long-term jobless and several other items -- has attracted little support, even from Republicans." Brown said, "Why is it that I'm always the one that has to vote with the Democrats? Bipartisanship is a two-way street, you know."

FIRST LADY TO TAKE OBESITY CAMPAIGN TO BALTIMORE'S CAMDEN YARDS. The Baltimore Sun (7/17, Anderson, 229K) reports First Lady Michelle Obama "will be at Oriole Park at Camden Yards next week to promote her 'Let's Move!' campaign to end childhood obesity. Obama is expected on Tuesday to announce a joint initiative between her campaign and Major League Baseball, the White House announced Friday."

MINOR EARTHQUAKE HIT WASHINGTON AREA FRIDAY MORNING. The CBS Evening News (7/16, story 6, :20, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "We've all heard the promises to shake up Washington. Well, today it finally happened. A magnitude 3.6 earthquake hit at about 5:00 this morning. It was centered near Germantown, Maryland, and felt as far away as Pennsylvania and West Virginia. But at the White House, President Obama said he did not."

NBC Nightly News (7/16, story 10, :30, Williams, 8.37M) said Obama, "who happens to live in an old home made of sandstone, told reporters he didn't feel a thing." ABC World News (7/16, story 4, :35, Muir, 8.2M), the AP (7/16, Mahabir, Gresko), Washington Post (7/17, Rosenwald, 684K), and Baltimore Sun (7/17, Jones, Roylance, 229K) are among those reporting on the minor quake.

REPUBLICAN SENATE, HOUSE CANDIDATES OUTRAISED DEMOCRATS IN SECOND QUARTER. The Washington Post (7/17, Farnam, Blake, 684K) reports, "In a reversal of fortune, Republican candidates for key House and Senate races raised more money than Democrats in the second quarter of this year." Republican House candidates "raised \$86.4 million last quarter, an increase of 25 percent over the first three months of the year." Democratic House candidates "were able to close some of the gap from the first quarter, increasing their totals by 30 percent to \$78.7 million." Republican Senate candidates "out-raised Democrats in all but one of the 13 races to fill seats left open by retirements or primaries." The "most threatened Democratic senators," such as Russ Feingold, Blanche Lincoln, and Patty Murray, "were able to raise much more than their Republican challengers. In Nevada, however, 'tea party' favorite Sharron Angle raised \$2.6 million, slightly more than the \$2.4 million Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid brought in." But Reid has about \$9 million on hand, to Angle's \$1.8 million.

The New York Times (7/17, Zeleny, 1.09M) reports, "In red states and blue states -- nearly a dozen competitive Senate races in all -- Republicans raised more money over the last three months than their Democratic challengers." The Wall Street Journal (7/17, Mullins, Gray, 2.08M) says in the 34 most-competitive House races, Republicans topped 50 percent of the total raised; in the last cycle in the most competitive races, GOP candidates drew just 44 percent of the funds.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (7/17, Roper, 347K) reports Rep. Michele Bachmann "raised more since April than any other US House candidate in the country," while her Democratic rival Tarryl Clark "raised more than all but one Democratic House candidate in the same period."

GOP DEBATES WHETHER PRESENTING AN AGENDA IS GOOD STRATEGY THIS YEAR. The Washington Post (7/17, Tumulty, Kane, 684K) reports that though House Minority Leader John Boehner "plans to unveil a blueprint of what Republicans will do if they take back control of the chamber" in September, it is unclear if Republicans will "actually want to run on those ideas -- or any ideas? Behind the scenes, many are being urged to ignore the leaders and do just the opposite: avoid issues at all costs." Some of the GOP's "most influential political consultants are quietly counseling their clients to stay on the offensive" and make the election about the Democrats.

MCCAIN, HAYWORTH MEET IN TELEVISED DEBATE. The AP (7/17, Cooper) reports J.D. Hayworth "came out swinging" against Sen. John McCain in the first of two televised debates before the August 24 Arizona Republican Senate primary. Hayworth "lobbed a number of one-liners toward Arizona's senior senator, who has a comfortable advantage in fundraising and polling less than two weeks before early voting begins." McCain "touted his ability to lead and hammered Hayworth for his record in congress and his work as a registered lobbyist and infomercial pitchman" after he lost his House seat in 2006. A third candidate, Jim Deakin, also participated in the debate.

The AP (7/17) also reports that McCain "has pledged \$5,000 to a legal fund for two Arizona sheriffs," Paul Babeu of Pinal County and Larry Dever of Cochise County, who are "defending themselves against lawsuits over the state's new immigration enforcement law."

TANCREDO SUGGESTS HE COULD STEP INTO COLORADO GUBERNATORIAL RACE. The Denver Post (7/17, Crummy, 282K) reports, "Support for GOP gubernatorial candidate Scott McInnis is eroding among Republicans but he remains a viable candidate even after a plagiarism scandal," a poll for the newspaper found. The Post says 20 percent of registered Republicans "who supported McInnis prior to this week's allegations that he plagiarized previously published material said they will now back another candidate." Asked "who would be the 'strongest Republican gubernatorial candidate'" from a list of six names, ex-Rep. Tom Tancredo "easily led the pack of six choices with 29 percent." McInnis was at 19 percent, and primary opponent Dan Maes at 13 percent. Tancredo, "originally a McInnis supporter, has said that both Maes and McInnis should 'both eventually drop out' of the race even if it's after one wins the primary." Tancredo says neither of them can win in November, and added that he "was 'surprised and flattered' by the poll results." Tancredo said, "I want us as a party to get this governor's seat. If I can do it, believe me I will."

PALIN WAS PAID \$75,000 FOR CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY STANISLAUS SPEECH. The AP (7/16, Burke) reports, "The foundation arm of a cash-strapped California public university paid Sarah Palin \$75,000 to speak at a 50th anniversary gala." Palin's speech at California State University, Stanislaus "drew intense criticism and scrutiny and also attracted sizable donations for the public school. According to school officials, it raised more than \$207,000 for the university, making it the most successful fundraiser in the campus's history."

NYTIMES SAYS WHITE HOUSE AIDS STRATEGY IS "REASONABLE" GIVEN TOUGH ECONOMY. The New York Times (7/17, 1.09M) editorializes, "With the AIDS epidemic still spreading rapidly around the globe, public health programs have to use their resources a lot more effectively. The need for greater efficiency in a time of limited resources is an important theme of President Obama's new national AIDS strategy. The same argument is being made by the United Nations agency that battles the epidemic and by Bill Gates, whose foundation plays an influential role in financing a global response." The White House strategy "calls for redirecting some of the \$19 billion that the federal government currently

spends annually on domestic AIDS programs to areas where the need is greatest and to groups at greatest risk. ... That sounds reasonable in tough times."

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CBS: BP Oil Spill-Containment Cap; BP-Lockerbie Bomber; Medicare Fraud; Apple-iPhone 4 Fix; Animals-Antibiotics; Washington DC Earthquake; Obamas Vacation In Maine; Space-Wise Telescope; Food-Bacteria.

NBC: BP Oil Spill-Containment Cap; BP Oil Spill-Gulf Seafood; US Economy; Mexico Drug War-Car Bomb; Iran-Sunni Suicide Bombing; US Army-Suicides; West Virginia-Goodwin Replaces Byrd; National Heat Wave; Apple-iPhone 4 Fix; Washington DC Earthquake; Obamas Vacation In Maine; Making A Difference.

Washington's Schedule:

TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.

White House:

PRESIDENT OBAMA -- The First Family is spending the weekend on Mount Desert Island, home of Acadia National Park in Maine. There are no public events scheduled.

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IMMIGRATION ISSUE FLARES ON TWO FRONTS AS CALDERÓN VISITS US. The state visit of Mexican President Felipe Calderón and Mexican First Lady Margarita Zavala enflamed the debate over US immigration policy and Arizona's controversial new immigration law. President Calderón used his joint appearance with President Obama at the White House to condemn the Arizona measure, remarks met sympathetically by President Obama. Meanwhile, an event with the two presidents' wives at New Hampshire Estates Elementary School in nearby Silver Spring, Maryland, meant to focus on health and exercise, turned to the issue when a second-grader who appeared to be the child of a woman in the US illegally asked Michelle Obama if the President is "taking everybody away that doesn't have papers." That exchange receives a good deal of coverage, both as part of coverage of President Calderón's remarks, and in its own right.

NBC Nightly News (5/19, story 2, 2:40, Williams, 8.37M) reported that immigration "was a big topic at the White House today, along with that new law in Arizona designed to crack down on illegal immigrants. It came up today in two different settings, and both the President and the First Lady talked about it." NBC (Guthrie) added, "The Obamas welcomed the President and First Lady of Mexico with all the pomp and pageantry expected of a state visit." But President Felipe Calderón "did not stand on ceremony -- at first opportunity, castigating Arizona's new law on immigration as discriminatory." And "even as the two presidents were meeting in the Oval Office, the wives of both leaders were drawn into the debate. At an event that was supposed to promote exercise at a Washington area school, Mrs. Obama took this question from a second-grade girl." Student: "My mom says that Barack Obama is taking everybody away that doesn't have papers." Michelle Obama: "Yeah, well, that's something that we have to work on, right, to make sure that people can be here with the right kind of papers, right?" Student: "But my mom doesn't have any..." Michelle Obama: "Well, we have to work on that."

ABC World News (5/19, story 3, 2:45, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported that in an "extraordinary day in the polarized debate about illegal immigrants in America," Calderón "arrived in the US and criticized Arizona's new law on immigration. President Obama called the law misdirected." The CBS Evening News (5/19, story 13, 0:35, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "Both leaders spoke out against Arizona's controversial new immigration law. The two first ladies visited a grammar school in Silver Spring, Maryland, today and a second grader had a tough question for Mrs. Obama on immigration."

The AP (5/20, Feller) reports President Obama "condemned Arizona's crackdown and pushed instead for a federal fix the nation could embrace. He said that will never happen without Republican support, pleading: 'I need some help.'" Obama "showed solidarity" with President Calderón, "who called Arizona's law discriminatory and warned Mexico would reject any effort to 'criminalize migration.'" Obama "sought to show that he, too, is fed up with his own government's failure to fix a system widely seen as broken." USA Today (5/20, Hall, 2.11M) reports Calderón "criticized Arizona's tough new immigration law as 'discriminatory,' a rebuke of a domestic policy rare for a foreign leader to deliver on US soil."

AFP (5/20, Zamora) says Calderón "refused to hold his punches...strongly criticizing a law that while popular in Arizona has enraged Hispanics and stoked fears of racial profiling. 'Despite their enormous contribution to the economy and society of the United States,' Calderón said, millions of immigrants 'still live in the shadows, and at times, like in Arizona, even face patterns of discrimination.'"

The Washington Times (5/20, Rowland, 77K) reports, "In pointed remarks, Mr. Obama said he sympathized with Arizona's frustration over federal inaction on immigration but agreed with Mr. Calderón the state's new law could lead to discrimination. He also said Republicans are holding up efforts to reform immigration policies." Obama said, "I think a fair reading of the language of the statute indicates that it gives the possibility of individuals who are deemed suspicious of being illegal immigrants from being harassed or arrested. And the judgments that are going to be made in applying this law are troublesome."

The Christian Science Monitor (5/20, LaFranchi, 48K) says immigration "has been at the heart of US-Mexico relations for decades, and so it was Wednesday as Obama received Mr. Calderón for a state visit." Roll Call (5/20, Bendery) reports that Obama "said Calderón was doing his part to create better jobs in Mexico so 'more Mexicans see a future of opportunity in their country.'"

The Wall Street Journal (5/20, A4, Weisman, 2.08M), McClatchy (5/20, Talev, Hall), El Sol de Mexico (5/20), The Hill (5/20, Youngman, 21K), Politico (5/20, Rozen, 25K), and CNN.com (5/19) are among those reporting on the presidents' remarks.

DHS Not Planning To Pursue Family Of Girl Who Asked FLOTUS About Deportation. The New York Times (5/20, A11, Baker) reports that while President Obama and his Mexican counterpart discussed border and immigration policy in Washington, a question posed to First Lady Michelle Obama by a girl at the school she was visiting – whether or not her undocumented mother would be deported – "brought home in a direct and unusually personal way the complicated dynamics of the nation's problem with illegal immigration. Just minutes after the first lady's encounter in Maryland, Mr. Obama strode into the Rose Garden with Mr. Calderon to navigate the treacherous political crosscurrents of the divisive issue." The Times adds that Mrs. Obama's encounter with the girl "was captured on television, and the administration later signaled that it would not pursue the girl's family. Without directly commenting on the situation, Matt Chandler, a spokesman for the Department of Homeland Security, said, 'Our investigations are based on solid law enforcement work and not classroom Q & A's.'"

Likewise, the Los Angeles Times (5/20, Dilanian) says Mrs. Obama had a face-to-face encounter "with the sometimes uncomfortable repercussions of her husband's immigration enforcement policies Wednesday when a second-grader voiced her worries that her mother might be deported." The Times adds that immigrant advocates "seized on the dialogue, which occurred before President Obama addressed immigration with Mexican President Felipe Calderon in the White House Rose Garden."

The AP (5/20, Miller) reports Mrs. Obama said in response to the girl that "we have to work on that. We have to fix that. And everybody's got to work together in Congress to make sure that that happens." In his meeting with Calderon, the President "condemned Arizona's crackdown on illegal immigration and called again for the nation to overhaul immigration. Calderon called Arizona's new law discriminatory and warned that Mexico would reject any effort to 'criminalize migration.'"

The Washington Post (5/20, Shear, Birnbaum, 684K) reports, "With TV cameras rolling during an event to promote healthy eating," the girl asked "why the president was 'taking everybody away that doesn't have papers.' ... In an instant, the spontaneous exchange crystallized the power of the immigration debate, sparking hours of cable news chatter, a rolling Twitter conversation and urgent questions about what, if anything, might happen to the girl's mother as a result of the unscripted moment." The Hill (5/20, O'Brien, 21K) reports the First Lady "told the child of an apparent illegal immigrant on Wednesday that immigration policy should be 'fixed' so her mother could remain in the United States."

Obama: DHS Directed To Step Up Gun, Cash Interdiction Efforts At The Border. The "Burn After Reading" blog on the National Journal (5/20, Risen) reports, "Pressure from the Mexican government to stop cross-border gun purchases by drug cartels is giving some lawmakers hope for a compromise on gun control. In a joint White House press conference with Mexican President Felipe Calderon today, President Obama spoke of shared responsibility on security measures to stop the cartels from buying guns in the US." The President said Wednesday "that he had directed the Department of Homeland Security and other agencies to 'ramp up our efforts at interdicting' the money and guns that have kept the cartels heavily armed against more than three years of Calderon's counternarcotics campaigns. Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano has also focused on interdiction efforts recently, telling an audience at the Brookings Institution this month that 'there's probably not much appetite in Congress for reinstituting the assault weapons ban.'"

More Commentary On Immigration Policy. The New York Times (5/20, 1.09M) editorializes, "Four young immigrant students risked everything on Monday when they sat down in Senator John McCain's office in Tucson and refused to leave. They were urging passage of the Dream Act, a bill offering a citizenship path to illegal immigrants who, like them, were brought to the United States as children, too young to have willfully broken the law. For the undocumented, any encounter with law enforcement is perilous - especially in Arizona, where a new law pushes the hunt for illegal immigrants beyond the limits of reason, proportion and the Constitution. ... Who else has shown such courage in the long struggle for immigration reform? Not Mr. McCain, who ditched his principled support of rational immigration legislation to better his odds in a close re-election campaign against a far-right-wing opponent. Not President Obama, who has retreated to lip service and vagueness in his calls for reform. Not his administration."

LAWMAKERS PUSH FOR NATIONAL GUARD DEPLOYMENT AT BORDER. The AP (5/20, Baldor) reports DHS and DOD "officials are at loggerheads over a plan to send National Guard troops to the US-Mexico border, even as President Barack Obama is pledging to bolster security there. The Guard stalemate has festered for nearly a year, and frustrated lawmakers are demanding action to stem the spread of violence and drug trafficking that has spilled across the border into their states." The AP points to an exchange between Secretary Napolitano and Sen. John McCain during a hearing this week in which the Secretary said "the request involves the White House as well as the Pentagon and the Homeland Security Department, and is still in the interagency process. While she said she would like the decision to be made as soon as possible, she added she could not say when she would have an answer."

MORE THAN 350 LOS ANGELES-AREA IMMIGRANT DETAINEES LOCKED UP MORE THAN 6 MONTHS. The Los Angeles Times (5/20, Gorman) reports, "More than 350 immigrant detainees in the Los Angeles area have been held behind bars longer than six months while fighting deportation," according to a Federal government list turned over to the ACLU of Southern California "late last month as part of a class-action lawsuit in US District Court in Los Angeles." ICE and the Department of Justice "declined to comment on the lawsuit." The Times goes on to note ICE's changes to the immigrant detention system under President Obama, reporting that arriving asylum seekers are now released "if they have a credible fear of persecution, prove their identity and pose neither a flight risk nor a danger to the community." ICE spokeswoman Virginia Kice said the agency wants "to ensure we're using our detention resources to keep criminals and other dangerous aliens in custody while we seek their removal from the country." Announcing an overhaul of the detention system last year, DHS Assistant Secretary for ICE John Morton "said he would make immigration detention less reliant on prisons and jails and more specifically designed for civil detainees."

VIDEO INDICATES 95,000 BARRELS A DAY LEAKING INTO GULF, AS CRUDE REACHES COASTLINE. McClatchy (5/20, Schoof, French) reports a mechanical engineering professor told Congress Wednesday that "the latest glimpse of video footage of the oil spill deep under the Gulf of Mexico indicates that around 95,000 barrels, or 4 million gallons, a day of crude oil may be spewing from the leaking wellhead, 19 times the previous estimate" made by BP, and used by the federal government for weeks. Adm. Thad Allen, the commandant of the Coast Guard, "said in an interview Wednesday that he'd had many conversations over the past week or more with other government science officials about how to get a more precise calculation of the flow." Rep. Ed Markey, who led Wednesday's hearing, "said BP had said that the flow rate was not relevant to the cleanup effort. 'This faulty logic that BP is using is...raising concerns that they are hiding the full extent of the damage of this leak.'"

The CBS Evening News (5/19, story 2, 2:10, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "Congressman Markey didn't stop with BP he blasted the Coast Guard for letting BP call the shots. Coast Guard officials were on a boat with BP contractors that stopped our cameras from viewing an oily beach. And the Coast Guard, which is in charge of the investigation, admits it's had access to live video since day one but won't let Congress or the public see it. Today Interior Secretary Ken Salazar seemed to think the video had been turned over. ... When we told him they aren't, he said 'It will all come out in the investigation.'"

The Huffington Post (5/20, Fromkin) reports Markey also "demanded that the oil company and the Coast Guard make a live video feed from the source of the leak continuously available to the public." An oceanography professor at the hearing "warned that administration officials are minimizing the impact of the spill by only considering what they see on the surface." According to a later statement from Rep. Markey, "BP has relented and will release a live video feed of the gushing oil well in the Gulf of Mexico...The video is expected to be posted to Markey's website, globalwarming.house.gov, sometime tonight, according to Markey's office."

Meanwhile, the New York Times (5/20, McKinley, Robertson, 1.09M) reports, Louisiana Gov. Bobby Jindal said Wednesday "that sheets of heavy crude oil from the offshore spill had seeped deep into the delicate marshes around the mouth of the Mississippi River," and "again chastised the Army Corps of Engineers, the Coast Guard and BP for not moving quickly enough to decide on the state's proposal to build more than 80 miles of sand berms along the coastline."

ABC World News (5/19, lead story, 2:05, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported, "That black oil that Governor Bobby Jindal was talking

about has the consistency of pancake batter, chocolate mousse. In fact, it can be so toxic it can burn through a hazmat suit in a couple of days. Now that oil is hitting these marshlands and hitting them hard." ABC went on to add, "Just this afternoon, the government confirmed that parts of the slick have made their way into that gulf loop current which could carry the oil to Florida within weeks or even days. But some oceanographers believe the thinnest parts of the oil will likely dissipate by the time they hit Florida."

The CBS Evening News (5/19, lead story, 2:30, Couric, 6.1M) added, "The oil in the marsh is thick, it's black, it almost feels like molasses in your hands. It sticks. It's been in this marsh for only about 24 hours, it's already made its way all the way through and is covering the top few inches of these reeds. ... The crude's carnage could extend well beyond Louisiana's marshes; satellite images and NOAA confirm a long tendril of light oil has now entered the powerful loop current. It could start washing up in the Florida Keys in a week, maybe two."

AFP (5/20, Sabourin) explains, "A strong ocean flow known as the Loop Current is now dragging leaking crude from the giant slick off Louisiana toward Florida's popular tourist beaches and fragile coral reefs, threatening a whole new dimension to the unfolding environmental disaster." Scientists said that under worst case scenario, "the oceanic conveyor belt would see the first oil wash up in Florida in as little as six days, before carrying it up the US East Coast and even into the Gulf Stream." And "experts warn the potential damage to the region's teeming marine life and fragile coastlines could be enormous."

Coast Guard Official: Oil In Loop Current, Heading For Florida. The South Florida Sun-Sentinel (5/20, Gibson) reports Coast Guard Rear Admiral Paul Zukunft told a meeting of Florida's congressional delegation Wednesday that the Loop Current had "intersected with the Southern-most part" of the oil slick coming from the leak in the Gulf of Mexico. "The tar balls found in the Keys this week are unrelated to the spill," according to Zukunft. "But he said Floridians should expect to see tar balls from the spill in another week or two. Asked whether there is anything that can be done to stop the spill from coming ashore in South Florida, Zukunft said: 'It would take an act of God. That technology does not exist.'"

States, Industries Prepare For Effects Of Spill. Although "the Coast Guard said tests showed that tar balls washing ashore on the Florida Keys were not caused by the Deepwater Horizon, easing fears that effects from the spill were already being felt hundreds of miles away," USA Today (5/20, Winter, 2.11M) reports that "communities as far north as North Carolina are preparing to deal with potential oil from the Gulf spill as it drifts into an ocean current that could take it around Florida and up the Atlantic coast." Ben Fox, a spokesman for the governor of South Carolina, said that "a previously scheduled meeting of state agencies next Monday on hurricane response plans will also include preparations for oil coming onshore." And "North Carolina officials are also working with the Coast Guard to develop contingency plans," although "Coast Guard scientists told state officials Monday there was a 1% chance that oil would reach North Carolina's coast."

The New York Times (5/20, Skipp, 1.09M) reports from Florida that "those whose livelihood depends on visitors lathered in sunscreen are trying to persuade tourists scared off by the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico to reconsider. For now, Florida tourism is living and dying in 72-hour increments," because "while no oil from the spill - sheen, slick, blobs or balls - has washed ashore on Florida beaches yet, the state's Department of Environmental Protection is guaranteeing such conditions for only three days at a time." Florida's Department of Tourism "has tried to alleviate any public concern about the beaches by posting information about Florida's destinations on its Web site in real time with beach Webcams, Twitter feeds and photos," and "Gov. Charlie Crist said he had secured \$25 million from BP...to finance the tourism advertising campaign after an initial \$25 million went to disaster preparation and response."

The Miami Herald (5/20, Olorunnipa, Rosenberg, 210K) adds that shifting predictions of if or when the spill might reach Florida's coast have "added to an air of uncertainty about how and when the Sunshine State would grapple with fallout from the Gulf catastrophe that could threaten both the state's fragile ecosystem as well as its lifeblood industry: tourism." Gov. Crist told the Herald "that state officials still have no fixed date on when spill pollution might hit the Keys, or anywhere else."

Highlighting the uncertainty, the St. Petersburg (FL) Times (5/20, Pittman, Sanders) reports, "Oil has officially been spotted in the Gulf of Mexico's loop current, which means tar balls are likely to wash ashore somewhere in the Keys - or several somewheres - in eight to 10 days." In the meantime, "Florida wildlife officials are so concerned about oil getting into the loop current that they joined forces with the University of South Florida to dispatch a research vessel, the Bellows, on a four-day voyage into the gulf." The vessel will "park in the loop current" and take samples to allow better monitoring of what's going to happen."

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (5/20, Kirkham, 169K) reports that as the first signs of thick oil were found in the Plaquemines marshlands of Louisiana, Gov. Jindal urged, "What we do not want is for this oil to get farther into our wetlands, farther into our marshes." He warned that "within seven to 10 days, the thick oil standing in marshes like Pass a

Loutre will eventually lead to discoloration of the marsh grass and, potentially, lead to its death." Jindal has been putting pressure on the Army Corps of Engineers "to approve the emergency dredging permit to build up the sand barriers that the state filed late last Tuesday." Said Jindal, "We need this approved, without delay. I want see this approved today." However, there is "no official word on whether BP will front the estimated \$350 million cost, and possibly more, of constructing the nearly 90-mile chain of sand barriers extending east and west of the Mississippi delta."

The CBS Evening News (5/19, story 3, 1:45, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "The Federal government has closed off 19% of gulf waters to fishing. More than 45,000 square miles. And a lot of fishermen are wondering when they'll make their next catch." ABC World News (5/19, story 2, 1:30, Kofman, 8.2M) reported, "Prices up, supply down and business way down." Sandy Theriot, of Rock's seafood explained, "Customers don't want to come out because, of all the publicity, they think everything is full of oil." But ABC added, "Highly unlikely, 45,000 square miles of gulf coast fisheries are closed. A much bigger area than the oil slick itself. Only a handful of catches have been rejected because of contamination."

Hurricane Season Could Worsen Effects Of Oil Spill. USA Today (5/20, Dorell, 2.11M) reports forecasters and scientists are warning that a major hurricane "could make the oil spill worse," as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration said "a hurricane, or a succession of them, may bring oil up from the depths of the Gulf of Mexico and then push it ashore. Forecasters say a season with multiple storms could send oil farther inland and spread it as far as Cape Hatteras, N.C." According to experts at Colorado State University, the nation's oldest hurricane forecasting team, this year's hurricane season "is expected to be above average with 15 tropical storms of which eight could be hurricanes." Joe Jaworski, mayor of Galveston, Texas, a city hit by Hurricane Ike in 2008, said, "To think a storm surge could resuscitate a huge sum of oil (from the deep) and deposit it on land is truly catastrophic."

Coast Guard's Role In Disaster Questioned. The Wall Street Journal (5/20, A6, Bustillo, Smith, 2.08M) reports that the US Coast Guard has come under fire after the oil rig explosion and its ability to carry out its limited responsibilities in preventing such disasters has been questioned. In recent hearings, federal authorities have inquired into whether the Coast Guard has done all it can to ensure that offshore drilling rigs are seaworthy and able to handle fires. Some experts have suggested that the regulatory split between the Coast Guard and the MMS will need to be reexamined. Further complicating the process, many rigs are within foreign jurisdiction, such as the Transocean Ltd. rig, which was registered in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and do not receive the same level of inspection, according to a Coast Guard official.

Use Of Dispersants Questioned. BP was also criticized Wednesday, the Wall Street Journal (5/20, A6, Ball, Power, 2.08M) reports, for the use of a chemical called Corexit 9500 to disperse the oil pouring into the Gulf of Mexico. During a House hearing, Rep. Peter DeFazio claimed, "There are others that EPA measures as more effective on this grade of oil and less toxic." BP responded that it was investigating four alternative chemicals, although no decision has been made as to which one it might use.

Further, the Houston Chronicle (5/20, Dlouhy, 427K) reports, legislators on Wednesday "suggested that corporate ties between BP and the manufacturer drove the choice" of the chemical cocktail. Specifically, the lawmakers "homed in on a former BP executive's role as one of the directors of Nalco Co., whose Energy Services Division, based in Sugar Land, produces the dispersant. A former Exxon Mobil Corp. president is also on Nalco's board of directors."

BP Didn't Request Final Test Of Well's Seal, Company Spokesman Says. The New Orleans Times-Picayune (5/20, DeMocker, 169K) reports a spokesman for Schlumberger, a "top oilfield service company," hired by BP "to test the strength of cement linings on the Deepwater Horizon's well," said BP "sent the firm's workers home 11 hours before the rig exploded April 20 without performing a final check that a top cementing company executive called 'the only test that can really determine the actual effectiveness' of the well's seal." The spokesman added that "BP had a Schlumberger team and equipment for sending acoustic testing lines down the well 'on standby' from April 18 to April 20. But BP never asked the Schlumberger crew to perform the acoustic test and sent its members back to Louisiana on a regularly scheduled helicopter flight at 11 a.m."

Salazar Announces MMS To Be Split Into Three Agencies. McClatchy (5/20, Bolstad) reports Interior Secretary Ken Salazar announced Wednesday that in response "to criticism that the troubled federal agency that regulates offshore drilling is too cozy with the industry it oversees," the Minerals Management Service will be split into three branches. The reorganization "will create the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management to develop energy resources, including offshore renewable resources, and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, which will police offshore operations and protect the environment." Salazar added that "most importantly...the existing division of the agency that oversees \$13 billion in annual revenue collection will evolve into the Office of Natural Resources Revenue, move to the Interior Department's budget and management division, and be entirely separate from Interior's land and minerals division." Said Salazar, "With this restructuring, we will bring greater clarity to the roles and responsibilities of the department while strengthening oversight of the companies that develop energy in our nation's waters."

BP To Use "Top Kill" Procedure To Halt Oil Spill. NBC Nightly News (5/19, story 4, 2:15, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "Aboard the 'Discover Enterprise' above the damaged well, BP says it's now collecting 3,000 barrels of oil a day, up from 2,000 yesterday. The company says it's also putting the finishing touches on its plans to fully seal the gushing well, perhaps by as early as Sunday, using a technique called 'top kill' where heavy drilling mud and cement encase the well. Federal officials see it as their best chance to stop the massive oil leak."

The Christian Science Monitor (5/20, Guarino, 48K) reports BP officials are preparing the "top kill" procedure, which "they say is crucial in containing oil that continues to rush into the Gulf of Mexico at about 210,000 gallons a day," following "a series of failed containment efforts the company has tried since the Deepwater Horizon oil rig collapsed following an April 20 explosion." The procedure, which is scheduled to take place Sunday, "will involve pumping heavy fluids down two three-inch lines placed inside the wellhead. If successful, the fluids will temporarily stop the oil rush, which would then allow operators to seal the opening with cement. The wellhead, officials say, will never be used again for oil drilling."

Biloxi (MS) Sun Herald (5/20, Nelson) adds that BP chief operating officer for exploration and production Doug Suttles explained that "the company still needs diagnostic information to assess the risk before it uses top kill, taking into consideration the condition of the well. If the procedure fails, there's a risk the leak could worsen." Suttles added, "We have to remember it's all being done at a depth of 5,000 feet...This has never been done before." Lars Herbst, regional director of the Minerals Management Service, "called the procedure 'a very complex operation' and said he had returned Wednesday from a meeting on top kill with MMS engineers in Houston."

The Mississippi Press (5/20, Bean, 15K) reports US Coast Guard Rear Adm. Mary Landry said of the company's plans, "We're absolutely holding out hope that the top-kill works," adding, "Let's all keep our fingers crossed and say our prayers that the top-kill works." Meanwhile, Suttles said "calm seas during the last few days have helped skimming and surface burning operations," and "the insertion tube -- basically a straw sucking oil from open well to a boat on the surface -- has worked well since its installation earlier this week." Said Suttles, "We're very encouraged...We think it's a sustainable operation."

Scientists, Environmentalists Express Concerns With Spill Response. The New York Times (5/20, Gillis, 1.09M) reports, "Tensions between the Obama administration and the scientific community over the gulf oil spill are escalating, with prominent oceanographers accusing the government of failing to conduct an adequate scientific analysis of the damage and of allowing BP to obscure the spill's true scope." Scientists have asserted "that the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and other agencies have been slow to investigate the magnitude of the spill and the damage it is causing in the deep ocean," expressing concern "about getting a better handle on problems that may be occurring from large plumes of oil droplets that appear to be spreading beneath the ocean surface." Sylvia Earle, a famed oceanographer, said Wednesday on Capitol Hill, "It seems baffling that we don't know how much oil is being spilled," adding, "It seems baffling that we don't know where the oil is in the water column."

And the AP (5/19) reports that "environmental groups are asking the federal government to take over all monitoring and testing related to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill." National Wildlife Federation President Larry Schweiger, in remarks prepared for congressional testimony, "says BP is keeping too much information from the public. His group and nine others asked President Barack Obama on Wednesday to order more direct federal oversight." They also "want the government to release the results of all tests so far."

Inventors Complain BP Ignoring Their Suggestions. Noting that "BP has received thousands of ideas from the public on how to stop a blown oil well in the Gulf of Mexico," the AP (5/20, Kunzelman, Baker) reports some inventors, however, "are complaining that their efforts are getting ignored. Oil-eating bacteria, bombs and a device that resembles a giant shower curtain are among the 10,000 fixes people have proposed to counter the growing environmental threat." Meanwhile, the company "is taking a closer look at 700 of the ideas, but the oil company has yet to use any of them nearly a month" after the accident. BP is "'clearly out of ideas, and there's a whole world of people willing to do this free of charge," said Dwayne Spradlin, CEO of InnoCentive Inc., which has created an online network of experts to solve problems." A BP spokesman Mark Salt responded that "the company wants the public's help, but that considering proposed fixes takes time."

Meanwhile, though, the New York Daily News (5/20, Kennedy, 588K) reports BP, "desperate for ideas," gave the okay to test a device that cleans oil from sea water, invented by actor Kevin Costner, "after the Army Corps of Engineers gave the machine a thumbs-up. Costner's \$24 million centrifuge machine has a Los Angeles-perfect name, 'Ocean Therapy.'" The device is "placed on a barge, it sucks in oily water, separates out the oil and spits back clean water." Costner told reporters "he started paying a team of scientists millions to create the device after the 1989 Exxon Valdez spill in Alaska, while working on his epic 1995 flop 'Waterworld.'"

Energy Analysts Believe BP May Develop Oil Field At Center Of Disaster. The Christian Science Monitor (5/20, Scherer, 48K) reports "energy analysts believe that BP may ultimately decide to develop" the Macondo prospect "even though it is not considered to be a giant oil field," because the field "is near other BP operations, so its oil - considered ideal for gasoline - could be piped ashore without a lot more expense." However, "BP says it's too early to think about any commercial development of the Macondo prospect." BP spokesman Toby Odone said, "At this point, we genuinely want to get this shut-in, stop the flow of oil, and clean up." Ultimately, though, the company "might also decide not to expend any more money on the prospect other than ongoing efforts to seal the well and drill relief wells." Rick Mueller, an energy analyst, said, "With all the hassle, maybe they'll decide it's better to seal it up and forget about it."

Pickens Says Congress, Administration "Too Quick To Blame" BP. The Dallas Morning News (5/20, Michaels, 350K) reports T. Boone Pickens, speaking at the National Defense University, "faulted Congress and the Obama administration Wednesday for being too quick to blame oil company BP for the Gulf oil spill," taking "issue with Interior Secretary Ken Salazar's remark that the government would 'keep the boot on the neck' of BP." Said Pickens, "Leave them alone, and let them fix it," adding, "BP -- there is nothing wrong with them." The article went on to note that "Pickens made a fortune in the oil business but has renewed his fame as the leader of a campaign to wean the US off foreign oil. The Pickens Plan calls for the US to rely more on natural gas, which is plentiful in America and in North Texas."

Arctic Drilling Proposal Moves Forward Despite Concerns. The New York Times (5/20, A18, Yardley, 1.09M) reports a plan by Shell Oil "to begin exploratory drilling in the Arctic's Beaufort and Chukchi Seas" as early as "this summer received initial permits from the Minerals Management Service office in Alaska at the same time federal auditors were questioning the office about its environmental review process." The approval comes "after many of the agency's most experienced scientists had left, frustrated that their concerns over environmental threats from drilling had been ignored. Minerals Management has faced intense scrutiny in the weeks since the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico." Critics of the plan argue "that an oil spill would be virtually impossible to contain, given the region's remoteness, its severe weather and ice and limited onshore support."

Obama Urged To Overhaul MMS. The Boston Globe (5/20, 325K) editorializes that "President Obama vastly understated the case last week when he said the [MMS] has a 'cozy relationship' with oil companies, because the agency "has routinely flouted federal requirements to seek impact assessments from environmental agencies before issuing permits. This flouting of the law began under the Bush administration, and Obama has failed to correct it." Scientists complained throughout last year "that environmental and safety concerns were being ignored, both for existing rigs and in assessing new drilling permits. But the warnings weren't heeded. Even now, it's not clear if the administration understands the seriousness of the problem." Until "Salazar can convince Congress -- and the nation -- that the [MMS] will conduct extensive safety assessments and allow outside environment reviews before approving any permits," plans for expanded offshore drilling should not be implemented.

GAO FINDS TSA BEHAVIOR DETECTION PROGRAM FAILING TO IDENTIFY TERRORISTS. Describing it as a government program "that doesn't seem to be working," the CBS Evening News (5/19, story 9, 2:15, Couric) aired a report that the TSA's airport behavior detection program "is failing to detect terrorists." A GAO report set for release today "is raising serious questions," having found that "at least 16 individuals later accused of involvement in terrorist plots flew 23 different times through US airports since 2004." CBS added that the TSA issued a statement Wednesday calling "the program a vital layer of security based in science that has resulted in more than 1,700 arrests for illegal activities like drug smuggling." CBS runs a similar report on its website.

KING: NYC ANTI-TERRORISM FUNDING HAS BEEN "BOTTLENECKED IN DHS BUREAUCRACY. The New York Daily News (5/20, McAuliff) reports on what it calls a thickening plot in the controversy over New York City's Federal anti-terrorism funding, with news from Rep. Peter King "that the DHS has just released \$121 million in funding for transit security - \$80 million for New York State and \$41 million for the Port Authority of N.Y. and N.J. - from 2008." King said the funding represents "quite a turnaround by the Department of Homeland Security, which last week slashed New York's mass transit and port security funding." He added that the situation makes "clear that much of this money was bottlenecked in the DHS bureaucracy and should have been available for projects to protect mass transit passengers." DHS Press Secretary Clark Stevens said the agency has maintained that it "is thoroughly committed to supporting New York City's first responders and overall preparedness against acts of terrorism and other disasters, which is why overall port and transit security grant funding in New York City has increased by more than \$47 million or 24 percent under this Administration. ... The projects Representative King references have completed the mandatory reviews and funds are now available for drawdown by the grantees."

Likewise, NY1-TV New York City, NY (5/20) reports on its website that "blames bureaucracy and red tape for stalling the disbursement of the funds." Also covering Wednesday's development, The Hill (5/20, Fabian) notes that "King, along with Democratic Rep. Anthony Weiner (N.Y.) and Sen. Charles Schumer (N.Y.), had criticized the administration's decision last week, just before Obama traveled to the Big Apple to meet with New York City police officers and attend a Democratic

fundraiser."

MOROCCAN-AMERICAN PLEADS GUILTY IN MISSOURI TO MATERIAL SUPPORT OF AL QAEDA. The AP (5/20, Draper) reports naturalized US citizen Khalid Ouazzani, a native of Morocco "who had sworn allegiance to al-Qaida," pleaded guilty Wednesday in Kansas City federal court "to taking part in a conspiracy to provide financial support to the terrorist group." Ouazzani "admitted that he sent \$23,500 to al-Qaida between August 2007 and mid-2008," however, US Attorney Beth Phillips said at a press conference yesterday that "he did not pose a threat to the Kansas City area, where he briefly operated a business that sold auto parts and used vehicles."

The Kansas City Star (5/20) reports Ouazzani "acknowledged in court that he had sworn an oath of allegiance to al-Qaida in June 2008, about the time he sent his last payment to a Middle Eastern bank for transfer to the terror organization." The Star also notes Phillips said at yesterday's press conference, "The public should be assured that at no point did Ouazzani present an imminent risk of harm to our community." However, she "declined several times to discuss details of an investigation by the Heart of America Joint Terrorism Task Force...that led to Ouazzani coming under suspicion."

CNN.com (5/19, Frieden) reported, "Ouazzani was arrested 'early this year,' but his arrest and detention were kept secret until Wednesday, officials said. He was secretly indicted by a federal grand jury in Kansas City on February 3," Phillips said. "The Justice Department said Ouazzani faces up to 65 years in prison without parole and a fine of up to \$1 million." Reuters (5/20, Pelofsky) also reported on Ouazzani's guilty plea.

LEGAL OPINIONS SPLIT ON LIKELIHOOD OF SHAHZAD LENIENCY FOR COOPERATION. In an analysis of Faisal Shahzad's cooperation with investigators, the New York Times (5/20, Weiser) reports, "It is possible he will continue to cooperate, and ultimately his fate may rest on how his cooperation is viewed. While there is little doubt that the information he provided has helped in the investigation of the attempted bombing, whether his assistance will help him is a different matter, one that has stirred discussion in the legal community." Former federal prosecutor Anthony S. Barkow told the Times, "I think he is doomed. He has confessed to an extraordinarily serious offense that carries with it essentially life in prison." However, "veteran defense lawyer" Gerald L. Shargel "said he thought prosecutors would have to offer some sort of benefit...for his cooperation." If Shahzad "received no consideration and was given the penalty of life without the possibility of parole, Mr. Shargel asked how that would be read by the next terrorism suspect who was apprehended."

Shahzad Asked Investigators To Explain Why Car Bomb Failed. The AP (5/20, Hays, Goldman) reports, "While sequestered in a New York hotel room," Shahzad "revealed he had thought about targeting other landmarks and asked investigators why the bomb he built failed to go off, people familiar with the probe said Wednesday." One "person familiar with the case said Wednesday that" Shahzad "expressed surprise that the device...did not detonate," saying "he thought the fireworks would trigger a chain-reaction that would rupture the tanks and create a deadly fireball, the person said." He "even asked interrogators to explain why the device failed."

US Marshals Service Releases Shahzad Mug Shot. In a brief note, the CBS Evening News (5/19, story 8, 0:15, Couric) reported that the US Marshals Service on Wednesday released Shahzad's mug shot, and the New York Daily News (5/20, Meek, McShane) said that in the photo, his "blank, bearded face shows nothing, with Shahzad displaying the same stoic demeanor displayed Tuesday in his first court appearance."

RHODE ISLAND MAN ARRESTED AT PUERTO RICO AIRPORT WITH WEAPONS. The AP (5/20, Melia) reports from San Juan, Puerto Rico, that Jose Pol, a resident of Rhode Island, was "arrested this week trying to board a flight out of Puerto Rico while carrying weapons that included a stun gun, a switchblade knife and four box cutters, US authorities said Wednesday." Pol, 59, "was passing through a security checkpoint at the US Caribbean territory's main international airport Monday when Transportation Security Administration agents discovered the weapons in his carry-on luggage, the FBI said. US authorities said they had not found any evidence linking the case to terrorism. 'We continue to investigate his motivation and if he has any affiliation with any terrorist or other organization,' said Harry Rodriguez, an FBI spokesman in San Juan."

The Los Angeles Times (5/20, Serrano) quotes "a government source who has been briefed on the arrest but who was not authorized to discuss it" as saying that terrorism "is not ruled out." The Times quotes another "government official" as saying that "it appeared 'highly unlikely' that Pol had direct connections to a radical Muslim organization. He added that investigators were trying to determine whether Pol suffers from a military service disability." FBI Special Agent Antonio Vargas "said in an affidavit filed in a Puerto Rico court that Pol was in line to pass through a Transportation Security Authority checkpoint around 12:15 p.m. 'The TSA officer screening the luggage noticed some irregularities in the luggage and sent Pol for a secondary search,' Vargas said. The secondary search, done by hand, turned up the dangerous items, Vargas said."

The Boston Herald (5/20, Mason) and Reuters (5/20) also report on Pol's arrest.

AWLAKI'S STANDING AS "TERRORIST NO. 1" ASSESSED. Under the headline "Why is Anwar Al-Awlaki terrorist 'No. 1?'" the Christian Science Monitor (5/20, Lubold) breaks down a profile of the "young Muslim cleric," who "has come front and center" recently, "with reports that he is linked" to the Ft. Hood shootings, the failed Christmas Day bombing on a flight over Detroit, and the failed Times Square bombing attempt earlier this month. On the issue of his terrorist organization connections, the Monitor reports that Awlaki had not appeared "to be affiliated with any terrorist organization," but a recent communication attributed to him "carried the insignia of Al Qaeda on the Arabian Peninsula." As to whether he is "America's most wanted," the Monitor notes Rep. Jane Harman's recent assessment that he is "'terrorist No. 1' in terms of the threat he poses to the homeland," and President Obama's "unusual – and controversial – step" earlier this year "of authorizing 'capture or kill' operations against Awlaki, despite the cleric's standing as a US citizen."

NO APPARENT SECURITY GLITCHES AT STATE DINNER. The CBS Evening News (5/19, story 12, 0:15, Couric, 6.1M) reported security was set up to be "tight to prevent gate crashers" at the Obamas' second state dinner Wednesday. AFP (5/19) reports the President "deployed the full pomp of a White House state dinner for only the second time, honoring Mexico's President Felipe Calderón with a sumptuous menu and elaborate decor." The White House "was also road testing unspecified extra security measures, after the inaugural Obama state dinner last year for Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh was marred when a socialite couple gatecrashed the festivities."

The AP (5/20) reports, "As about 200 guests streamed into the White House, the Obamas greeted Mexico's first couple on the North Portico. Mrs. Obama wore a one-shoulder, shimmery, cobalt blue floor-length gown, with a wide silver belt and dangling silvery earrings. Zavala wore a plum-colored, sleeveless gown with an Aztec-inspired blue border around the square neckline."

The Washington Post (5/20, Givhan, Roberts, 684K) reports, "This time, it looked as if everything went perfectly. The name of every guest arriving for Wednesday night's state dinner appeared on the official list. The inevitable comparisons to the drama of last year's faded away. And the party talk was focused on politics, the majesty of the White House and how so many memories were being made on such a night. Which is how it should be."

The New York Times (5/20, Baker, 1.09M) writes, "If the unwelcome Tareq and Michael Salahi were nowhere in sight, the Obamas came up with some star power. ... Among the guests were the actors Eva Longoria Parker and George Lopez; the Olympic speed skater Shani Davis, who brought his coach, Jae Su Chun; and the New York Jets quarterback Mark Sanchez, who brought his left tackle, D'Brickashaw Ferguson." The Chicago Tribune (5/20, Skiba, 534K) says the guests "mingled with state and federal lawmakers, diplomats, donors, Obama relatives and friends, many from Chicago, plus West Coast guests including Los Angeles Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa." The Hill (5/20, Wilkie, 21K) and CNN.com (5/19) also report on the guest list; Mexico's El Sol de Mexico (5/20) and La Cronica de Hoy (5/20) also have reports.

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NAPOLITANO: BORDER "AS SECURE NOW AS IT HAS EVER BEEN." Secretary Napolitano's discussion of border security issues Wednesday at the Center for Strategic and International Studies is gaining media attention across the nation, particularly in the Southwest, where coverage tends to focus on specific plans and an approval for drones along the Texas-Mexico border. Reports out of Washington are highlighting the speech as a strong defense of the Administration's border security efforts in the face of Republican criticism.

The Washington Post (6/24, A2, Connolly, 684K) reports Secretary Napolitano, speaking one day after the President asked Congress for \$500 million in emergency border security funding, discussed FAA approval for placement of a new aerial drone at the Texas-Mexico border and an "agreement to allow local police from non-border communities to temporarily 'deploy' to the border region to assist with security." Napolitano, the Post says, "laid out the case that the 'border is as secure now as it has ever been,'" while acknowledging that there is more to be done. Sen. John Cornyn, who had "blocked Senate confirmation of Michael Huerta to be deputy director of the FAA" after approval for a Texas-Mexico border drone was slow in coming, said Wednesday that "he would allow a vote on Huerta."

The Washington Times (6/24, Dinan, 77K) reports that in her time at DHS, Napolitano has attempted "to walk a difficult line, arguing on the one hand enough has been done on the border that Congress can work on legalization, but also acknowledging the border isn't secure and needs more help."

On its website, CNN (6/24, Cratty) reports Napolitano said Wednesday that delaying immigration reform until the border is completely sealed is "not the answer to the problem." In what CNN called "a clear reference" to a controversial immigration law in Arizona, Napolitano said the US needs "a single, functional immigration and border policy." On its "Political Punch" blog, ABC News (6/24, Dwyer) reports that Napolitano was "animated" in rejecting preconditions for progress on immigration reform. She "strongly defended the administration's record on policing the border, saying the agency has 'attacked' immigration and crime challenges there and in the interior in an 'unprecedented' way. But she said enforcement alone will not solve the system's problems."

CongressDaily (6/24, Strohm) says Napolitano's comments marked "the strongest response so far to repeated attacks by Republican lawmakers who have slammed the Obama administration for not doing enough to secure the nation's borders." She "said actions the administration is taking represent the 'most serious and thorough' effort ever to secure the nation's borders." CongressDaily adds that Sens. John McCain and Jon Kyl were "unimpressed" by Napolitano's speech.

CQ Homeland Security (6/24, Margetta) quotes Napolitano as saying that the Administration is "attacking the challenges the border brings, and we're doing it in ways that are smart and tough and strategic."

The Miami Herald (6/24, French, 210K) reports Napolitano targeted politicians who propose "bumper sticker" solutions,

saying that while progress is being made, one "may not get this impression from those trying to gain political point by saying the border is spinning out of control."

Noting Napolitano's discussion of the Administration's border security efforts, Fox News' Greta Van Susteren (6/23, 10:21 p.m. EDT) interviewed Pinal County Sheriff Paul Babeu, who said the Secretary's assessment that the border is as secure as it has ever been is "Absolutely not true."

The Arizona Republic (6/24, Kelly, 393K) reports "Napolitano initially was quoted as saying Wednesday that all 1,000 agents would be added to Border Patrol operations in Arizona. But a Homeland Security spokesman said Wednesday afternoon that the additional 1,000 agents, who must be approved by Congress, would be spread across the border." The AP (6/24) notes that Napolitano also said Wednesday that DHS "is working with the Office of National Drug Control Policy on 'Project Roadrunner,' a license plate recognition system designed to seek out possible drug traffickers."

Highlighting the UAV approval, the San Antonio Express-News (6/24, Martin, 210K) quotes Napolitano as saying that such "flights aren't useful everywhere, but in some places they are part of the right mix of infrastructure, manpower and technology to improve border security."

The McAllen (TX) Monitor (6/24, Janes, 47K) reports the FAA approval "comes only a month after Republican Sens. John Cornyn and Kay Bailey Hutchison, Cuellar and other members of the state's border delegation asked FAA Administrator Randolph Babbitt to expedite his agency's approval of the aircraft." Napolitano said Wednesday "that her department has committed a mix of manpower, technology and infrastructure to crack down on border-related smuggling and other crimes. The UAVs are part of a comprehensive border security strategy, said Napolitano, who also called for a 'Southwest Border Law Enforcement Compact' that allows police officers from across the nation to be detailed to border law enforcement agencies."

The Corpus Christi Caller Times (6/24) reports that UAVs "have been pushed for the border region by a bipartisan cadre of lawmakers from border states and for hurricanes and other surveillance in the Gulf of Mexico." AFP (6/24, Zamora) notes that the US "currently has four drones patrolling the border with Mexico in Arizona and one in the northern border with Canada in the state of North Dakota, according to the Department of Homeland Security."

KSAZ-TV Phoenix (6/23, 6:06 p.m. MST) showed Napolitano saying that improved security numbers at the border "tell the story about our strategy. We are focusing our energy on the most dangerous threats to communities."

On its website, KOLD-TV Tucson, AZ (6/24, Herschler) reports, "At least one of the efforts announced Wednesday is geared specifically to the Border Patrol's Tucson sector. DHS is deploying additional Border Patrol agents, Immigrations and Customs Enforcement investigators, air assets and other technologies to target drug cartel operations in the Tucson sector." KGUN-TV Tucson (AZ) (6/24) also notes the new plans for border security on its website.

KTAR-FM Phoenix (6/24) reports on its website that Napolitano said she has "ordered the deployment of additional Border Patrol agents, ICE investigators, air assets and other technologies to the Arizona border." The Secretary "said those resources would target operations against the drug cartels that threaten the area around Tucson."

Napolitano Says Other Plans In Place For Northern Border. Writing for Canada's Macleans (6/24), Luiza Ch. Savage notes that Secretary Napolitano said in a question and answer session following her speech that the measures she had discussed were "for the Southwest border. However, we have other measures we've apply at the northern border. ... We have excellent cooperation with the RCMP and have an aggressive program under way now to improve and provide better equipment and technology in the ports of entry all along the northern border." David Aguilar, Deputy Commissioner, US Customs and Border Protection added, "We don't forget about the northern border."

SOME IN BORDER PATROL SAY THEY WILL BE HINDERED BY OVERTIME LIMITS. The Washington Times (6/24, Seper, 77K) reports that as the Administration seeks new border agents, "and Congress and the public are clamoring for beefed-up border security," a number of "rank-and-file and senior agents told The Washington Times that a new overtime directive issued at the agency's Washington headquarters will limit their ability to get their jobs done, reduce coverage during peak smuggling periods and allow more criminals to avoid apprehension." The Border Patrol "has promised" as part of a major recruitment effort "what it called an 'excellent opportunity for overtime pay.' The overtime cutback comes at a time that violence against the agents, according to Department of Homeland Security records, is up 31 percent this fiscal year."

CORNYN WRITES NAPOLITANO REGARDING AFGHAN SOLDIERS AWOL IN US. KWTX-TV Waco, TX (6/24) reports on its website that Sen. John Cornyn wrote to Secretary Napolitano "Wednesday demanding some answers about the 17 members of the Afghan military who have disappeared from Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio over the last

18 months. Cornyn wants to know why the administration hasn't been able to find the Afghanis and he wants to know why he and his office weren't notified they were missing." He "said official statements do not assure him that none of the 17 poses a security threat."

Also noting Napolitano's letter, KXXV-TV Waco, TX (6/24, Ojeda) reports on its website that Cornyn said in a letter to US Air Force Secretary Michael B. Donley last week "that the department's lack of information released is unacceptable." In his letter to Napolitano, Cornyn asks "why the missing Afghan officers have not been located and stresses the threat of national security."

MORE STATES TAKING ACTION ON IMMIGRATION POLICY. Noting the national attention being paid to Arizona's "tough new law against illegal immigration" and a measure approved this week by voters in Fremont, Nebraska, the Washington Post (6/24, A3, Savage, 684K) reports that "similar proposals are under consideration across the country. Five states -- South Carolina, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Michigan -- are looking at Arizona-style legislation, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures." The first three months of this year saw legislators in 45 states introduce "1,180 bills or resolutions dealing with immigrants, an unprecedented number, according to the NCSL."

Motivation Behind Fremont Law Questioned. The Fremont (NE) Tribune (6/24, Beck, 8K) reports the measure approved this week has prompted some to "question whether Fremont has a problem with people in the country illegally _ or immigrants in general. Supporters of the measure say illegal immigrants have flocked to the eastern Nebraska city of 25,000 to take jobs at two meatpacking plants outside of town." The Tribune notes that ICE spokeswoman said operations are not tracked "via industry, size or location...so she could not say how many raids or audits of employment rolls had taken place in recent years at Nebraska meatpacking plants _ including at Fremont's two plants: Hormel and Fremont Beef. 'ICE has to focus its priorities on dangerous criminals, egregious employers, foreign-born gang members,' she said. 'First and foremost is public safety.'"

Mexicans See Support Come Along With Harsh Measures. The Christian Science Monitor (6/24, Llana, 48K) reports that, along with measures like those in Arizona and Fremont, "Mexicans are also seeing a new level of American discontent percolating over US immigration initiatives, much of it coming from unexpected corners."

EIGHT GOP SENATORS WARN OF OBAMA AMNESTY PLAN. FOX News (6/24) reports on its website that eight Republican senators have joined with the group Numbers USA to warn "that the Obama administration is drafting a plan to 'unilaterally' issue blanket amnesty for millions of illegal immigrants as it struggles to win support in Congress for an overhaul of immigration laws." Sens. Chuck Grassley, Orrin Hatch, David Vitter, Jim Bunning, Saxby Chambliss, Johnny Isakson, James Inhofe, and Thad Cochran wrote to the President Monday urging him "to 'abandon' what they say is a move to 'unilaterally extend either deferred action or parole to millions of illegal aliens in the United States.'"

CAP BACK IN PLACE AFTER DAYLONG REMOVAL DUE TO ACCIDENT. The AP (6/24, Kunzelman) reports, "Oil had spewed uncontrolled into the Gulf of Mexico for much of the day Wednesday before engineers reattached a cap being used to contain the gusher and direct some of the crude to a surface ship." The logistics coordinator on board the Discoverer Enterprise said "that after more than 10 hours, the system was again collecting the crude." BP "later confirmed the cap was back in place, but said it had been hooked up about an hour and half earlier. The coordinator said it would take a little time for the system to 'get ramped back up.'"

The New York Times (6/24, Robbins, 1.09M) reports incident commander Adm. Thad Allen of the Coast Guard, "at a briefing in Washington, said a remote-controlled submersible operating a mile beneath the surface had most likely bumped a vent and compromised the system. Live video from the sea floor showed oil and gas storming out of the well unrestricted. By evening, the cap was back on, nestled in place on the eighth try after about 90 minutes of effort." The Miami Herald (6/24, Rosenberg, 210K) reports that until the rupture "Allen reported that BP had captured nearly 28,000 barrels of oil at the spill site in a 24-hour period on Tuesday."

WEAR-TV Mobile, Alabama (6/23, 11:01 p.m. CT) reported, "BP says the containment cap is back in place...the device was reinstalled and functioning again at 7 o'clock tonight." WFAA-TV Dallas (6/23, 11:11 p.m. CT) reported, "Tens of thousands of gallons of oil spilled into the Gulf today. ... The containment cap had to be removed when an underwater robot bumped it. About half an hour ago we got word the cap is back on."

Earlier, ABC World News (6/23, story 7, 1:20, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported, "More oil is spilling once again into the Gulf tonight. An accident undersea forced BP to remove that containment cap. So the oil is now flowing unrestricted." ABC (Alfonsi) added, "The oil spewing again unchecked. An undersea robot crashed into the containment cap system, shutting down a vent. Sixty thousand barrels a day now gushing into the Gulf, and closing down the pristine beaches of Pensacola. The oily syrup now all over the sand of those famous Florida beaches."

The CBS Evening News (6/23, story 3, 2:40, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "On Day 65, BP was forced to remove the cap it had worked so hard to install after an undersea robot bumped into it. So more crude is gushing out, hundreds of thousands of gallons more." NBC Nightly News (6/23, story 4, 2:35, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "The sickening sight of all that oil again spewing out of that well all over again. The so-called containment cap that had been working at least partially is now gone, and that was a heartbreaker for the Gulf region today, along with an ugly sight on some Florida beaches."

More than 250 stories on local television stations in the Gulf region covered the news that oil and gas continued to flow unchecked for several hours Wednesday. KPRC-TV Houston, TX (6/23, 11:17 p.m. CT) reported, "Oil is gushing uncontrollably into the Gulf." BP engineers "faced a setback in their containment efforts today when an undersea robot bumped the cap that's been collecting oil."

The Washington Post (6/24, Achenbach, 684K) reports, "The Deepwater Horizon well became an uncapped geyser once again Wednesday." The "morning mishap with the makeshift cap on the well ended a 24-hour period of relative success. On Tuesday, the cap had managed to capture 16,668 barrels (700,056 gallons) of oil; 10,429 more barrels (438,018 gallons) were flared through a separate containment operation that continues uninterrupted. The amount was the highest yet contained since the April 20 explosion."

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (6/24, White, 169K) reports, "The 14-foot-tall, 4-foot in diameter cap has been attached to a riser pipe and feeding oil and natural gas to the Discoverer Enterprise ship on the surface since June 3." With the cap displaced, "oil could be seen shooting from the damaged Macondo well into the sea for much of the day Wednesday." The Houston Chronicle (6/24, Hong, Latson, 427K) says the "amount of oil spilling into the Gulf of Mexico jumped by thousands of barrels Wednesday after an underwater robot apparently struck the containment cap."

The Wall Street Journal (6/24, Daker, Hughes, 2.08M), Christian Science Monitor (6/24, Guarino, 48K), New York Daily News (6/24, Lovett, Kennedy, 588K), and AFP (6/24) also report on the containment cap problem and its repair.

Pensacola Beaches "Covered in Oil." NBC Nightly News (6/23, story 5, 1:50, Potter, 8.37M) reported Pensacola, Florida, "residents and tourists awoke to the day they hoped they would never see, with their entire beachfront covered in oil. It rolled ashore overnight and kept coming all day, pushed along by southeast winds. Skimmer boats arrived to stop it but oil still got past them. Beachgoers were shocked and saddened by what happened to the pure, white sand."

The Pensacola News-Journal (6/24, Blair) reports, "Heavy oil tar balls, mats and mousse showed up on Escambia County beaches." Gov. Charlie Crist, in Pensacola "for a tour of the beach and cleanup," said, "To see something like this in such a beautiful place is unbelievable. We've seen tar balls but never this kind of stuff." The Miami Herald (6/24, Klas, Rosenberg, 210K) reports, "Workers spent the day raking up the chocolate-brown oil mats and tar patches that washed ashore, and the state ordered road graders to lift the gunk from the once-white beaches."

Oil Spotted In Mississippi Sound. The Biloxi Sun Herald (6/24, Pender, 41K) reports, "Oil has been found in the Mississippi Sound in the pass between Horn and Ship islands," and has also "been spotted 11 miles south of Petit Bois Island." The Mobile Press-Register (6/24, Raines) reports, "Few tarballs were found this morning on the beach at the broken off western end of Dauphin Island, which was severed from the main part of the island by 2005's Hurricane Katrina."

Two Cleanup Workers Have Died, One Apparently A Suicide. The CBS Evening News (6/23, story 3, 2:40, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "We learned today two cleanup workers have died." CBS (Cobiella) added, "We don't know much. One apparently was a suicide, the other some sort of swimming accident, but neither apparently directly connected to the spill or cleanup." The AP (6/23) reports incident commander Adm. Thad Allen "said Wednesday in Washington that one man was killed by what investigators later called a self-inflicted gunshot wound. Allen said the other worker's death involved swimming. He would not provide more details."

The Mobile Press-Register (6/24, Busby) reports Alabama charter boat captain William Allen Kruse shot and killed himself Wednesday morning "just before his vessel was scheduled to set out to take part in oil cleanup and protection efforts, investigators said." Coroner Stan Vinson "said witnesses told investigators that Kruse had been upset about the loss of business caused by the closing of fishing grounds and public perceptions of the Deepwater Horizon oil spill."

The Los Angeles Times (6/24, Hennessy-Fiske, Fausset, 776K) says the "apparent suicide...was a grim reminder of the mental health toll that may haunt the Gulf of Mexico region for years as industries are damaged and estuaries are despoiled by the BP oil disaster." One charter boat captain said, "How can you deal with watching the oil kill every damn thing you ever lived for in your whole life?" The Washington Post (6/24, Hedgpeth, Fahrenthold, 684K) also reports on the apparent suicide.

NEW CYBERSECURITY DRAFT WOULD NARROW "KILL SWITCH" PROVISION. CQ (6/24, Starks) reports that a "new draft of a Senate cybersecurity bill would narrow a provision that had become the most controversial part of the legislation by sparking fears that the president would get sweeping powers to take over the Internet in the event of an emergency." The measure "had drawn opposition from some business and civil liberties groups because of language that critics labeled a 'kill switch.'" But the "new, narrower version of the bill," set to be introduced Thursday during a Homeland Security Committee hearing, "curtails the scope of the president's authority."

CongressDaily (6/24, Strohm) reports Sens. Joe Lieberman, Susan Collins, and Tom Carper "issued a document Wednesday to counter what they said are myths being spread about their bill." They said the measure "provides the president with a scalpel to address threats to individual systems or networks, so he can avoid using the sledgehammer of shutting down entire communications networks."

ICE URGES JUDGE TO DENY BAIL FOR MAINE MAN QUESTIONED IN SHAHZAD PROBE. The AP (6/24, Lavoie) reports, "A Pakistani man arrested in Maine on an immigration charge during the Times Square bombing investigation is not a danger to the community, but he is a flight risk," ICE Boston Deputy Chief Counsel Richard Neville told US Immigration Judge Francis Cramer at a hearing on Wednesday. Mohammad Shafiq Rahman "is seeking to become a permanent US resident based on his marriage," and "has requested to be released on bail while his case makes its way through immigration court." Cramer "did not immediately rule on Rahman's bail request," and after yesterday's hearing, defense lawyer Cynthia Arn said Rahman "has 'no connection' to Faisal Shahzad."

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Leading DHS News:

OBAMA EXPRESSES ANGER AND SYMPATHY IN THIRD TRIP TO GULF COAST. President Obama returned to Louisiana on Friday, and expressed a level of frustration and anger over the oil leak that critics said was lacking in his earlier pronouncements. As the AP (6/5, Benac) reports, the President "unleashed frustration for all to see Friday, warning BP it had better do right by the people whose lives it has wrecked." The visit "was about the workers with no government titles, the shrimpers and the shopkeepers, the fishermen whose lives have been upended and are running out of people to blame. Yet Obama's trip was also about him." Though Obama "says it serves little substantive point to go around and yell," presidents "face peril if they do not connect emotionally."

On NBC Nightly News (6/4, story 2, 2:45, Williams, 8.37M), Savannah Guthrie reported, "Aides dismiss this criticism that the President is too cool or detached, yet this trip seems to be a counterpoint to all of that. He's meeting with local residents, fishermen and business owners right now. He's invited the families of the 11 fallen oil rig workers to the White House on Thursday. And today he gave BP a piece of his mind."

ABC World News (6/4, story 3, 2:15, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported that though "undersea the robots managed to place a cap over the source of the leak" on Friday, "no one is proclaiming the result a success, including President Obama, on his third trip down to the Gulf." ABC (Tapper) added, "The cap BP has placed over the blown-out well is in place, but BP says the cap is only containing approximately 1,000 of the 19,000 barrels of oil gushing into the ocean each day." President Obama: "It does appear that the cap at least for now is holding. It is way too early to be optimistic." Tapper: "BP promised to provide more information, but so far, the company has not. After being briefed in New Orleans this afternoon, on the latest in the environmental disaster, the President seemed irritated to hear that BP was shelling out \$50 million for a new ad campaign." Obama: "What I don't want to hear is, when they're spending that kind of money, that they're nickel and diming fishermen or small businesses here in the Gulf who are having a hard time."

The New York Times (6/5, Krauss, Fountain, 1.09M) reports the President "kept up his criticism of BP, saying the oil company had paid billions of dollars in stock dividends and spent millions on image advertising while people who suffered from the disaster were reporting difficulties getting claims paid." The New York Daily News (6/5, Siemaszko, Bazinet, 588K) reports Obama "reacted harshly after learning during his third visit to the oil-slathered region" that BP is spending so much on "image-repairing TV ads" and dividend payments. The Hill (6/4, Geman, Swanson), Politico (6/4, Thrush), and AFP (6/5, Johnson) also report on Obama's remarks.

Some Upset By Obama's Refusal To Lift Drilling Moratorium. The CBS Evening News (6/4, story 2, 2:30, Couric, 6.1M) reported the President "has invited the families of the 11 people killed in the rig explosion to the White House next week." He returned to the Gulf Friday "to both see and be seen," and he "took another shot at BP." CBS (Reid) added, "The President lashed out at BP over reports they're spending \$50 million on an ad campaign to improve their image and \$10 billion on dividends for shareholders. ... The President then headed for Grand Isle where a thick ooze is washing ashore and residents are divided over who's to blame. Are you angry at BP?" Herman Daigle, Grand Isle resident: "Very." Reid: "Are you angry at the President?" Daigle: "No. No. ... The man's doing all he can, I think. His hands are tied behind his back to a certain extent." Jerry LaFont, local business owner: "I'm angry at the President, I'm angry at the way they're handling things. I think it's just taken too long to get things done." Reid: "But Jerry LaFont says there's one thing that makes him angrier than the slow response: the President's decision to impose a six-month moratorium on deep-water exploratory drilling."

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (6/5, Rioux, 169K) reports that "if elected officials and residents hoped the president would use the visit to ease the deepwater drilling moratorium or announce programs aimed to soften its potential blow, they no doubt came away disappointed." The President "offered sympathy but no easing of the six-month moratorium that maritime industry leaders said could effectively shut down drilling for two years and cost thousands of jobs as rigs are redeployed to other parts of the globe."

The New York Times (6/5, Zeller, 1.09M) says the moratorium "most directly affects 17 oil companies, including multinational giants like BP, Exxon Mobil, Shell and Chevron. The order, issued May 27, forced 33 rigs to shut down

operations." The Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil and Gas Association "has estimated that each exploration and production job represents four supporting jobs in and around the region. If that is the case, thousands of jobs -- and millions of dollars in wages -- could be affected by the work stoppage, the group said."

The Wall Street Journal (6/5, Esterl, Weisman, 2.08M) says Obama expressed concern about the impact the moratorium will have on the regional economy, and indicating that he did not wish to permanently end offshore oil exploration.

Politics Daily (6/4) reports that a "majority of Americans now say the costs and risks of increased offshore oil drilling are too great and they are more likely to see the April 20 platform collapse of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig and resulting spill as part of a broader problem rather than an isolated incident, according to a CBS News poll conducted June 1-3." The survey found 51 percent saying the "costs and risks are too great compared to 40 percent who still favor increased offshore drilling, with 9 percent undecided. Last week, 46 percent considered increased offshore drilling too risky while 45 percent favored it."

Barbour Again Misses Meeting With Obama. The AP (6/4) reports Gov. Haley Barbour on Friday skipped a meeting with President Obama in Louisiana about the oil spill. A Barbour spokesman said the Mississippi governor "was in New York, where he met Thursday with bond rating agencies. ... The governors of Louisiana, Alabama and Florida all met with Obama Friday in Louisiana."

The Biloxi Sun-Herald (6/5, Pender) notes that Barbour missed meeting with Obama during the President's last visit as well. Meanwhile, the Mobile Press-Register (6/5) reports that Gov. Bob Riley said Obama "ordered the Coast Guard to give Alabama what it needs to protect the shores from oil."

"Top Hat" In Place Over Source Of Leak. The Washington Post (6/4, Achenbach, 684K) reports, "The well has been capped, more or less. BP engineers Thursday night guided a containment dome onto the hydrocarbon geyser shooting from the Gulf of Mexico oil well -- a desperate and iffy attempt to capture the leaking oil and funnel it to a ship on the surface. It was not an elegant operation. Furious clouds of oil escaped the 'top hat.'" Incident commander Thad Allen "called the development a positive step but said, 'It will be sometime before we can confirm that this method will work and to what extent it will mitigate the release of oil into the environment.'"

McClatchy (6/5, Bolstad, Schoof) says that though oil "is still flowing from the containment device," the "flow of oil that's visible via underwater cameras is expected to disappear as crews close the cap's vents and begin sending more of the oil to a ship on the surface. The process is slow because engineers are concerned about crystals known as hydrates forming in the cap, which doomed one of the early efforts at containing the well."

The Los Angeles Times (6/5, Boxall, 776K) called it "a sign that BP may be on the verge of subduing its uncontrolled well," but company officials "said it would be a day or more before they could judge how successful the cap was at containing the leak that is feeding the largest spill in US history." Still, "after string of failures," they "sounded hopeful. 'Things are going as planned,' said BP Senior Vice President Kent Wells about 12 hours into the operation. 'I'm quite encouraged.'"

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (6/5, Kirkham, 169K) says the "attempt to contain the oil through a cap -- as opposed to permanently stemming the flow, a la the failed top-kill method last weekend -- is the latest in a frustrating series of unsuccessful remedies to a 46-day catastrophe." The Houston Chronicle (6/5, Hatcher, Hong, 427K) says BP "still does not know how much oil the device will collect from the well."

Tar Balls Begin Washing Up On Florida Panhandle Beaches. ABC World News (6/4, story 2, 2:20, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported, "As of tonight, the oil has hit 140 miles of coastline in beaches across Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi, and the sheen now looms 3 1/2 miles off the Florida coast." Tar balls are "coming ashore on the beach." The CBS Evening News (6/4, story 3, 2:35, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "All along the Florida Panhandle, they're preparing for the worst. ... It was threatening the coast for a couple days now, but the oil has started to wash up on shore." NBC Nightly News (6/4, story 4, 2:35, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "The first substantial clumps of oil appeared on that blindingly white sand."

The AP (6/5, Nelson, Mohr) reports, "The BP catastrophe arrived with the tide on the Florida Panhandle's white sands Friday." The oil "has now reached the shores of four Gulf states -- Louisiana, Mississippi, Alabama and Florida -- turning its marshlands into death zones for wildlife and staining its beaches rust and crimson in an affliction that some said brought to mind the plagues and punishments of the Bible."

The Pensacola News Journal (6/5, Blair) reports, "The arrival of the tar balls -- in sizes ranging from a pecan to a hubcap -- ended weeks of grim anticipation about when the byproduct of the BP oil disaster would become visible here. The western end of Navarre Beach was strewn with coin-sized globs with the mild odor of a newly paved road. Unlike the hard

nugget tar balls reported elsewhere, the material had the consistency and appearance of warm, melted chocolate."

The Mobile Press-Register (6/5) reports that on the Alabama coast, "the oil was reddish and broken into small bits" that resembled "disintegrating driftwood. But when it latched onto the beach, its hue darkened and the pieces melted together in shiny globs, like chocolate that had exploded in a microwave. ... The good news for coastal Alabama's \$2.3 billion tourism trade is that most beachgoers regarded the oil as a curiosity, not something to run from."

Local Officials Say Cleanup Not Happening Fast Enough. The Baton Rouge Advocate (6/5, 1A, Wold, 102K) reports, "With oil continuing to wash into interior Louisiana marshes along the Gulf of Mexico, local and state officials say they're not seeing cleanup take place. 'There's no cleanup going on in the marsh,' state Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Secretary Robert Barham said. 'I have not seen it, and I guess I've been on the coast as much as anybody.'" However, Ed Owens of the Shoreline Cleanup Assessment Teams "said the cleanup is getting done in a timely manner." The Coast Guard and BP "say more than 20,000 people are responding to 'protect the shoreline and wildlife and cleanup vital coastlines' and more than 1,900 vessels are responding to oil containment and cleanup."

The Mississippi Press (6/5, Philips, 15K) reports, "Dozens more private boats were deployed Friday to search for and skim oil, and many more were on standby as their crews awaited hazardous-materials training. The new boats bring to 158 the number primarily working the Mississippi coast, according to U.S. Coast Guard officials. There are another 220 in Alabama and 112 in Florida."

Spill Threatens Pointe-au-Chien Tribe. The Washington Post (6/5, Fahrenthold, 684K) reports that the oil spill is challenging the French-speaking Pointe-au-Chien American Indian nation, whose members "worry that the oil will kill the marsh" where they live.

NYTimes Says Spill Is Proof That Energy Bill Is Needed. The New York Times (6/5, 1.09M) says in an editorial that in his Wednesday speech at Carnegie Mellon University, President Obama invoked the oil spill "to pound on Congress about its duty to pass a comprehensive energy bill that addresses oil dependency and global warming. The House has passed such a bill, but a companion measure in the Senate languishes, hostage to solid Republican opposition, exaggerated fears about its costs and timidity on the part of the Democratic leadership." He said, "I will work with anyone from either party to get this done." The President's "task is to follow up that vow with action. ... Perhaps the spreading nightmare on the waters of the gulf will get a few to break with the party line."

Immigration and Customs Enforcement:

GRADUATES WITHOUT LEGAL STATUS FACE LIMITED FUTURE. The New York Times (6/5, A17, Santos, 1.09M) reports that college graduates without legal immigration status face "a future with uncertain job options and limited options of government aid to continue their schooling." At Queensborough Community College, which held its commencement ceremony Friday, an estimated 1,000 of its 15,000 students are illegal immigrants, according to the school's president, who notes that, like other schools in the New York City system, "We make a point not to ask about it, and we are proud of it." New York is also one of 10 states where illegal immigrants can be eligible for financial aid. One commencement speaker, NY Sen. Charles Schumer (D), who chairs a Senate immigration subcommittee, declined to forecast prospects for the apparently stalled DREAM Act, which would legalize illegal immigrants who were brought to the US as children.

Customs and Border Protection:

PREDATOR DRONE FLIGHTS ALONG US-MEXICO BORDER BEGIN. The Houston Chronicle (6/5, Martin, 427K) reports, "An unmanned aerial vehicle made its first surveillance flight this week along the U.S.-Mexico border in West Texas and began gathering intelligence for federal, state and local law enforcement agencies." The Hill (6/4, Bolton) reports Customs and Border Protection "began flying unmanned surveillance missions" using Predator B aerial drones "along the Mexican border on Tuesday, according to congressional sources briefed on the matter."

MARYLAND FIRM TO MODERNIZE PORT AUTHORITY OF GUAM. Guam's Pacific Daily News (6/5, Alladi) reports, "A Maryland-based engineering firm with a presence on Guam has been awarded a \$400 million contract to help modernize the Port Authority of Guam." The Daily News also reports that according to a press release, "The timely completion of this major infrastructure improvement program is necessary to provide modern and efficient transportation access to the island of Guam, and to meet the Department of Defense requirements for the Guam buildup." The Daily News adds, "Yesterday, EA's Guam office manager Bob Shambach said this recent contract award by MARAD is 'definitely' a good sign that Guam may receive the additional \$50 million in Defense Department funding it has requested for buildup-related expansion projects at the island's civilian port. President Obama has written to Congress supporting Guam's request, according to Pacific Daily News files."

MEXICAN DRUG SMUGGLERS UTILIZE ULTRALIGHT AIRCRAFT. McClatchy (6/5, Johnson) reports, "Several times a week, drug smugglers somewhere along Mexico's border with the United States strap themselves into low-flying ultralight aircraft and take off with loads of marijuana." According to McClatchy, "Ultralight aircraft evolved out of hang gliders, and the Federal Aviation Administration doesn't classify them as 'aircraft.' That legal loophole allows dopers to bring in sizable loads of marijuana and get lighter jail terms than if they'd used a car or small airplane. 'It's a pretty new phenomenon,' said Andrew S. Gordon, of the general counsel's office at the Department of Homeland Security." Rep. Gabrielle Giffords "proposed last month to close that loophole with an Ultralight Smuggling Prevention Act."

Transportation Security Administration:

AIRPORT POLICE SEEK GREATER COOPERATION FROM LAPD. The Los Angeles Times (6/5, Weikel, Blankstein, 776K) reports that the police who patrol the Los Angeles International Airport have complained to the head of the city council's public safety committee that the separate Los Angeles Police Department fails to notify them of calls "involving possible disturbances, medical emergencies, crimes and traffic accidents at the airport, which was identified as a top target for terrorists after 9/11." They cite an emergency 'shots fired, man down' call last November – which proved unfounded – in which LAPD dispatchers called an LAPD unit in Marina del Rey rather than the airport-based police in the terminal. An LAPD spokesman claims that communication between the departments has improved since last year and disputed some of the airport police department claims.

FLIGHT ATTENDANT ARRESTED WITH GUN AT INDIANAPOLIS AIRPORT. The AP (6/5) reports that a Delta flight attendant "who was carrying a handgun in her purse has been arrested at Indianapolis International Airport." According to an airport spokesman, the weapon was discovered at a security checkpoint early Friday morning. The flight departed without the attendant, who is being held on preliminary misdemeanor charges of carrying a handgun without a permit and entering a controlled area with a weapon.

Federal Emergency Management Agency:

FORMER NOPD OFFICER PLEADS GUILTY TO COVERING UP POST-KATRINA SHOOTING. The AP (6/4, Foster) reports, "A former police officer pleaded guilty Friday to trying to help fellow officers cover up the post-Hurricane Katrina shootings on a New Orleans bridge that left two men dead and four others wounded. Ignatius Hills, 33, pleaded guilty in federal court to conspiracy to obstruct justice and misprision of felony." Hills "was one of seven officers charged in state court with murder or attempted murder." DOJ "opened its probe after a state judge dismissed those charges in 2008."

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (6/5, Vargas) reports Hills "confessed in federal court on Friday that he fired his handgun at the back of a fleeing, unarmed youth and later helped colleagues distort the facts surrounding the deadly Danziger Bridge shooting, in which cops killed two civilians and wounded four others a few days after Hurricane Katrina. ... The conspiracy conviction carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison, while the misprision charge carries a maximum of three years. Each crime is punishable by a fine of up to \$250,000." The NOTP notes, "As part of Hills' plea agreement, the Orleans Parish District Attorney's Office promised to not seek any state-level charges against him related to the police shooting."

Citizenship and Immigration Service:

BRAZILIAN MAN IN ASYLUM CASE, MASSACHUSETTS HUSBAND ARE REUNITED. The AP (6/5, Contreras) reports, "A Brazilian man was reunited with his Massachusetts husband this week after U.S. Sen. John Kerry pressed federal officials to temporarily allow the 31-year-old gay man back into the country on humanitarian grounds." Brazilian-born Genesio Oliveira married a US citizen in Massachusetts, but had been forced almost three years ago to return to Brazil after being denied asylum in the US. Kerry last year "asked Attorney General Eric Holder to grant asylum on humanitarian grounds. Then in March, Kerry wrote Homeland Security Secretary Napolitano asking her to issue Oliveira 'humanitarian parole' based on his fear of persecution in Brazil." Last month Oliveira learned that he would receive received humanitarian parole and permission to stay in the US for at least a year; he plans to seek permanent residency due to his marriage or as an asylum-seeker threatened by anti-gay violence in Brazil. Gay rights and immigrant advocates hailed the case as "a rare victory for gay, married asylum seekers."

National Protection and Programs:

EPA SEEKS THOROUGH REVIEW OF PLUM ISLAND SITE. The AP (6/4, Eltman) reports that a federal review of the proposed sale of Plum Island, which has housed a animal disease laboratory, must consider both the impact that lab has had on the environment and any endangered bird species found there, according to the Environmental Protection Agency.

Since the animal disease lab is due to be moved to Kansas, the federal government has been considering selling the remote, limited-access island in Long Island Sound, and the General Services Administration is carrying out an environmental impact study. A June 2 letter from two EPA regional administrators offered the agency's assistance in developing the EIS, but "made no specific recommendations about addressing potential contamination at the lab."

Directorate For Management:

OBAMA EXPECTED TO NAME CLAPPER AS DIRECTOR OF NATIONAL INTELLIGENCE. The AP (6/5, Dozier) reports President Obama plans to nominate retired Air Force Lt. Gen. James R. Clapper Jr. to serve as director of national intelligence. The President is expected to announce the choice "in a Rose Garden ceremony Saturday morning. Two senior administration officials, who would speak only on condition of anonymity ahead of the announcement, confirmed Clapper was Obama's choice."

The Washington Post (6/5, Kornblut, Miller, 684K) says Clapper "emerged as the front-runner immediately after the last director, retired Adm. Dennis C. Blair, stepped aside last month following a rocky tenure." However, some lawmakers "have expressed resistance to the selection of another intelligence chief with a military background." Senate Intelligence Vice Chairman Kit Bond "said he was 'not inclined to support' the nominee." The Hill (6/4, Crabtree) reports House Intelligence Committee ranking Republican Pete Hoesktra "has called Clapper 'exactly the wrong person' for the DNI job because of his resistance to keeping Congress informed." Hoesktra "also predicted that Clapper would tangle with Congress because he 'doesn't like' providing information during testimony before committees with jurisdiction."

The New York Times (6/5, Baker, Schmitt, 1.09M) says Senate Intelligence Chairman Dianne Feinstein "also expressed reservations" when Clapper "emerged as an early front-runner to succeed Mr. Blair last month, saying it would be better to appoint a civilian to the job." The Times says the Clapper nomination "amounts to pushing the reset button for the president as he tries to recalibrate an intelligence structure that has undergone continued revamping since the debacle leading up to the Iraq war, yet by most accounts still lacks the cohesion necessary in an evolving war with terrorists."

The Los Angeles Times (6/5, Barnes, Parsons, 776K) reports Pentagon officials said Clapper "has skills to succeed in the post where others have failed and would be able to cajole the various intelligence agencies to work together." A "senior Defense Department official" said, "Clapper's power is knowing how to work the system, knowing how the intelligence bureaucracy works and effectively managing it." Politico (6/4, Hunt) and Politics Daily (6/4) also report on the likely nomination.

Terrorism Investigations:

INDIA SAYS US ASSURES ACCESS TO HEADLEY ON MUMBAI ATTACKS. At the end of a week that included "strategic high-level talks" between India and the US, the AP (6/5, Klug) reports that India said Attorney General Eric Holder said the US will allow access to David Coleman Headley, the US citizen "who has pleaded guilty to scouting Mumbai before the attacks that left 166 people dead and which India blames on Pakistani extremists." When or how was unclear, according to Foreign Minister S.M. Krishna, who "sounded a rare note of discord in this week's talks when he directly requested on Thursday that Secretary of State Hillary Clinton allow access. Clinton and the State Department haven't publicly responded, and the Justice Department also declined to comment Friday on Krishna's remarks." Krishna talked of Holder's assurances Friday at a press conference in Washington.

AFP (6/5) also follows the week of talks with coverage of Krishna's pledge Friday "to go 'more than half the way' to repair testy relations with Pakistan," noting that India believes it "has won support from the United States to keep a careful eye on its neighbour." Krishna said he will go to Islamabad next month, although the two countries' relationship has "not exactly gone as per our estimates, but nonetheless we cannot give up. We will have to keep engaging Pakistan."

India's Hindustan Times (6/5) notes "multiple reports" that India may soon begin interrogation of Pakistani-American David Headley, who was arrested last October in connection with a 2008 terror raid on Mumbai. An unnamed Indian official "said India had an agreement with the US under which it could question Headley within a time frame." The Indian ambassador said that the Indian government "was in touch with US Attorney General Eric Holder on the matter."

National Security News:

AFGHAN PEACE JIRGA ENDS WITH 16-POINT ACTION PLAN. The end of Afghanistan's peace jirga earns coverage from major media outlets, but the tone of coverage is muted to pessimistic about the jirga's practical long-term effect. The New York Times (6/5, A4, Gall, 1.09M) reports that the conference ended Friday "with a direct appeal to the Taliban and other insurgents to break with Al Qaeda, while urging a series of good-will gestures from foreign governments to end

detentions and bombardments and to remove Taliban leaders from a wanted list." The Times adds that the result "could strengthen the position of President Hamid Karzai," but he "still has a long way to go in turning the momentum toward peace." The Times adds that the US is supportive "but it continues to pour thousands of extra troops into the south of the country."

The Washington Post (6/5, A8, Londono, 684K) reports the backing of Afghan leaders for a truce with the Taliban, but says the jirga "fell short of delivering a clear strategy for negotiating with the militant group." Some of the 1,600 delegates pronounced the meeting "fruitless," and the Post notes that "no active Taliban leaders participated."

The Wall Street Journal (6/5, Abi-habib, Zahori, 2.08M) notes the reaction of State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley, who said, "We thought that the peace jirga accomplished its objectives and has provided a national consensus to pursue a political strategy to reduce the danger posed by the insurgency." The Journal also points out that the jirga's 16-point action plan presented few surprises – with the exception of one that urges Karzai to stem corruption in the government.

The AP (6/4, Gannon, Shah) describes delegates as showing "strong support...for unconditional negotiations between their government and the Taliban to try to end years of war," but any reconciliation will need to confront "a diversity of opinion on a range of issues."

AFP (6/5, Massoud) calls the jirga "a landmark conference" but says "the lasting impact of the jirga...remains unclear." AFP describes some of the conference's recommendations in more detail.

According to McClatchy (6/5, Nissenbaum, Shukoor), Karzai "got a modest political boost" out of the jirga, which is describes as "a choreographed three-day gathering of 1,600 selected delegates."

ARMY PLANS \$100 MILLION SPECIAL OPS HEADQUARTERS IN NORTHERN AFGHANISTAN. The AP (6/5, Flaherty) reports that a contracting notice on a government website shows that the US Army plans "to spend as much as \$100 million to expand its Special Operations headquarters in northern Afghanistan, evidence of its increasing reliance on covert operations." The compound is planned for Mazar-e Sharif and "will include housing for personnel, a training area, medical aid station and tactical operations center." The AP point out that Wired Magazine already reported on the center.

ONE US OUTPOST IN AFGHANISTAN FOCUSED ON IEDS. The Los Angeles Times (6/5, Zucchini, 776K) examines Combat Outpost Kuhat in Afghanistan's Arghandab Valley, where soldiers are "scanning the valley for signs of roadside bombs" after four of them were wounded Thursday by IEDs and "more patrols were heading into the valley Friday." Although "the U.S. military says that elsewhere in Kandahar province it is combining security sweeps with development projects and attempts to bolster local Afghan governance," the outpost's soldiers "are focused on survival." The Times adds, "If anything, the 2nd Platoon barely has the manpower to protect itself, much less practice the finer points of the counterinsurgency strategy promoted by Army Gen. Stanley A. McChrystal, the top commander of U.S. and allied forces in Afghanistan."

UN APPROVES 680 MORE POLICE FOR HAITI. The New York Times (6/5, MacFarquhar, 1.09M) reports that the UN Security Council on Friday approved 680 more police officers for Haiti "to help maintain order" there. The extra forces, described as a "temporary surge," will bring security forces "to more than 14,000" to "create a more visible presence in the haphazard camps where survivors are living and to combat possible gang violence." The AP (6/5) says the new officers "will primarily focus on building the capacity of the Haitian National Police."

SHEBAB PARADES BODIES OF AU TROOPS THROUGH MOGADISHU. AFP (6/5, Abdinur) reports that Shebab insurgents paraded bodies through Mogadishu on Friday and said they were African Union troops killed in a battle for control of Somalia's capital. Both the extremists and the government claimed to win a fight that left at least 21 civilians dead. AFP adds, "African Union military officials in Mogadishu could not be reached for comment but several witnesses confirmed the incidents and the Shebab posted pictures on a website affiliated to their movement."

National News:

STOCKS PLUNGE AFTER WEAKER-THAN-EXPECTED JOBS REPORT. ABC World News (6/4, story 5, 2:00, Sawyer, 8.2M) reported on "the news that 430,000 jobs were created, and unemployment fell to 9.7 percent last month -- at first glance, good news. So, why did the Dow industrials fall nearly 325 points today?" ABC (Muir) added, "On the surface, it looked like the best month of new jobs in a decade. So why then did we see that huge drop in the stock market today, and why are economists so troubled?" Unidentified speaker: "Ugly jobs report." Unidentified speaker: "Job growth much weaker than expected." Unidentified speaker: "This is a huge disappointment." Muir: "If you look closer at the numbers, a truer picture emerges. Of the 431,000 jobs created last month, 410,000 of them were temporary census hires. And when that census count is finished in the next month, what we're really left with is about 20,000 new jobs created. And the

prediction for June, July, August?" Mark Zandi, Moody's chief economist: "As the census hiring turns into layoffs, we will see outright job losses in the months of June, July, and August."

The CBS Evening News (6/4, story 5, 2:30, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "The Dow fell 323 points to close below 10,000. While the economy added 431,000 jobs in May, nearly all are temporary government jobs; people hired to help with the census. The unemployment rate fell a bit, but largely because more than 300,000 people dropped out of the job market."

NBC Nightly News (6/4, story 5, 2:45, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "At first glance it looks like good news: 431,000 jobs created, the unemployment rate ticking down to 9.7 percent. Here is the problem. When you read the fine print on this report, you quickly realize all is not well -- far from it." NBC (Yang) added that President Obama "seemed determine to spin the numbers as positive, just as Administration officials predicted they would be." President Obama: "This report is a sign that our economy is getting stronger by the day." Yang: "His upbeat message may be lost on the 15 million Americans out of work, nearly 6.8 million of them for more than six months."

The AP (6/4, Aversa) reports, "A swell in temporary government hiring for the census drove almost all the job market's gains last month - a huge disappointment to Wall Street and a sign that private employers aren't yet confident enough in the recovery to start adding workers with gusto." Bloomberg News (6/5, Chandra) reports, "Employment by American companies rose less than forecast in May and workers dropped out of the labor force, signaling the world's largest economy is still reliant on government assistance to boost growth." The Labor Department said private payrolls rose by 41,000, "trailing the 180,000 gain forecast by economists in a Bloomberg News survey."

The AP (6/4, Bernard) reports, "Stocks fell to their lowest level in four months Friday after the government said hiring remains weak" and Hungary "warned its economy was in trouble." The Dow Jones Industrial Average "fell 323.31, or 3.2 percent, to 9,931.97, its steepest drop since May 20. All 30 stocks that make up the index fell. It was the Dow's third drop of more than 300 points this year, all of which occurred in the last month." The S&P 500 "fell 37.95, or 3.4 percent, to 1,064.88," and the Nasdaq "dropped 83.86, or 3.6 percent, to 2,219.17."

The Washington Post (6/5, Irwin, Hedgpeth, 684K) says "job creation by businesses came almost to a halt in May, the government said Friday, raising new doubts about the strength of economic growth in the months ahead and sending the stock market to one of its steepest losses of the year." The Post says Obama "and his aides have grown increasingly comfortable pointing to -- and taking credit for -- a rising economic tide, and repeated that optimistic message Friday, citing strong overall job growth numbers. But if the recovery falters, Obama could come across as tone-deaf or worse by the midterm elections." Economists "almost universally described the report as disappointing."

The New York Times (6/5, Powell, 1.09M) says "a shadow fell across America's economic recovery" with the news, but Obama "tried to put a gloss on the jobs report, telling workers at a trucking company in Hyattsville, Md., that the numbers showed an economy that was 'getting stronger by the day.'" But the figures "suggested a job market wheezing after months of more vigorous growth."

The Philadelphia Inquirer (6/5, Brubaker, 326K) calls it "an unexpectedly weak jobs report" that indicates that the "recovery from the worst US economic downturn since the 1930s will be a painful slog." The Hill (6/4, Swanson) says the "disappointing" report "led to a sell-off on Wall Street and questions for Democrats ahead of November's elections."

AFP (6/5, Beatty), Politico (6/4, Javers, White) and Politics Daily (6/4, Diemer) also have items on the jobs report, while the Wall Street Journal (6/5, B1, McKay, Davis, 2.08M), New York Times (6/5, Hauser, 1.09M), Washington Post (6/5, Elboghdady, Ahrens, 684K), and New York Post (6/5, 505K) have additional items on the market decline.

In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (6/5, 2.08M) points out that most of the job creation indicated in Friday's Labor Department survey came from temporary census hires, and says the decline in the unemployment rate was due mainly to the contraction in the labor force caused by more Americans giving up looking for work.

NEW DOCUMENTS PAINT KAGAN AS "PRAGMATIST" WITH "OVERTLY LIBERAL VIEWS." The AP (6/4, Davis) reports, "Newly released documents from her days as an aide to former President Bill Clinton portray" Elena Kagan "as a person of strong opinions and sometimes overtly liberal views, but above all a pragmatist who pursued middle-ground solutions on issues ranging from abortion to taking on Big Tobacco." According to the AP, "There's little in the papers that suggests Kagan...would stray far from Stevens' perch on the left of the political spectrum." Kagan argued "in favor of a veto of a late-term abortion ban, for strong gun control measures, against a federal law prohibiting assisted suicide and endorses a legal argument for affirmative action." However, she "tempers much of her advice with strong notes of political and legal practicality, often opting for a middle course likely to produce results without unduly angering opponents."

The New York Times (6/5, Stolberg, 1.09M) says Kagan "frequently scribbled notes in the margins of memorandums yet

rarely expressed forceful views." According to the Times, "Kagan's missives in the margins offer little hint of how she might behave if confirmed to the Supreme Court."

The Los Angeles Times (6/5, Oliphant, Savage, Serrano, 776K) also says the new documents "appeared, at least initially, unlikely to hand Republicans a significant weapon to use to imperil her nomination. ... The majority of the memos, e-mail messages and reports made public Friday provide little insight into her views. Instead, they offer a more detailed picture of a pragmatic strategist dedicated to advancing Clinton's largely centrist policy aims."

Bloomberg News (6/4, Litvan, Stohr) also notes Kagan "opposed legislation to make doctor-assisted suicide a federal crime, according to newly disclosed documents. 'This is a fairly terrible idea, but I know Begala likes it,' she said in a handwritten White House note in 1998, referring to Clinton adviser Paul Begala. ... A White House official who requested anonymity said today that Kagan had offered early-stage advice opposing a federal law and also proposed letting others in the administration weigh in with their own views."

Most Kagan-Related Documents Still Unreleased. The Washington Post (6/5, Barnes, Goldstein, 684K) notes that "the documents show Kagan at the nexus of some of the thorniest domestic issues facing Clinton, but in many cases her own opinions are absent," and "some papers that ask for her views contain no response. The missing pieces may be filled in before the Senate Judiciary Committee is scheduled to begin her confirmation hearings June 28. Friday's document dump represented just more than a quarter of the 160,000 pages of documents and e-mails that the William J. Clinton Presidential Library says it is preparing."

Roll Call (6/4, Stanton) adds that Sen. Jeff Sessions "called the number of documents released inadequate and reiterated his concern that the committee will not have enough time to pore over the information before Kagan's hearings. 'The batch of documents received today represent less than a third of the 160,000 pages of material we have been told exist from Elena Kagan's time as a senior policy aide to President Clinton. We are now a mere 23 days away from the hearing and the committee still has yet to receive over 100,000 pages of documents,' Sessions said in a statement."

US URGES GAZA-BOUND SHIP FOLLOWED BY ISRAELI WARSHIPS TO DIVERT TO ASHDOD. Coverage of ships bound for Gaza is intense and fluid, with most major media outlets either straining to cover it as it occurs or providing backgrounders on foreign policy concerns or the last confrontation with Israel and ships. In some cases, media are providing all three types of reports. The only major TV network to cover the story was NBC Nightly News (6/4, story 8, :20, Williams, 8.37M), which reported, "Overseas, another ship of activists looking to test Israel's blockade of Gaza is making its way there...setting the stage for what could be another confrontation with the Israeli military. The activists onboard say they will not resist if Israeli soldiers try to take over their vessel."

Early Saturday, two outlets say Israel "intercepted" the Rachel Corrie near the Gaza coast. Both the Los Angeles Times (6/5, Sanders, 776K) and the Wall Street Journal (6/5, Cummins, Mitnick, 2.08M) report to that effect, but their stories say only that Israeli naval vessels were near the boat and trying to send radio messages that it should divert. Such messages were ignored, according to the Journal.

AFP (6/5, Zaanoun) also reports the ship ignored radio messages "and pressed on towards Gaza," although some in Gaza said the ship had been surrounded by Israeli ships offshore "and all communications with the ship cut."

Efforts by the US to influence the outcome are also reported, as in this brief AP (6/5) report that "the White House is encouraging an Irish aid ship bound for the blockaded Gaza Strip to avoid a possible repeat confrontation with Israel and instead sail to the Israeli port of Ashdod to deliver its supplies." The NSC's Mike Hammer "says the Rachel Corrie should sail to Ashdod in the interest of safety."

The New York Times (6/5, A7, Kershner, 1.09M), however, reports that "on Friday, the Israeli and Irish governments reached an agreement to unload the vessel's cargo at the port in Ashdod, in southern Israel, and transport it to Gaza -- essentially the same deal Israel offered to the activists in the aid convoy that was attacked on Monday." Yet, the Times further reports that "those on board had rejected that approach," with Free Gaza Movement spokeswoman Greta Berlin saying, "The whole point is to try to break the blockade." The Times report stresses that passengers said there would be no violence.

The Washington Post (6/5, A7, Zacharia, Kessler, 684K) leads its report with Israel's statements Friday that it would "stop an Irish humanitarian aid ship from reaching the Gaza Strip after activists on board refused requests to unload its cargo at an Israeli port." Still, the Post says Israel was responding to "international pressure," and "officials said Prime Minister Binyamin Netanyahu was weighing possible changes that might allow some aid vessels to reach Gaza if they first submitted to inspections in non-Israeli ports."

In a later report, the AP (6/5, Teibel) says the Rachel Corrie "was just a few dozen miles...from the blockaded Palestinian territory" around 5 a.m. Saturday local time, "and was being tailed by three Israeli naval boats," according to "a pro-Palestinian activist." That source told the AP that Israel had "two warships in the back of them...and a smaller boat was approaching." The AP points out the Rachel Corrie "was carrying hundreds of tons of aid, including wheelchairs, medical supplies and cement" and "differs significantly from the flotilla the Israeli troops intercepted on Monday" in that it carries only 11 people, "whose effort was mainly sponsored by the Free Gaza movement, a Cyprus-based group that has renounced violence." Israel also had urged the ship to divert to Ashdod, while "the State Department said US officials had been in touch with 'multiple' countries, including the Israeli and Irish governments, about the latest effort."

AFP (6/5, Ward) reports on at least one active battle -- on YouTube, where "the fight over what exactly happened on board the ferry is still raging...with both sides posting more and more clips on the video-sharing website to support their case."

Turkey Warns Of Loss Of Diplomatic Relations With Israel. The New York Times (6/5, A7, Landler, 1.09M) is among media outlets examining what is characterized as a deteriorating relationship between Turkey and Israel. As do other media, the Times reports "A senior Turkish diplomat warned that his country might sever diplomatic relations with Israel unless its government apologized for the attack" on a flotilla of ships and "consented to an international investigation; and lifted its blockade of Gaza." The warning comes from Namik Tan, Turkey's ambassador to Washington, who is quoted in several reports as saying, "Israel is about to lose a friend; this is going to be a historical mistake. ... The future of our relationship will be determined by Israel's actions." The Times adds that "the United States has tried to mollify Turkey, with long meetings and phone calls to Turkish leaders by Mr. Obama and Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton." Tan "said Turkey appreciated American pressure on Israel to release the passengers and return the bodies from the ship. But he repeated Turkey's disappointment over the Americans' refusal to condemn Israel."

The Washington Post (6/5, Kessler, 684K) also covers Turkey's threats, noting that it "is on the brink of severing relations with Israel." The Post quotes Ambassador Namik Tan as saying, "Israel cannot find any better friend in the region than Turkey. ... And Israel is about to lose that friend." The Post adds, however, that "a senior Israeli official rejected the demand" that Turkey made for an apology over the raid.

Israel's Imperatives Sometimes Undermine Obama Foreign Policy Goals. On its front page, the Washington Post (6/5, A1, Wilson, 684K) examines how Israel's goals make it "at times a vexing ally to the United States" and how "it poses a special challenge for President Obama, whose foreign policy emphasizes the importance of international rules and organizations that successive Israeli governments have clashed with and often ignored." The Post explores that theme, pointing out Israel's "unique set of security threats and national ambitions that have fostered policies inconsistent with Obama's broader agenda, including his push to stop the spread of nuclear weapons and repair US relations with the Islamic world." The circumstances, according to the Post, have "forced him to carve out exceptions for Israel that undermine the consistency he seeks in dealing with allies and antagonists alike."

State Says Mitchell Makes Progress With Israel, Palestinians On Indirect Talks. In the midst of coverage about another ship heading toward Gaza, envoy George Mitchell's reported progress Friday with indirect Israeli-Palestinian talks receives brief treatment in an AFP (6/5) report. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said Mitchell departed the Mideast after talks that "were constructive and substantive." Still, AFP notes that Mitchell also "attended the 2010 Palestine Investment Conference in the occupied West Bank," and Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas "accused Israel of 'terrorism' after the Jewish state's deadly raid on a six-ship aid convoy bound for the Hamas-run Gaza Strip on Monday."

Turkish Ambassador To US Says Israel Should Apologize To Turkey. In a Washington Post (6/5, 684K) op-ed, Turkish Ambassador to the US Namik Tan writes, "Whatever the aid carriers may have chanted in opposition to Israel, this was a humanitarian initiative. In any democratic country, people have freedom of expression so long as they avoid violence. Because the attack took place in international waters, 72 miles off Israel's coast, it was illegal. Indeed, this was the first such attack against civilian Turkish citizens by a foreign military force in our republic's 87-year history. ... It will be up to Israel to decide how it reconstitutes its standing as a good bilateral partner and responsible member of the international community." Tan says Israel "can start by bringing an end to its blockade on Gaza. ... Moreover, Israel owes an apology to the Turkish nation."

More Commentary. The Washington Post (6/5, 684K) editorializes, "Western governments have been right to be concerned about Israel's poor judgment and botched execution in the raid against the Free Gaza flotilla. But they ought to be at least as worried about the Turkish government of Recep Tayyip Erdogan, which since Monday has shown a sympathy toward Islamic militants and a penchant for grotesque demagoguery toward Israel that ought to be unacceptable for a member of NATO." Erdogan's "crude attempt to exploit the incident comes only a couple of weeks after he joined Brazil's president in linking arms" with Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad.

The New York Times (6/5, 1.09M) editorializes, "Erdogan is to be applauded for his attempts to broker secret negotiations between Israel's previous government and Syria. His more recent effort, with Brazil, to cut a nuclear deal with Iran was disturbingly naive. Turkey needs to keep working diplomatically to end the blockade. Israel has now indicated a willingness to modify the siege; it needs to end it altogether. If Turkey is truly committed to the rights of the Palestinians, it should be pressing other Muslim countries to seriously encourage an Israeli-Palestinian peace deal -- the best way to up the pressure on Israel."

In a Washington Post (6/5, 684K) op-ed, Palestinian journalist Daoud Kuttab writes, "The Israeli attack on the Gaza-bound 'Freedom Flotilla' has put the United States in a difficult position. But it has also given Washington an opening for a game-changing action. ... Palestinians, including Hamas, have unclenched their fists and called on the United States to help end the siege, occupation and misery. By widening the dialogue with Palestinians to include Hamas," President Obama could "not only fulfill his election promises but also ease a humanitarian crisis in Gaza and make a serious contribution to peace in the Middle East."

GATES TELLS CHINESE MILITARY TO ENGAGE WITH US. A range of media outlets focus on Defense Secretary Gates' remarks Friday that China's military is holding security issues with the US "hostage," as the New York Times (6/5, Belford, Shanker, 1.09M) reports, because of objections to US policy on arms sales to Taiwan. At a security conference in Singapore, Gates said, "The United States and China clearly disagree on this matter. ... Yet Taiwan arms sales over the decades have not impeded closer political and economic ties, nor closer ties in other security arenas of mutual interest." Gates said the sales reflected no change in US policy, nor would China's objections.

Bloomberg News (6/5, Kate) reports that Gates also warned of "a real cost to any absence of military-to-military relations," because "they are essential to regional security." He added that China's reaction "makes little sense." Gates also said the US will "object to any effort to intimidate US corporations or those of any nation engaged in legitimate economic activity" after China told some oil and gas companies to stop exploring in offshore areas claimed by Vietnam.

In part, Gates' motivation for the comments comes from a desire to engage China on issues such as North Korea, according to the Wall Street Journal (6/5, Ramstad, 2.08M). Gates said South Korea has a right to gain penalties against the North, because the sinking of the Cheonan "is far more than a single, isolated incident. ... It is, rather, part of a larger pattern of provocative and reckless behavior." The Journal says China's Major General Ma Xiaotian spoke later at the conference without addressing Gates' remarks. Later, he said, "US arms sales to Taiwan are not something normal. They have been interfering in US-China relations for 30 years."

According to the Los Angeles Times (6/5, Barnes, 776K), Gates "reiterated that the United States does not support independence for Taiwan...and merely wants to encourage regional stability and prevent any violent conflict." He said, "Because China's accelerating military buildup is largely focused on Taiwan, U.S. arms sales are an important component of maintaining peace and stability in cross-strait relations and throughout the region."

SOUTH KOREA ASKS UN SECURITY COUNCIL TO ACT ON NORTH KOREA. Most media outlets report in some fashion on South Korea's request Friday to the UN Security Council "to take action against North Korea over the sinking of a South Korean warship," although it was unclear "what action it was seeking," according to the New York Times (6/5, A8, Belford, 1.09M). In a letter, South Korea asked the council to "respond in a manner appropriate to the gravity of North Korea's military provocation" and in a way that would be "strong enough to deter any similar attack in the future," the Times says. Several combined and separate reports note that Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates meanwhile "said that joint military exercises with South Korea might be delayed until after the Security Council met on the issue." The Times says that delay "was seen in South Korea as an effort to avoid provoking China."

The Washington Post (6/5, A6, Whitlock, 684K) is among outlets reporting the story, noting that the request marks a formal progression in the dispute and that it is "prompting the United States to hold off on a fresh display of military strength in the region." Separately, the Washington Post (6/5, A6, Harden, 684K) reports on the political backdrop in South Korea, and how "voters did not rally round" South Korean President Lee Myung-bak this week in local and regional elections, suggesting "that many South Koreans, even those who are angry at North Korea for the Cheonan's sinking and the deaths of their countrymen, are more concerned about maintaining peace than with teaching" North Korea "a lesson."

Anonymous Military Officials Say US, South Korea Were In Joint Exercises Near Cheonan Night Of Attack. In a report it labels an "AP Enterprise," the AP (6/5, Jelenik) reports that on the same night North Korea is accused of sinking the Cheonan, the US and South Korea "were engaged in joint anti-submarine warfare exercises just 75 miles away." The AP says its sources are anonymous US military officials who "for the first time disclosed details of the joint naval exercise." The AP report also says of North Korea's actions, "What surprised experts was that a 130-ton minisub could without warning take down a warship nine or 10 times its size, a power mismatch called asymmetric warfare" and a set of

equipment considered highly atypical for North Korea. The AP adds that one US official "privately said" the Cheonan may have been sunk by mistake – in "an accident or an exercise gone wrong."

US WELCOMES KAN AS JAPANESE PM. Major news outlets cover the election of Naoto Kan as prime minister of Japan Friday, with several, including the New York Times (6/5, Fackler, 1.09M), noting that he is "the fifth Japanese leader in four years" and "faces an uphill task" in winning popular support after the resignation of Yukio Hatoyama, who showed "months of indecision over the fate of an American military base." Also Friday, the Japanese cabinet resigned so that Kan can name his own. Of the US, Kan "said he would honor an agreement to relocate a United States Marine air base on Okinawa and work to rebuild trust between the allies. But he also said he would place equal emphasis on improving ties with China, with whom Japan now has larger trade relations."

The US welcomed Kan, with NSC spokesman Mike Hammer issuing a statement on behalf of President Obama, reports the AP (6/5). Hammer "says U.S.-Japanese relations are crucial to peace and prosperity in the Asia-Pacific region and that Obama will work closely with Kan on a range of common issues." AFP (6/5, Hiyama) also notes that Kan promised "close ties with Washington."

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Teacher Accused Of Improperly Restraining Girl At Detroit School
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TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.

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VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN -- No public schedule.

US Senate: Not in session.

US House: Not in session.

Other: DISASTER MANAGEMENT -- Global experts convene to discuss disaster management in the 21st Century. More than 400 experts and practitioners from 50 countries representing Google, Microsoft, Yahoo, NASA, and the World Bank. Location: World Bank Headquarters Main Complex - Preston Auditorium 1818 H St, NW. Contacts: [b6, b7C] 202-436- [b6]

AMERICAN-ARAB CONVENTION -- American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (ADC) 30th Anniversary National Convention. Speakers already confirmed for the Convention include Attorney General Eric Holder, representatives from the Department of Commerce, Department of Justice, Department of Homeland Security and Department of State. Location: Wardman Park Marriott Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, NW. Contacts: [b6, b7C] 202-244- [b6]

CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY - WORKSHOPS -- Theological College, the national seminary of Catholic University, will present three workshops on music in the liturgy for musicians in parishes, religious houses, and educational organizations. Location: Theological College The Catholic University of America 401 Michigan Ave., NE. Contacts: [b6, b7C] 202-319- [b6]

4:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL RALLY -- Amnesty International members and other activists rally to encourage President Obama to place pressure on the Indonesian government to release two Amnesty International prisoners of conscience, Filep Karma and Yusak Pakage. Both men were sentenced to 15 and 10 years in prison, respectively, for participating in a peaceful protest for Papuan independence and raising the outlawed Morning Star flag. Location: Lafayette Park, across from the White House. Contacts: n/a, 202-509- [b6] Notes: Amnesty says it will go ahead with this rally, even though President Obama has postponed his planned trip to Indonesia.

6:30 p.m. MARINE SCHOLARSHIP GALA -- The Scarlet & Gold Committee of the 24th Annual Marine Corps Scholarship Gala honor Congressman Norm Dicks (D-Wash.) and Joseph Robert, Jr., founder and executive chairman of J.E. Robert Companies, for their support in furthering educational opportunities for the sons and daughters of those serving in the United States Marine Corps. Location: Capital Hilton, 1001 16th St. NW. Contacts: [b6, b7C] 202-828- [b6]

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From: Barr, Suzanne E
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 4:44 PM
To: [REDACTED] b6
Subject: Re: AZ Cross Check

I told you I would change it to one...can u make it then?

From: Burke, Dennis (USAAZ) [REDACTED] b6
To: Barr, Suzanne E <[REDACTED] b6>
Sent: Mon Aug 09 16:37:28 2010
Subject: RE: AZ Cross Check

I can't make it at the time you have it.

Kelly still works for you?

From: Barr, Suzanne E [REDACTED] b6
Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 1:21 PM
To: Burke, Dennis (USAAZ)
Subject: Fw: AZ Cross Check

Pansy

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

From: Nantel, Kelly A
To: Barr, Suzanne E
Cc: Milhoan, Catherine L; Rocha, Richard A
Sent: Mon Aug 09 16:19:19 2010
Subject: AZ Cross Check

Suzie - we just heard back from the USAO and Dennis Burke won't be able to attend the presser on Thursday. He is sending a representative but we won't have a name until later today or tomorrow.

US Marshal Gonzalez has accepted and will have a speaking role after Mr. Morton. The two reps from Probation and Parole will both attend but will not have a speaking role. More details as they come together! Any questions or concerns, please let me know.

Thanks.

Kelly A. Nantel, Press Secretary
U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement
Sent using BlackBerry

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From: Bulletin News [DHS-Editors@BulletinNews.com]
Sent: Saturday, July 31, 2010 7:30 AM
To: dhs-editors@bulletinnews.com
Subject: The DHS Secretary's Morning Briefing for Saturday, July 31, 2010
Attachments: dhsbriefing100731.doc; dhsclips100731.doc

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TO: THE SECRETARY AND SENIOR STAFF

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Leading DHS News:

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.

Immigration and Customs Enforcement:

ARIZONA GOVERNOR CONSIDERS CHANGING IMMIGRATION LAW. 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."

Agency Considers Skirting Congress On Immigration. 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.'"

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."

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.

NYTIMES SAYS ALL IMMIGRATION DETAINEES DESERVE A FAIR HEARING. 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."

Federal Emergency Management Agency:

CALIFORNIA WILDFIRE JUMPS AQUEDUCT, 300 HOMES EVACUATED. The AP (7/31, Adelman) reports, "A huge wildfire in the high desert wilderness north of Los Angeles jumped an aqueduct" and Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger said that "Some 2,000 structures were threatened and 300 homes were evacuated."

US Coast Guard:

STORM-RELATED DEBRIS FORCES POSTPONEMENT OF STATIC KILL. The CBS Evening News (7/30, story 3, 2:45, Couric) reported, "BP was hoping to start process of permanently sealing its damaged well this weekend, but on Day 102, it hit another snag. Crews found debris in the bottom of the relief well. They'll have to clean it out before they can start pumping in mud. That's now been pushed back to Tuesday. Also today, BP said its scaling back its cleanup efforts along the Gulf Coast, but the incoming CEO made it clear the company is in it for the long haul."

NBC Nightly News (7/30, story 4, 4:30, Curry) reported, "Workers found debris at the bottom of the relief well and will have to clean it out, pushing the final phase back 36 hours. One of the questions everyone's been asking since the cap was put on that wild well, what happened to all that oil that spewed out? One reason we can't see it: BP used a massive amount of chemical dispersant to break it up which had some scientists warning that that could make things even worse for marine life."

On ABC World News (7/30, story 6, 2:10, Sawyer), Jeffrey Kofman reported, "In the two weeks since the well was capped, government and independent scientists have done extensive testing in the deep sea. It is not what they expected." Adm. Thad Allen: "We're finding hydrocarbons around the well, but as we move away, there's background traces." Kofman: "Many scientists across the gulf coast pointed to the same answer. The deep sea microbes that occur naturally in the waters in the Gulf, and when there is oil, they multiply to eat it."

The AP (7/31, Bluestein, Weber) reports, "Tropical Storm Bonnie left crews working to plug the Gulf oil gusher a little memento that is expected to push their work back about a day." Allen said the "sediment settled in the relief well last week when crews popped in a plug to keep it safe ahead of Bonnie. 'It's not a huge problem,' Allen said, but removing the debris will take 24 to 36 hours and likely push a procedure known as a static kill back to Tuesday. Earlier that work had been expected to begin late Sunday or early Monday." Bloomberg News (7/30, Klimasinska, Chediak) reports, "The 'static kill' procedure, in which mud will be pumped into the well, may start Aug. 3 rather than Aug. 2," Allen said.

McClatchy (7/31, Seibel) reports BP Senior Vice President Kent Wells said "the debris consisted of 45 feet of rock and soil that had fallen into the bottom of the well after technicians were evacuated from the Deepwater Horizon site a week ago in preparation for Tropical Storm Bonnie. Wells said it was 'not uncommon to find fill' in a well when it has been left unattended for a few days. 'They're not perfect holes,' he said."

The New York Times (7/31, Robertson, Krauss) reports, "Officials in charge of the oil spill response in the gulf region say they are beginning to shift their efforts to a new phase, focusing more on long-term recovery now that some of the urgent demands of the spill are diminishing." The Los Angeles Times (7/31, Lin, Roosevelt) reports, "Aircraft looking for slicks made 103 sorties on Thursday and were scheduled to make 98 trips on Friday, Allen said. Federal officials said Friday that surface oil had mostly degraded to a thin sheen." The Wall Street Journal (7/31, Gonzalez) also has a report.

House Approves Offshore Drilling Bill, But Also Rejects Moratorium. The Los Angeles Times (7/31, Simon) reports, "In its most sweeping response to the gulf oil spill, the House on Friday approved legislation that would impose new environmental safeguards for offshore drilling, remove a liability cap for spill damages, and slap industry with a new tax to fund conservation projects nationwide. The Democratic-drafted legislation passed on a largely party-line 209-193 vote but faces trouble in the deeply divided Senate." The Hill (7/30, Geman, Goode) reports 39 Democrats opposed the bill, while two Republicans -- Reps. Vern Ehlers and Tim Johnson -- supported it. Republican Rep. Gary Miller voted "present."

The Houston Chronicle (7/31, Dlouhy) reports that in a "rebuttal of the Obama administration, the House also voted 216-195 to reject its drilling moratorium and lift the ban for rigs that satisfy newly imposed safety and environmental requirements." Politico (7/30, Davenport) also reports on the votes.

Oil Industry Insularity Hampers Federal Oversight. The Washington Post (7/31, Leonnig) reports, "In the wake of the BP disaster, Congress is pressing the agency formerly called the US Minerals Management Service to clamp down on potential conflicts of interest." But "the oil industry of the Gulf Coast is an insular world in which rig foremen and the federal inspectors charged with regulating them sometimes work side by side, or grew up in the same towns and even homes." The Post notes that David Dykes, "the federal regulator now leading his agency's investigation of the BP oil spill,"

is the brother of an oil industry executive, but Dykes "did not formally recuse himself from matters involving his brother's company. No rule required him to do so."

National Protection and Programs:

ARIZONA TRIBE BECOMES FIRST TO ISSUE IDS WITH ENHANCED SECURITY FEATURES. The AP (7/30) reports, "A southern Arizona tribe has become the first to issue identification cards with enhanced federal security features to its members. The cards will allow members of the Pascua Yaqui 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." AP adds, "The National Congress of American Indians has said its hopeful the use of the secured cards could be expanded to allow tribal members to travel abroad."

TWO EMBASSY EMPLOYEES IN PARIS EXAMINED AFTER HANDLING SUSPICIOUS ENVELOPE. The US Embassy in Paris is the subject of major media coverage after two local employees were evaluated Friday after handling mail. The New York Times (7/31, A10, Erlanger, 1.09M) reports that the two employees handled "a 'suspicious envelope,' but were found to be healthy, according to an embassy spokesman, Paul B. Patin." The envelope contained no threatening message, and testing revealed contents that "were not believed to be harmful," although an unidentified police official said the envelope "was contaminated with tear gas." The employees complained of being dizzy. Patin "could not confirm the tear-gas report," but the Times notes that "further testing is under way at a laboratory."

The AP (7/31, Rousseau) reports that both men "were cleared and released after being examined at the Paris hospital Hotel Dieu." They were exposed to "a manila envelope sent as registered mail that had no mail inside, but it began emitting fumes after the employee opened it." State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said, "Whatever the smell was, it was not deemed harmful. It's not toxic." The AP adds that "two months ago, Paris police were asked to investigate a similar case involving a letter to the US ambassador."

Terrorism Investigations:

ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE OPPOSES MUSLIM CENTER NEAR GROUND ZERO. The AP (7/31, Zoll) reports the Anti-Defamation League, "the nation's leading Jewish civil rights group," has "come out against the planned mosque and Islamic community center near ground zero, saying more information is needed about funding for the project and the location is 'counterproductive to the healing process.'" In a statement, the ADL said, "Ultimately this is not a question of rights, but a question of what is right. In our judgment, building an Islamic center in the shadow of the World Trade Center will cause some victims more pain -- unnecessarily -- and that is not right."

The New York Times (7/31, Barbaro) reports the decision "touched off angry reactions from a range of religious groups, which argued that the country would show its tolerance and values by welcoming the center. ... But the unexpected move by the ADL, a mainstream group that has denounced what it saw as bigoted attacks on plans for the Muslim center, could well be a turning point in the battle over the project."

National Security News:

WHITE HOUSE URGES WIKILEAKS TO REFRAIN FROM POSTING MORE WAR DOCUMENTS. The AP (7/30) reports the White House "is imploring the website WikiLeaks not to post any more classified documents about the Afghanistan war, saying US national security and Afghan lives are at risk." Press Secretary Robert Gibbs said on NBC Friday morning that "the leak of some 90,000 secret military documents already has jeopardized the lives of Afghans working with the US and its war allies." Gibbs says the Taliban "has declared it will comb the documents for the names of people who have cooperated with international forces in Afghanistan."

The New York Daily News (7/31, Hartenstein) reports "self-proclaimed" Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told British television, "We are studying the report. We will investigate through our own secret service whether the people mentioned are really spies working for the US. If they are US spies, then we know how to punish them."

The New York Times (7/31, Bumiller) reports army investigators "are broadening their inquiry" into the leak "to include friends and associates who may have helped" suspect Pfc. Bradley Manning. Two civilians "interviewed in recent weeks by the Army's criminal division said that investigators were focusing in part on a group of Private Manning's friends and acquaintances" in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

SIX US SERVICE MEMBERS DIE IN AFGHANISTAN. NBC Nightly News (7/30, story 3, 2:40, Curry) reported, "And today, we learned that six more American troops died in Afghanistan. That brings American deaths in July to at least 66

making this the deadliest month of the war. This year, 264 Americans have died in Afghanistan. More than 1,100 have died since the war started nearly nine years ago." NBC proceeded to show footage from correspondent Jim Maceda's two weeks "with one unit that has suffered tremendous losses."

ABC World News (7/30, story 3, 2:50, Sawyer) also reported on the deaths and ran footage of an upcoming interview with House Speaker Nancy Pelosi by Christiane Amanpour, who reported that "we did speak a lot about Afghanistan, because it's not just danger on the battlefield for the American forces, but it is also apparently danger potentially for the President's Afghan war strategy from his own party in Congress." Amanpour also interviewed Defense Secretary Gates, who she said was "appalled and mortified" by the leak of documents about the war.

The CBS Evening News (7/30, story 8, 3:15, Couric) reported the US service members' deaths and focused on the effect on their spouses. CBS (McCarthy) interviewed spouses and added, "Each one of the Marines is a volunteer and they know what they're getting into. For the families back home, dealing with what they don't know is often hardest battle."

The Washington Post (7/31, Partlow, 684K) reports that in the Friday casualties, two US service members were killed in a roadside bombing, while another died in an insurgent attack. All were "in southern Afghanistan, where the Taliban insurgency is strongest."

Slain Soldier's Parents File Lawsuit Over Insurance Profits. The CBS Evening News (7/30, story 9, :40, Couric) reported, "A follow-up now on a story we've been reporting this week, an insurance company accused of making huge profits on death benefits owed to the families of fallen American soldiers. We learned today that the parents of one soldier have filed a class action suit against Prudential Insurance" and says "the company earned more than five percent interest on veterans' life insurance policies and pays beneficiaries only one percent."

AFGHANS RIOT IN KABUL AFTER US CONTRACTOR'S ACCIDENT. NBC Nightly News (7/30, story 2, :20, Curry) reported, "In Kabul today, a crowd of angry Afghan citizens took to the streets shouting 'death to America,' throwing stones and setting cars on fire after four Afghans were killed in an accident involving an SUV driven by US contractors."

The CBS Evening News (7/30, story 7, :25, Couric) also reported the story, adding that "At least four Afghans were killed, but it's unclear if all died in the accident or in the riot and gunfire that followed."

The New York Times (7/31, A8, Oppel, Mashal) reports that "a crowd of hundreds of Afghans rioted after a sport utility vehicle carrying American Embassy contractors struck a car of Afghans, killing at least three of them, the Afghan police said." The Times says the crowd set fire to two SUVs belonging to DynCorp International, which is "working under a State Department contract." Local police said the contractors "traded fire with the police," but the company and the US Embassy denied that. DynCorp later "said that the collision had occurred after the Afghan vehicle 'unexpectedly pulled in front of them,' and that the crowd attacked the contractors when they got out of their vehicle."

AFGHAN WOMEN FEAR GAINS WILL BE LOST IN TALIBAN RECONCILIATION. On its front page, the New York Times (7/31, A1, Rubin, 1.09M) examines the fears of Afghan women that their "precarious rights...have begun seeping away" as the country considers whether to reconcile with the Taliban. The Times says, "Girls' schools are closing; working women are threatened; advocates are attacked; and terrified families are increasingly confining their daughters to home," as the country continues to experience "instability" and considers the role of the Taliban. The Times adds, "Interviews around the country" with women "suggest a nuanced reality -- fighting constricts women's freedoms nearly as much as a Taliban government, and conservative traditions already limit women's rights in many places." Still, the women fear "a Taliban return."

COURT SAYS LAWSUIT BY IRAQI NATIONALS CAN PROCEED AGAINST L3. AFP (7/31) reports that US District Court Judge Peter Messitte ruled that 72 Iraqi nationals can proceed to sue L3 Communications for actions by its former Titan Group unit, which provided contract interpreters for the US army at Abu Ghraib prison. The Iraqi nationals allege that they were subject to "beatings, torture, sexual aggression, the use of electric shock, mock executions and hangings from their feet" by L3 employees while the nationals were incarcerated at Abu Ghraib at times between 2003 and 2008. L3 "had argued the company was immune from litigation because it was acting under the aegis of the US government," but the judge ruled otherwise. AFP says L3 "may appeal the decision."

CHINA CRITICIZES CLINTON OVER US POSITION ON SOUTH CHINA SEAS. The AP (7/31, Bodeen) reports that China on Friday "criticized remarks" by Secretary Clinton last week that the US "had a strong interest in seeing territorial disputes in the South China Sea resolved peacefully." In what the AP calls a "rare news conference," military spokesman Geng Yansheng told reporters China opposes what he called the 'internationalization' of the matter." Yet Geng, "indicated that China would not interfere with the passage of foreign ships and planes through the area as long as they were in compliance with international law." The AP adds that "Geng's mild tone appeared to indicate China does not wish to

escalate the disagreement over Clinton's remarks, delivered last week at a regional security forum in Vietnam."

The Financial Times (7/31, Hille, 448K) points out that China's reaction came within hours of a large naval exercise it conducted in the sensitive area. It adds, however, that some analysts are skeptical that China will allow ships and planes through the South China Sea area without interference.

PROBE OF DUBAI PLOT CONNECTS US FIRMS TO FUNDS. The Wall Street Journal (7/31, Cummins, Perez, 2.08M) reports that American authorities believe some US companies inadvertently played a role in the assassination of a Palestinian leader in Dubai earlier this year by transferring money to people involved in the plot. The cases involve companies that match people with jobs over the Internet and handle money transactions with pre-paid cash cards. The US is cooperating in the investigation, which has largely focused on Mossad.

OBAMA CALLS FOR RELEASE OF HIKERS FROM IRAN. The one-year anniversary of the detention of three US hikers in Iran prompted several media reports. Bloomberg News (7/31, Johnston) reports that President Obama on Friday "called for the immediate release" of Shane Bauer, Josh Fattal, and Sarah Shourd and "said their detention has nothing to do with the differences between the US and Iranian governments." He said their detention has caused "extraordinary grief and uncertainty for them, for their families, and for their loved ones." AFP (7/31) reports that Amnesty International also called for the hikers' release Friday.

The New York Times (7/31, A9, MacFarquhar, 1.09M) reports that the hikers' families "held a protest rally on Friday outside the Iranian Mission to the United Nations to demand their release." It was "the first of around 30 similar protests organized by friends of the three in cities around the world," some of which will take place Saturday.

IRAN SAYS IT IS READY FOR "IMMEDIATE TALKS" ON NUCLEAR FUEL EXCHANGE. AFP (7/31, Ghazi) reports, "Iran said on Friday it was ready for immediate talks with the United States, Russia and France over an exchange of nuclear fuel and added that it was also against stockpiling higher enriched uranium." The remarks carried by the Mehr news agency by Iranian atomic chief Ali Akbar Salehi "came as Washington decided to fan out envoys across Asia, Middle East and the United Arab Emirates asking its partners to levy tighter sanctions against Tehran." He said talks with "the so-called Vienna group" of the US, Russia, and France "will be held in Vienna," while he "indicated that the overall nuclear talks between Iran and the six world powers -- Britain, China, France, Russia, the United States and Germany -- could be held in Turkey at the the end of the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, in mid-September." AFP points out that the US is sending officials to "China, the United Arab Emirates and other key countries in support of tighter sanctions."

China Opposes EU Sanctions Against Iran. AFP (7/31) reports that China on Friday said it opposed new sanctions by the EU on Iran, "again calling for more talks to resolve the standoff." Foreign ministry spokesman Jiang Yu "welcomed Iran's announcement that it was ready for immediate talks with the United States, Russia and France over an exchange of nuclear fuel, saying she hoped talks would begin 'as soon as possible.'" The EU on Monday hit Iran's oil and gas sectors with sanctions involving equipment, technology and services. The AP (7/31) also reports that story.

Israel Skeptical Of Sanctions But Willing To Give Them More Time. AFP (7/31) reports that Israeli Defense Minister Ehud Barak on Friday expressed his country's skepticism that "a new round of sanctions targeting Iran's nuclear program will be effective," but he added that "there is 'still time' for them to work." He said "that despite skepticism, Israel was willing to give the latest round of United Nations pressure on Tehran more time to have an effect." He added, however, that "we cannot wink in front of tough realities, however tough they might be."

LEADERS OF SAUDI ARABIA, SYRIA UNITE TO ENCOURAGE CALM IN LEBANON. An array of media reports focus on Middle Eastern leaders converging to lend stability to Lebanon. The Christian Science Monitor (7/31, Blanford, 48K) reports that "leaders of Saudi Arabia and Syria arrived in Beirut Friday for an unprecedented summit with Lebanese President Michel Suleiman...amid rising regional concern over the potentially explosive findings of the Special Tribunal for Lebanon," which "reportedly has found evidence implicating members of Hezbollah in the truck bomb assassination of former prime minister Rafik Hariri in February 2005." The visit by King Abdullah and President Bashar al-Assad "was the first time either of them have visited since an Arab League summit in 2002, underlining the level of unease in the region."

The New York Times (7/31, A10, Bakri, 1.09M) reports the two visiting leaders "pledged to calm tensions," while their presence "underlined the re-emergence of Syria in Lebanon's political life and the degree to which the assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri still haunts the country's tenuous peace." King Abdullah and President Assad met with Suleiman, Prime Minister Saad Hariri, and Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri for discussions about the tribunal's findings. In addition, Syrian Foreign Minister Walid Mouallem talked with Hezbollah lawmakers. The Times points out that Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah has "warned" that he "would not...surrender any of its members, whatever the findings."

The AP (7/31, Kennedy) reports, "The leaders of Syria and Saudi Arabia, once bitter rivals, made an unprecedented show

of cooperation Friday, traveling together to Lebanon in hopes of preventing any violence" if Hezbollah is indicted. The "unusual joint visit" also "consecrated both countries' roles as power brokers in the region, where Syria is an ally of Iran and Saudi Arabia generally supports the U.S." Paul Salem of the Carnegie Middle East Center in Beirut explained, "This is significant for two leaders who were fighting it out in Beirut just a few years ago. ... This indicates that they think this crisis is so big that they have to come themselves."

According to AFP (7/31, Zablitz), the two leaders intended to encourage "Lebanon's rival factions to avoid violence" during their "mini-summit." In a statement, they "stressed the need to 'resort to legal institutions and Lebanon's unity government to resolve any differences.'" AFP notes that the UN "hailed their visit as potentially 'historic' for Lebanon."

Qatar's Ruler Arrives For Visit To Lebanon's South. AFP (7/31) reports that "Qatar's ruler Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa al-Thani arrived in Lebanon on Friday for visit that will take him to parts of the war-torn south whose reconstruction the emirate is helping to finance." His arrival came "on the same day that Syrian President Bashar al-Assad and Saudi King Abdullah made an unprecedented joint visit." AFP notes that "Qatar played a key role" in defusing 2008 tensions that nearly resulted in civil war, "brokering a deal for the formation of a national unity government, after pledging massive aid to help rebuild the south."

Jordan Joins Saudi Arabia's Call For Stability In Lebanon. Lebanon also was the focus of talks Friday between Saudi King Abdullah and Jordan's King Abdullah II, who "called for stability and security to be strengthened in the country," reports AFP (7/31), which adds that "the two kings also held talks on the Palestinian issue." Jordan was expected to hold an official dinner for King Abdullah, "who wraps up his visit on Saturday."

US "CAREFULLY WATCHING" TALKS BETWEEN NORTH KOREA, BURMA. The AP (7/31) reports that the US is "carefully watching" the visit of North Korean Foreign Minister Pak Ui Chun to Burma, which "has not officially announced the visit is taking place." Of concern is whether the two countries are discussing arms ambitions. The visit was on its second day Friday. Earlier, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley had urged both countries to respect their global obligations. The AP adds that "Pak went Friday to the junta's headquarters in the administrative capital of Naypyitaw" for a meeting with his Burmese counterpart, Nyan Win, "as well as Prime Minister Thein Sein."

National News:

OBAMA TAKES "VICTORY LAP" IN REVIVING DETROIT. All three broadcast networks opened their Friday evening newscasts with reports on President Obama's visit to Detroit, which they and most print sources cast in a positive light. However, the news is coupled with a report on the slow growth of the gross domestic product in the second quarter, which dampened the upbeat news.

ABC World News (7/30, lead story, 2:25, Sawyer) reported, "It worked. That's what the President said about the taxpayer bailout, as he saluted the official return of America's auto industry. The three big companies all in profit for the first time in six years. In fact, they're hiring. Chrysler just announced 900 new jobs. So, is bailout still a four-letter word, or did taxpayers get their money's worth?" ABC (Karl) added, "In Motown, a victory lap for the President." President Obama: "Hello, Detroit!" Karl: "The American auto industry is on the rebound, and he's taking credit." Obama: "If we had done nothing, not only were your jobs gone, but supplier jobs were gone and dealership jobs were gone and the communities that depend on them would have been wiped out." Karl: "The US auto industry turnaround is undeniable. The job losses, more than 330,000 in 2008, have stopped. And the industry is actually hiring new workers -- 55,000 over the past year. ... The President mocked Republicans who loudly opposed the bailout and predicted it would not work." Obama: "They don't like admitting when I do the right thing. But they might have had to admit it. And I want all of you to know, I will bet on the American worker any day of the week." Karl: "One of the biggest critics were Richard Shelby. Today, he still thinks the bailout was a mistake." Sen. Richard Shelby: "The American taxpayers are still on the hook, will always be on the hook. A lot of this money will never be paid back."

The CBS Evening News (7/30, lead story, 3:10, Couric) more negatively opened, "Just when you thought you could breathe a sigh of relief, some discouraging economic news today: The recovery is sputtering. The government reported the economy grew by just 2.4 percent between April and June. That's a much slower rate than the previous three quarters. And job creation -- well, that's still a big problem." CBS (Mason) added, "In Detroit today, President Obama got behind the wheel at a GM plant to say the economy is still on the right road." President Obama "I have confidence in this economy! We are coming back!" Mason: "Ford's CEO Alan Mulally agrees."

NBC Nightly News (7/30, lead story, 3:00, Curry) reported, "Tonight, the economy is front and center as President Obama spent the day in Michigan talking about his decision to bail out the US auto industry and pointing to GM as an economic comeback story. ... The gross domestic product, which is the broadest measure of economic growth, weakened to 2.4 percent. And in more unsettling news, growth numbers from 2007 to 2009 revised downwards which shows the economic

meltdown was even worse than previously thought." NBC (Guthrie) added, "One senior White House official told me today you've got to look at the big picture. Eighteen months ago the economy was falling off a cliff. Today it is growing, but even officials here acknowledge that this recovery is running into some headwinds. The President today in Michigan, taking a short spin in Chevy's new hybrid electric vehicle. In the heart of car country, Mr. Obama hopes to highlight a turnaround story, an American auto industry resurrected from the dead."

The AP (7/31, Babington, Krisher) reports, "Touring Chrysler and General Motors assembly plants, Obama argued that his administration's unpopular \$60 billion bailout of the two companies - essentially government-funded forced bankruptcies - was paying off. Clear evidence that he sees an opening to appeal to recession-weary voters, Obama will continue to press the same case next week when he tours the Chicago plant where Ford Motor Co. builds the Taurus sedan and plans to assemble a new Explorer sport utility vehicle."

Bloomberg News (7/30, Brower) reports, "Heading into a congressional election season in which polls show the public skeptical about the \$84.8 billion rescue and anxious about economy, Obama is using the backdrop of Detroit- area plants owned by GM and Chrysler to promote what he says is an industry revival that has saved more than a million jobs." The President said at the Chrysler factory, "The fact that we're standing in this magnificent factory today is a testament to the decisions we made."

The Detroit Free Press (7/31, Gardner, Gray) reports, "He drove the Volt, listened to General Motors and Chrysler workers describe their jobs and reminded labor and management that a revived industry has recaptured only a fraction of the jobs it lost during the downturn. Still, President Barack Obama celebrated the modest momentum that has led to the industry recapturing 16% of the 334,000 jobs that disappeared in the two years leading up to the bankruptcies of GM and Chrysler." The President "told politically friendly crowds that it could have been much worse."

The Detroit News (7/31, Shepardson) reports Obama "offered a fiery defense Friday of the \$85 billion domestic auto bailout, praising the dramatic revitalization of the industry and taunting critics." The President "received loud applause as he told autoworkers that he resisted the urging of some to let the auto industry die."

The Washington Post (7/31, Shear, Whoriskey) reports the visit "was designed as a victory rally -- complete with campaign-style trappings -- an 'I told you so' event aimed squarely at his Republican critics who had attacked the auto bailouts as government takeovers." Politico (7/30, Marr) reports Obama "wrestled to reclaim the definition of one of the most charged words in Washington's political lexicon: bailout. ... 'You're proving the naysayers wrong,' he said, speaking at the Jefferson North Assembly plant building the new 2011 Jeep Cherokee. 'All of you.'"

The Los Angeles Times (7/31, Memoli) reports the trip "is part of a White House effort to highlight what it sees as a major economic success story, though it played out against the backdrop of disappointing news of slower-than-expected economic growth." McClatchy (7/31, Talev) reports, "Workers at the two plants embraced Obama, many crediting him with saving their jobs."

The New York Times (7/31, Calmes) says the government "has all but run out of tools to fix things. The boost from Mr. Obama's two-year stimulus package is waning, and Republicans have worked hard to convince many voters that the tax cuts and spending did not work in the first place -- a contention that many economists dispute." The Wall Street Journal (7/31, Terlep) and The Hill (7/30, Youngman) also have reports.

GDP GREW AT WEAK 2.4 PERCENT ANNUAL RATE IN SECOND QUARTER. The AP (7/30, Aversa) reports, "The economy is still growing, just not by much. And until that changes, don't look for the jobs to come back." The gross domestic product "grew at an annual rate of 2.4 percent from April to June, down from 3.7 percent the quarter before and the weakest showing in nearly a year. Many economists say the economy is growing even more slowly now." The AP says "even the good news for the economy this spring came with an asterisk. Home builders, for example, increased their spending at the fastest pace in 27 years. But economists say that was likely a one-time event propelled by a now-expired tax credit for homebuyers."

Bloomberg News (7/30, Schlisserman) reports growth was "less than forecast, reflecting a larger trade deficit and an easing in consumer spending. ... Household purchases climbed at a 1.6 percent rate following a 1.9 percent first-quarter gain that was smaller than previously estimated." AFP (7/31, Beatty) reports, "In the first quarter, growth hit 3.7 percent, up substantially from the 2.7 percent previously reported by government."

The New York Times (7/31, Rampell) reports the Commerce Department report on "showed that economic growth slipped sharply in the latest quarter from a much brisker pace earlier, an annual rate of 5 percent at the end of 2009 and 3.7 percent in the first quarter of 2010. Consumer spending, however, was weaker than initially indicated earlier in the recovery." The Washington Post (7/31, Irwin, Ryst) says the numbers show "the recovery is fading, and a troubling new

pattern is setting in: economic growth that is too slow to put Americans back to work."

The Wall Street Journal (7/31, Dougherty, Hagerty) and Chicago Tribune (7/31, Lee) also have reports. The Wall Street Journal (7/31) says in an editorial that the gross domestic product numbers show Americans are right to be unimpressed by the rate of economic recovery.

Stocks Down Friday. Bloomberg News (7/30, Gammeltoft) reports, "US stocks fell this week, trimming the biggest monthly rally for the Standard & Poor's 500 Index in a year, after economic reports and earnings forecasts from technology companies disappointed investors." The New York Times (7/31, Kim) reports that on Friday, "the Dow was down 1.22 points, or 0.01 percent, at 10,465.94. The broader Standard and Poor's 500-stock index increased 0.07 point, or 0.01 percent. The Nasdaq was up 3.01 points, or 0.13 percent, to 2,254.70." NBC Nightly News (7/30, story 11, :15, Curry) also has the numbers.

OBAMA DREW RECORD-HIGH 6.6 MILLION VIEWERS TO "THE VIEW." The New York Post (7/31) reports President Obama's "appearance on daytime talk show 'The View' may have raised a few eyebrows in political circles, but it proved to be a winner for the TV network." The Thursday episode "drew 6.6 million viewers -- making it the most watched telecast in the ABC series' history. It also drew the largest number of women viewers in 17 months with 516,000 in the 18-34 age group and 1.3 million females tuning in aged 18-49. Previously the most-watched episode of the panel show screened on November 5, 2008 -- the day after Obama was elected to the White House."

SENATE EXPECTED TO VOTE ON ENHANCED MEDICAID FUNDING MONDAY. The Hill (7/30, Pecquet) reports the Senate "is expected to hold a cloture vote Monday evening on a bill that includes enhanced federal Medicaid funding for states." The Federal Medical Assistance Percentages provision in the Federal Aviation Administration reauthorization bill "would give states a 3.2 percent Medicaid funding boost for the first quarter of 2011 and 1.2 percent for the second quarter, at a cost of \$16.1 billion."

ADMINISTRATION BUYS TELEVISION AD PROMOTING HEALTHCARE LAW TO SENIORS. Politics Daily (7/30) reports, "The Obama administration has hired a familiar face to pitch its health care law to seniors in a new television ad." The \$700,000 ad, funded by Medicare, features actor Andy Griffith telling seniors "that 'good things are coming' under the health care overhaul, including 'free checkups, lower prescription costs and better ways to protect us and Medicare from fraud.'"

FDA APPROVES FIRST-EVER HUMAN TEST OF STEM CELL-BASED THERAPY. The New York Times (7/31, Pollack) reports the FDA has approved "the world's first authorized test in people of a therapy derived from human embryonic stem cells." The clinical trial "could offer the first glimpse of the safety and possible effectiveness of a technology that has been hailed for its vast medical promise but also embroiled in political and ethical controversy." The trial "will test cells developed by the Geron Corporation and the University of California, Irvine in patients with new spinal cord injuries."

OBAMA CALLS RANGEL CASE "VERY TROUBLING" AS SOME DEMOCRATS SEEK HIS RESIGNATION. The CBS Evening News (7/30, story 4, :55, Couric) reported Rep. Charles Rangel "faces a trial in the House of Representatives this fall on 13 counts of ethics violations, a process that could take months. ... Harry Smith asked President Obama his reaction to the Rangel case." President Obama "I think Charlie Rangel served a very long time and served his constituents very well, but these allegations are very troubling, and, you know, he's somebody who is at the end of his career, 80 years old, I'm sure that what he wants is to be able to end his career with dignity. And my hope is that happens."

The AP (7/31, Kellman) reports Obama "says he hopes the 80-year-old lawmaker can end his career with dignity and some House Democrats want him to resign - now." A "half-dozen Democrats," including Reps. Ann Kirkpatrick and John Yarmuth, "either conditionally or outright called for Rangel's resignation Friday." Politico (7/30, Thrush, Allen) reports, "A person close to the Rangel tells Politico the embattled Democrat 'doesn't give a damn about what the president thinks about this' and won't step down." But "Obama's statement clearly changes the dynamic, and makes it much harder for the tenacious Rangel to hold on, according to Congressional sources."

The New York Times (7/31, Kocieniewski) reports the panel that investigated Rangel "recommended that the Harlem congressman be punished with a reprimand, rather than a more serious censure or expulsion from office, the chairman of the panel said Friday." The recommendation "appears to be carrying significant weight with the full 10-member House ethics committee, which will decide Mr. Rangel's fate." The full committee "spent hours behind closed doors" Friday "debating whether to agree to a settlement" that would require Rangel "to admit to wrongdoing in exchange for receiving a reprimand and avoiding a public trial on his conduct." The New York Post (7/31) says a reprimand "is the least severe punishment."

The Washington Post (7/31, Smith) says Rangel "has chosen a less-than-collegial defense to charges that he violated House ethics rules when he asked corporate donors with legislative interests to give to an academic center bearing his name. He was not the only lawmaker to solicit donations in this manner, his lawyers argue, saying that peers who did the same thing were not punished." Rangel's legal team "reached across the Capitol to point a finger" at Senate Minority Leader McConnell, "who helped raise money for a center named for him at the University of Louisville," and "cited similarities" with former senators Robert Byrd, Jesse Helms, and Trent Lott.

WATERS TO FACE HOUSE ETHICS TRIAL. The AP (7/31, Margasak) reports a House investigative panel will charge Democratic Rep. Maxine Waters "with ethics violations, raising the possibility of a second high-profile trial with political implications for Democrats this fall." Those familiar with the investigation "say the allegations could be announced next week The House ethics committee declined Friday to make any public statement on the matter." The Washington Post (7/31, Pershing, Kane) reports Waters "has decided against settling potential House ethics charges for her role in helping to steer federal funds to a bank, choosing instead to proceed to a trial, a source familiar with the process said Friday night."

The Los Angeles Times (7/31, Simon, Mascaro) reports a source said "the allegations were presented Friday to Waters. ... The findings on the investigation into Waters by the Office of Congressional Ethics are expected to be made public on Monday." The New York Times (7/31, Lipton), The Hill (7/30, Johnson), and Politico (7/30, Allen) also have reports.

CONGRESSIONAL BLACK CAUCUS UPSET BY WHITE HOUSE PROMISE OF AID TO LINCOLN. The Hill (7/30, Bolton) reports, "African-American lawmakers are irate that the Obama administration has promised Sen. Blanche Lincoln (D-Ark.) \$1.5 billion in farm aid while claiming it can't pay a landmark legal settlement with black farmers. Six members of the Congressional Black Caucus wrote to President Obama on Thursday calling on him to find a way to compensate black farmers who suffered discrimination in government loan programs during the 1980s and 1990s. The letter was spurred by behind-the-scenes deal-making in the Senate as part of an effort to pass small-business legislation."

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Other: NATIONAL URBAN LEAGUE -- Holds its Centennial Conference, "Empowerment Time: Past, Present and Future." This four-day event will feature "power-packed" plenary sessions, workshops, and The N.U.L. Experience - a Career Fair with over 100 companies, a College Fair, an Expo Hall with hundreds of exhibitors, and an interactive, multimedia, 3,000 sq-foot Centennial Empowerment Exhibit showcasing the organization's history and legacy. Highlights: 7:30 p.m. - 10:30 p.m. Whitney M. Young Jr. Awards Gala. Location: Washington Convention Center, Mt. Vernon Square. (Except where otherwise noted.) Contacts: [b6, b7C] 773-543- [b6]

18TH INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF COMPARATIVE LAW -- Continues in Washington D.C. Location: Ritz-Carlton Hotel, 1150 22nd St. NW. (Except where otherwise noted.) Contacts: [b6, b7C] (American University), 202-274- [b6]

3 p.m. - 7 p.m. NATIONAL DANCE DAY -- Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC) hosts National Dance Day at the National Mall, where she will present Nigel Lythgoe, executive producer and co-creator of the television show "So You Think You Can Dance" with a resolution commemorating the day's event. Among the special guests will be Olympic gymnast Dominique Dawes, who serves on the President's Council on Fitness, Sports, & Nutrition, and former So You Think You Can Dance finalists. The event will feature performances by Soles of Steel, Beat Ya Feet Kings, Dance Collective, Fluria Flamenca, Banneker Ball Room Dancing Club, Step Afrika, Dance Institute, Gotta Swing, Capitol Movement Project, DCypher, Dance Institute, AIL, and The Washington Ballet. Location: 3rd St. and Madison Drive NW. Contacts: [b6, b7C], 202-225- [b6]

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DHS TO EXPAND SNIFFING DOG FORCE. The Los Angeles Times (7/17, Dilanian) reports that "the Department of Homeland Security relies on an elite squad of about 2,000 canines to sniff for bombs, drugs and smuggled cash. Now the department is moving to expand its four-legged force by 3,000 - about 600 dogs a year over the next five years." Requirements under "a recent bid solicitation aimed at small breeders across the country," call for "males and females ages 12 months to 36 months. ... The department is looking for Labrador retrievers, golden retrievers, German shepherds, Dutch shepherds, Belgian Malinois 'or other working, herding or sporting breeds with prior approval.'" The department "says no training is necessary - their experts will handle that. But the candidates must be 'alert, active, outgoing, confident' and 'extremely tolerant of people.'"

Immigration and Customs Enforcement:

UTAH IDENTIFIES TWO SUSPECTS BEHIND IMMIGRANT LIST. The AP (7/17, Vergakis) reports Utah authorities announced yesterday "they have identified at least two state workers who apparently accessed confidential documents to create a list of 1,300 purported illegal immigrants that was mailed to law enforcement officials and the news media." According to Gov. Gary Herbert, "the employees work for the Department of Workforce Services, which administers food stamp programs and other public benefits. The employees have been placed on administrative leave, and the state attorney general will determine whether to file criminal charges."

Customs and Border Protection:

ARIZONA SPENDS \$77,000 TO DEFEND NEW IMMIGRATION LAW. The AP (7/17, Davenport) reports, "The state is paying approximately \$77,000 to private lawyers for just the first 12 days of work defending Arizona's new immigration enforcement law." This is only an "initial amount," and is "expected to be a small fraction of the total costs the state will ultimately face in the seven pending cases."

ARIZONA GETS \$14 MILLION IN FEDERAL GRANTS FOR BORDER SECURITY. KTAR-TV Phoenix (7/16) reported on its website, "Arizona will get \$13.8 million in federal grants this fiscal year from Operation Stonegarden which supports efforts to secure US borders." Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano reveled "the grants on a visit Friday to Laredo, Texas, where she met with law enforcement leaders and planned to tour the Laredo Port of Entry, on the border

with Mexico." She said, "Operation Stonegarden is one part of our overall strategy to provide state, local and tribal law enforcement on the frontlines the resources they need to confront the complex and dynamic challenges that exist along our borders." The article noted, "The grants are divided among 15 border states and the Territory of Puerto Rico, based on threat, vulnerability, miles of border and border-specific law enforcement intelligence." KOLD-TV Tucson (7/16) also reported the grants on its website.

NUMBER OF IMMIGRANT FATALITIES IN ARIZONA DESERT SOARS IN JULY. The AP (7/17, Myers) reports, "The number of deaths among illegal immigrants crossing the Arizona desert from Mexico is soaring so high this month that the medical examiner's office...is using a refrigerated truck to store some of them," according to the chief examiner. Pima County Medical Examiner Dr. Bruce Parks said Friday that "the bodies of 40 illegal immigrants have been brought" to his office since July 1. "At that rate, Parks said the deaths could top the single-month record of 68 in July 2005 since his office began tracking them in 2000."

CALIFORNIA NATIONAL GUARD MOBILIZED AT BORDER. The AP (7/16) reported Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger yesterday mobilized units of the California National Guard in "a federal effort to deter drug trafficking and illegal immigration along the border with Mexico. His order supports President Barack Obama's plan to have 1,200 National Guard troops assist with federal border protection, customs and immigration agents." The mobilization "comes amid a national debate over an Arizona law that directs police to conduct immigration checks when they are questioning people about possible legal violations."

NUMBER OF IMMIGRATION-RELATED LAWS SURGES IN 2009. The Los Angeles Times (7/17, Gorman) reports, "Arizona's strict new law has generated the most controversy, but there are hundreds of immigration-related laws on the books" across the US. These laws "regulate employment, law enforcement, education, benefits and healthcare." Colorado, for instance, "restricts illegal immigrants from receiving in-state tuition. Nebraska requires verification of immigration status to obtain public benefits. In Tennessee, knowingly presenting a false ID card to get a job is a misdemeanor." Furthermore, "the number of immigration-related laws and resolutions enacted by states surged to 333 last year, up from 32 in 2005," show the data from the National Conference of State Legislatures.

Transportation Security Administration:

SECURITY BREACH DELAYS FLIGHTS AT RHODE ISLAND AIRPORT. The AP (7/16) reported, "Flights at T.F. Green Airport in Rhode Island are back to normal following a security breach." A Transportation Security Administration spokesman explained "the breach occurred around 6 a.m. Friday when a passenger passed through a security checkpoint at the Warwick, R.I., airport without being fully screened. The person was taken into custody, interviewed by investigators and released."

IROQUOIS NATIONAL LACROSSE TEAM STYMIED BY UK OFFICIALS OVER PASSPORTS. The New York Times (7/17, Kaplan) reports, "The 23 players on the Iroquois national lacrosse team expected to spend this week vying for a world championship. Instead, they spent Friday night divvying up their gear in the driveway outside a Hilton hotel" in New York state, "having officially declared defeat in their weeklong dispute with the British government over whether they should be allowed to travel using their tribal passports." The team "forfeited its first game Thursday night against England. Unless the team departed for the tournament by Friday evening, it would have had no choice but to forfeit its next game, scheduled for Saturday afternoon against Japan." British officials "would not accept its tribal documents in lieu of American or Canadian passports because of security concerns. The Iroquois passports are partly handwritten and lack the holograms and other technological features that guard against forgeries."

US Coast Guard:

CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM AS WELL PRESSURE SLOWLY STARTS TO RISE. The AP (7/17, Smith) reports, "In a nail-biting day across the Gulf Coast, engineers struggled to make sense of puzzling pressure readings from the bottom of the sea Friday to determine whether BP's capped oil well was holding tight. Halfway through a critical 48-hour window, the signs were promising but far from conclusive." BP Vice President Kent Wells "said on an evening conference call that engineers had found no indication that the well has started leaking underground." Wells said, "No news is good news, I guess that's how I'd say it." Incident commander Adm. Thad Allen said "one mysterious development was that the pressure readings were not rising as high as expected," which could be due to a slowing in the source of the oil after three months of spewing, or "there could be an undiscovered leak somewhere down in the well. Allen ordered further study but remained confident."

All three broadcast networks once again opened with lengthy reports on the situation in the Gulf. ABC World News (7/16, lead story, 3:10, Muir, 8.2M) reported, "All eyes on the Gulf are fixed on that capped well this evening. We were tracking

that image all day here: a clear picture of that cap with no oil to be seen. But the focus tonight: those crucial pressure readings now coming from the well. ... Tonight, Allen says the pressure continues to rise, but slowly being the key word." ABC (Gutman) added, "They say the well is holding, sealing in all the oil, but the numbers aren't quite as high as they would like to see them. BP and the Coast Guard do have a Plan B, and that is to siphon the oil back to the surface to ships waiting there. Tonight, this colossal cork called a stacking cap has shut in the torrent of oil for more than 24 hours. But those key pressure readings remain too low, indicating a possible problem."

The CBS Evening News (7/16, lead story, 4:30, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "For a second day, no oil is gushing into the Gulf of Mexico, and that cap seems to be doing its job. But the tests are not over. ... President Obama said today the job won't be done until the well is completely killed and he reminded Americans there is still an enormous cleanup job. With the oil that's already spilled spreading and a lot of the gulf closed to fishing, BP's damaged payments reached \$201 million today, a quarter of that going to fishermen and shrimpers." CBS (Cobiella) added, "Engineers were hoping for answers. Instead they got uncertainty, and now the clock is ticking on this test. ... They were hoping to see high pressure readings after the cap was closed, 8,000 to 9,000 pounds per square inch. That would mean the well is strong. Anything below 6,000 psi would mean its leaking. The tests showed pressure just over 6,700 and slowly rising."

NBC Nightly News (7/16, lead story, 3:10, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "Reports from the Gulf of Mexico haven't really been optimistic in any way for going on three months. But tonight, the prognosis is being described as muted optimism as the tests on that well have been going on now for more than 24 hours and so far no leaks, no rupture, no new oil on top of the ton they are already dealing with." NBC (Thompson) added, "You can see the difference on the surface above the damaged well. The flames of the 'Discoverer Enterprise' and 'Q4000' are out. No ship is collecting oil because, for a second day, the crude is not flowing. But there are concerns."

The New York Times (7/17, Fountain, 1.09M) reports the President "cautioned against concluding that the corner had been turned in the oil disaster. ... He said it was still possible for there to be complications that 'could be even more catastrophic' than the original leak. Appearing in the Rose Garden before taking off for a short Maine vacation, Mr. Obama said all decisions about the fate of the well would be based on science, 'not based on P.R., not based on politics.'"

The Los Angeles Times (7/17, Boxall, Semuels, 776K) reports BP "gingerly moved ahead with tests of its newly sealed oil well Friday, stepping up scans of the seafloor for leaks that would signal potential problems with a containment operation that has rarely gone as planned." If the pressure "doesn't rise to a certain point and stay steady," it "could be an indication that oil is seeping into the seabed from the well hole, which could make matters worse. If that happens, BP will immediately open the cap valves to release oil and resume a collection operation that had been capturing some of the leak and funneling it to ships."

The Washington Post (7/17, Fahrenthold, 684K) reports, "When Friday dawned, it was still Groundhog Day in Alabama. There were tar balls congealing in the sand, again. There were more people walking head-down into the BP claims center, holding their tax forms. At the Purple Octopus souvenir shop, the naughty T-shirts and hermit-crab houses still weren't selling. But there still something different, hopeful about this day. There was news to watch: a cap on BP's leaking well, and tests to determine if it would hold. ... And so, on the 88th day, they waited."

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (7/17, White, 169K) reports, "The first day of an 'integrity test' on the blown-out well that for months had been shooting oil into the Gulf of Mexico ended with uncertainty." The Houston Chronicle (7/17, Fowler, 427K) reports well pressure "continued to rise very slowly Friday evening - about 2 pounds per square inch every hour - and was 6,720 psi by early evening," Wells said. The Mobile Press-Register (7/17, Kirby) reports Allen "said the plan is to leave the well cap in place and monitor conditions every six hours."

The Miami Herald (7/17, Tasker, 210K), Baton Rouge Advocate (7/17, Davis, 102K), Wall Street Journal (7/17, A5, Chazan, 2.08M), Bloomberg News (7/17, Swint, Gismatullin), AFP (7/17, Johnson), The Hill (7/16, Geman), and Politico (7/16, Marr) also report on the tests.

CHU TAKES COMMAND OF BP OIL WELL CONTAINMENT. The New York Times (7/17, Broder, 1.09M) reports that even though Energy Secretary Chu "has no training in geology, seismology or oil well technology... he has stepped in repeatedly to take command of the effort to contain BP's runaway well, often ordering company officials to take steps they might not have taken on their own." The Times adds that, "Robert Dudley, the top BP official handling the spill response, said that he was impressed not only with Dr. Chu's technical virtuosity, but his command demeanor." Dudley said, "He is confident, he is inquisitive and he seeks views from a variety of people...He can speak with senior executives and then with subsea engineers, and ask probing questions about pressure variants and burst steel casing. He can actually interpret the data and have a very sharp engineering discussion with an expert from BP."

The Wall Street Journal (7/17, Hughes, 2.08M) adds that Chu's focus on pressure readings reflects his emphasis on data

and that he has become so important to the oil spill response that he has had to cancel other plans.

JINDAL SAYS DRILLING MORATORIUM ADDS "INSULT TO INJURY." In the Washington Post (7/17, 684K), Gov. Bobby Jindal writes, "By now, everyone no doubt realizes that I am not a fan of the pace at which the federal government has worked to contain the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Sadly, federal officials were slow to act and overly bureaucratic. They have never really understood the urgency of the situation down here. ... Against this backdrop, the federal government unwisely chose to add insult to injury by decreeing a moratorium on deepwater drilling in the gulf. This ill-advised and ill-considered moratorium, which a federal judge called 'arbitrary' and 'capricious,' creates a second disaster for our economy, throwing thousands of hardworking folks out of their jobs and causing real damage to many families. ... The bottom line is this: Thousands of Louisianans shouldn't have to lose their jobs just because the federal government can't do its job."

LATimes Says Moratorium Is Necessary. The Los Angeles Times (7/17, 776K) editorializes, "The reason the wells have the potential for catastrophes like BP's Deepwater Horizon spill appears to be that the technology for preventing major blowouts at those depths is less than fully reliable. ... Though the moratorium might harm the livelihoods of thousands of Americans, the nation's best interests lie in a thorough investigation and the tight oversight of new, safer technologies - if they can be found -before high-risk oil operations can resume."

FEINBERG FACES SKEPTICISM AS HE BEGINS NEW FUND ADMINISTRATION. The New York Times (7/17, Schwartz, 1.09M) and the Wall Street Journal (7/17, King, 2.08M) both have profiles of BP oil spill fund administrator Kenneth Feinberg, with the Times saying Feinberg had to play "the role of salesman and politician" in Louisiana this week. Feinberg "knew he was facing many skeptics -- and cynics -- who no doubt wondered if they could get more money from the oil company, not to mention satisfaction, in the courts." The Journal says Feinberg's task this time is much larger than what he and others dealt with after 9/11 and Hurricane Katrina. Feinberg has no legislation or contracts to guide him, and potentially deals with a much larger pool of claimants.

COLLINS CRITICIZES GOP ATTACKS AGAINST OBAMA OVER OIL SPILL ACTIVITIES. In her New York Times (7/17, 1.09M) column, Gail Collins writes, "The Republicans have now set up a site called 'Golf or Gulf' that lists all the things Obama has been doing for the last three months when he could have been sitting around worrying about the oil spill. He had Paul McCartney over to the White House. And he played golf 10 times! Let's repeal the oil spill and start all over."

National Protection and Programs:

FIFTEEN NATIONS TO WORK TOGETHER ON CYBERTHREATS. The Washington Post (7/17, Nakashima, 684K) reports 15 nations including the US, China, and Russia "have for the first time signaled a willingness to engage in reducing the threat of attacks on each others' computer networks." The group "recommended that the UN create norms of accepted behavior in cyberspace, exchange information on national legislation and cybersecurity strategies, and strengthen the capacity of less-developed countries to protect their computer systems," among other things.

Terrorism Investigations:

LATIMES SAYS RULING STRENGTHENS CASE FOR CIVILIAN COURT TERROR TRIALS. The Los Angeles Times (7/17, 776K) says in an editorial that federal judge Lewis Kaplan "has strengthened the case for trying accused terrorists in civilian courts rather than before military commissions. His decision should be required reading for President Obama, who has developed unsettling second thoughts about the Justice Department's plans for a civilian trial of self-proclaimed 9/11 mastermind Khalid Shaikh Mohammed and four alleged accomplices." Kaplan's ruling in the case of Ahmed Khalfan Ghailani, "indicted in 1998 for conspiring in al Qaeda bombings of US embassies in Tanzania and Kenya," says the Supreme Court "has held that speedy trial claims must be viewed 'in the particular context of the case.' He said there was no persuasive evidence that the delay 'has impaired Ghailani's ability to defend himself in any respect or significantly prejudiced him in any way pertinent to the speedy trial analysis.'"

National Security News:

GOVERNMENT AUDITORS SAY AFGHAN RECONSTRUCTION IS "FAILING." The AP (7/17, Margasak) reports, "The inspector general investigating fraud, waste and abuse in the \$51 billion Afghanistan reconstruction program has received a failing grade from his peers." In addition, "the council of government auditors who reviewed the work asked Attorney General Eric Holder to consider suspending or rescinding law enforcement powers of the Afghanistan reconstruction watchdog," the Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction (SIGAR) headed by retired Marine Maj. Gen. Arnold Fields. The AP adds, "Fields told the review group, the inspectors' general Council on Integrity and Efficiency, that

he accepted the findings and promised improvements were under way." Specific criticisms of SIGAR are that it "did not train investigators in use of firearms and deadly force, did not even have a policy on firearms, and lacked an electronic filing system to collect important information - including data to measure investigators' performance." The AP notes that Sen. Claire McCaskill, head of a committee that investigates government contracting, said, "This report proves that SIGAR's performance is inept. ... It is time for a house-cleaning at SIGAR, including new leadership. For the sake of our soldiers and the American taxpayer, time is of the essence."

TENSIONS BETWEEN INDIA, PAKISTAN COULD AFFECT US IN AFGHANISTAN. McClatchy (7/16, Shah) reported, "Recriminations flew between India and Pakistan on Friday, a day after failed peace talks that could have negative fallout for the US-led military campaign in Afghanistan." Pakistan said "India had scuttled the talks by refusing to discuss anything but terrorism allegations against Pakistan, while India said that was the key issue between the countries." McClatchy says that some "analysts and officials" believe the two countries are now "effectively...contesting a proxy war in Afghanistan. ... Many think that there'll be no stability in Afghanistan until Pakistan and India stop playing out their decades-long rivalry there, with Pakistan giving sanctuary and support to the mainly Pashtun Taliban and India supporting the largely non-Pashtun Northern Alliance."

FORMER STATE DEPARTMENT ANALYST, WIFE SENTENCED FOR SPYING FOR CUBA. The AP (7/17, Yost) reports, "The 73-year-old great grandson of Alexander Graham Bell was sentenced Friday to life in prison without parole for quietly spying for Cuba" for about 30 years "from inside the State Department. His wife was sentenced to 5 1/2 years." Retired intelligence analyst Kendall Myers stated that "he meant his country no harm and stole secrets only to help Cuba's people who 'have good reason to feel threatened' by US intentions of ousting the communist Castro government. But US District Judge Reggie Walton said Myers and his 72-year-old wife, Gwendolyn, had betrayed America and should receive heavy punishment."

The Washington Post (7/17, Hsu) reports the couple "also agreed to forfeit \$1.7 million in cash and property, including all his federal salary over the years. They did not have to give up a 38-foot sailboat Walter Myers once said they might use in retirement to sail to the communist country." The post also quotes the judge saying, "If someone despises the American government to the extent that appears to be the case, you can pack your bags and leave. ... And it doesn't seem to me you continue to bear the benefits this country manages to provide and seek to undermine it." According to the Post, "it was a grim ending to the Myerses' idealistic embrace of the Cuban revolution, with one slight comfort."

CNN.com (7/16, Cratty) reports the two were arrested last summer "after meeting several times with an undercover FBI agent to whom they admitted their activities on behalf of Cuba. Those meetings were captured on video and audio tape. They used code names. Kendall Myers was known as Agent 202. Gwendolyn Myers used the names Agent 123 and Agent E-634." They also "used a shortwave radio to communicate from their District of Columbia home with their Cuban handlers. The couple also admitted they met Cuban agents on overseas trips to various places, including Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Mexico, Brazil, Ecuador and Argentina."

CAR BOMB USED FOR FIRST TIME IN MEXICAN DRUG WAR. NBC Nightly News (7/16, story 4, :20, Williams) reported, "Overseas a deadly first in Mexico's bloody drug war - a car bomb. Authorities say gang members set a trap for police and used a cell phone to set off the bomb in the city of Juarez, just across the border from El Paso. Four people were killed in the attack."

The AP (7/17, Caldwell, Castillo) reports, "A drug cartel has used a car bomb for the first time in Mexico's decades-long fight against traffickers." The target of the explosion was "federal police in a city across the border from Texas, the mayor of Ciudad Juarez said Friday." The mayor said that "federal police have confirmed to him that a car bomb was used in the attack that killed three people Thursday." The AP notes, "It was the first time a drug cartel has used a bomb to attack Mexican security forces, marking an escalation in the country's already raging drug war." The mayor said that "federal police and paramedics were lured to the scene by a phone call reporting that shots were fired at a major intersection and a municipal police officer lay wounded."

Cold War Era Grenades Being Used In Mexico Drug Struggle. Reporting on the explosion, the Washington Post (7/17, Mirotff, Booth) says, "Grenades made in the United States and sent to Central America during the Cold War have resurfaced as terrifying new weapons in almost weekly attacks by Mexican drug cartels." US and Mexican law enforcement officials confirm that US grenades were "sent a generation ago to battle communist revolutionaries in the jungles of Central America." They are now "being diverted from dusty old armories and sold to criminal mafias, who are using them to destabilize the Mexican government and terrorize civilians." But "not all grenades found in Mexico are American-made. Many are of Asian or Soviet and Eastern European manufacture, ATF officials said, probably given to leftist insurgents by Cuba and Nicaragua's Sandinistas."

SPY SWAP TESTS US PROSECUTORS' INTEGRITY. The New York Times (7/17, A14, Weiser) reports the spy swap

between the US and Russia was an integrity test for Preet Bharara, the United States attorney in Manhattan. Telling "his closest aides" that "their criminal case...was fast becoming a deal being orchestrated by politicians and diplomats," noted that "the proudly independent Manhattan federal prosecutor's office and the Justice Department 'should never be an extension of or a rubber stamp for the White House. ... I feel that very strongly,'" he said. "The meeting late last month began an intense tutorial by the prosecutors on law and philosophy, ethics and history, politics and statecraft. They examined research on the history of swaps of spies and other prisoners." Now, after the spy exchange, Bharara noted, "If something would have violated our principles...we would have objected." After concluding "the deal being brokered by the politicians was acceptable and just," the "prosecutors scrambled to secure guilty pleas from the 10 jailed suspects in different cities as the case sped to a conclusion."

CLINTON SUGGESTS UK COMMUNICATE WITH CONGRESS ABOUT MEGRAHI RELEASE. AFP (7/17) reports that Secretary of State Clinton "renewed American concerns" Friday about the release last year of Lockerbie bomber Abdelbaset Ali Mohmet al-Megrahi in a phone call with British Foreign Secretary William Hague. The two talked in advance of Prime Minister David Cameron's planned White House visit next week, and Clinton "indicated that...it might be appropriate for the British government to communicate with Congress as well to make sure that they fully understand...what transpired a year ago," according to State Department spokesman Philip Crowley. AFP notes that the Senate Foreign Relations Committee intends to hold a hearing about the bomber's release "over the fierce objections from Washington." AFP says Hague "reiterated" to Clinton that the bomber's release was "a mistake."

The AP (7/17, Frommer) reports that the Secretary also told Hague that Congress is interested in whether BP sought the Lockerbie bomber's release in order to pursue a Libyan oil exploration deal, and some in the Senate "demanded records of any BP communications with Libya, Britain, Scotland and others concerning al-Megrahi and the prisoner transfer agreement." State's Crowley said Hague "offered to communicate directly with the Hill and the secretary agreed that was a good idea," and both Clinton and Hague agreed the bomber's release "was an error."

Cameron Says Britain Is "Junior Partner" In US-UK Special Relationship. Bloomberg News (7/16) reports British Prime Minister David Cameron, preparing for his first visit to the US since taking office, "said he sees Britain as America's 'junior partner.'" In an interview with Time, Cameron said, "President Obama and I have a very good relationship, we get on well. I believe in the special relationship. Britain is, of course, the junior partner. I hope we bring things to that relationship." Cameron "has faced criticism at home for the way he handled" Obama's criticism of BP "over the Gulf of Mexico oil leak."

FORMER STATE DEPARTMENT ANALYST, WIFE SENTENCED FOR SPYING FOR CUBA. The AP (7/17, Yost) reports, "The 73-year-old great grandson of Alexander Graham Bell was sentenced Friday to life in prison without parole for quietly spying for Cuba" for about 30 years "from inside the State Department. His wife was sentenced to 5 1/2 years." Retired intelligence analyst Kendall Myers stated that "he meant his country no harm and stole secrets only to help Cuba's people who 'have good reason to feel threatened' by US intentions of ousting the communist Castro government. But US District Judge Reggie Walton said Myers and his 72-year-old wife, Gwendolyn, had betrayed America and should receive heavy punishment."

The Washington Post (7/17, Hsu, 684K) reports the couple "also agreed to forfeit \$1.7 million in cash and property, including all his federal salary over the years. They did not have to give up a 38-foot sailboat Walter Myers once said they might use in retirement to sail to the communist country." The post also quotes the judge saying, "If someone despises the American government to the extent that appears to be the case, you can pack your bags and leave. ... And it doesn't seem to me you continue to bear the benefits this country manages to provide and seek to undermine it." According to the Post, "it was a grim ending to the Myerses' idealistic embrace of the Cuban revolution, with one slight comfort."

CNN.com (7/16, Cratty) reports the two were arrested last summer "after meeting several times with an undercover FBI agent to whom they admitted their activities on behalf of Cuba. Those meetings were captured on video and audio tape. They used code names. Kendall Myers was known as Agent 202. Gwendolyn Myers used the names Agent 123 and Agent E-634." They also "used a shortwave radio to communicate from their District of Columbia home with their Cuban handlers. The couple also admitted they met Cuban agents on overseas trips to various places, including Trinidad and Tobago, Jamaica, Mexico, Brazil, Ecuador and Argentina."

STATE DEPARTMENT CONFIRMS CUBAN CARDINAL VISITED US. The Miami Herald (7/17, Tamayo, 210K) reports, "Cuban Cardinal Jaime Ortega visited the United States in June, just days before he announced that the Raul Castro government had agreed to free 52 political prisoners, the US State Department confirmed Friday." Spokeswoman Virginia Staab, however, "declined comment on reports that Ortega met with two senior US officials in Washington during the visit and informed them -- with Cuba's approval -- of his talks with Castro on the prisoner release." The Herald notes earlier media reports about Ortega meeting with a State Department official and Rep. Howard Berman, D-Calif., chairman of the House Foreign Affairs committee.

COURT ORDERS STATE DEPARTMENT TO REVIEW TERRORIST DESIGNATION FOR IRANIAN GROUP. The Washington Post (7/17, A2, Kessler, 684K) reports that "another foreign policy hot potato" emerged Friday when a federal appeals court "ordered the State Department to review its decision to label an Iranian opposition group as a foreign terrorist organization, strongly suggesting the designation should be revoked." The appeals court said the "due process protections" of the People's Mujaheddin Organization of Iran "were violated because the State Department did not give it a chance to rebut unclassified information used to justify the designation." The group "has for years fought its designation as a foreign terrorist organization, contending that it was only labeled as such by the Clinton Administration in 1997 to curry favor with the Iranian government, which views the group as a threat." The group's "designation was reaffirmed at the end of the George W. Bush administration, even though the top State Department counterterrorism official at the time, Dell L. Dailey, had pushed to remove the group from the US list of foreign terrorist groups."

The AP (7/17) adds that the terrorist label "prohibits groups from raising money and obtaining other support in the United States." The EU "dropped the People's Mujahedeen from its list of banned terrorist groups last year."

AFP (7/17) points out that "the group, which asked for a review of its classification in 2008, was turned down by then-secretary of state Condoleezza Rice in the final days of her tenure." State Department spokesman Philip Crowley "said the court had remanded the issue to Rice's successor, Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, and that the agency would study the opening 'carefully.'" He said, "Notably, the court left the MEK's designation as a foreign terrorist organization in place during the remand. ... The US government continues to view the MEK as a terrorist organization."

IRAN BLAMES US FOR ATTACKS AS SUNNI GROUP TAKES CREDIT. NBC Nightly News (7/16, story 5, :15, Williams, 8.37M) reported that "a Sunni insurgent group said it carried out one of the deadliest attacks in Iran in years. A double suicide bombing outside a Shiite mosque killed at least 27, wounded 300 more."

The Los Angeles Times (7/17, Daragahi, Mostaghim, 776K) reports that the militant group Jundallah "claimed responsibility Friday" and said the attacks were to "kill members of the Revolutionary Guard and avenge the arrest and hanging last month of its leader, Abdulmalak Rigi."

The AP (7/17) reports that Iran's Fars news agency said 40 suspects were arrested in connection with the bombing. There was little other information, although Iran's deputy police chief, Gen. Ahmad Reza Radan said the bombers' goal was "to create insecurity in the city of Zahedan after the bombing."

According to the Washington Post (7/17, A6, Erdbrink, 684K), however, Iranian "state radio is taking the lead in an apparent attempt by the government to hold the United States at least partly responsible for the bombing." Iran's "main news program said, 'The terrorists were...equipped and trained by a foreign intelligence organization to slaughter people,'" and the attacks were "in line with United States policies against the Islamic republic."

The New York Times (7/17, A6, Yong, Worth, 1.09M) reports, however, that "the bombing underscored the continuing threat of religious and ethnic violence in Iran, which is unrelated to the political upheavals of the past year." Jundallah "claims to be fighting on behalf of Sunni Muslim members of the Baluch ethnic group in Iran and Pakistan and has been a thorn in the side of Iran's security services for years, repeatedly bombing Zahedan and other southeastern cities."

On Friday, President Obama "strongly condemned" this week's attacks, reports AFP (7/17). In a separate report, AFP (7/17, Deshmukh) adds that the UN and the EU also condemned the bombings.

Treasury Department Adds Al-Awlaki To Terror List. The AP (7/17, Sullivan, Lee) reports that "the Treasury Department placed Anwar al-Awlaki -- accused by officials of helping plan the failed Christmas Day airline bombing -- on its list of Specially Designated Global Terrorists" on Friday. As a result, "any bank accounts found in the United States belonging to him are frozen. Americans are forbidden from doing business with him. And, it bans him from traveling to the US" The designation "comes about six months after the US government put al-Awlaki on a secret list of targets to be captured or killed."

AFP (7/17) adds that "the measures were outlined in Executive Order 13224." AFP points out that Under Secretary for Terrorism and Financial Intelligence Stuart Levey said the US-born cleric "sought to encourage his supporters to provide money for terrorist causes. ... Those who provide material support to Awlaki or AQAP violate sanctions and expose themselves to serious consequences."

Groups Say Iran Denying Prisoners Medical Treatment. AFP (7/17) reports that Amnesty International and Reporters Without Borders said Friday that media reports and family accounts indicate that Iran is refusing medical care to some 100 political prisoners it has held in the year since the country's disputed presidential election. The prisoners are jailed "in

inhuman and degrading conditions. Their most basic rights are being violated, starting with the right to adequate medical treatment." In a joint statement, the groups "said they believed medical treatment was being denied to prisoners to 'put pressure on them and their families.'"

MITCHELL MEETS WITH NETANYAHU. AFP (7/17) reports that envoy George Mitchell "held talks" with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Friday, but Israel's government "gave no details of their discussions." Mitchell was expected to discuss direct talks with Palestinian officials, and he is scheduled to meet with Palestinian president Mahmud Abbas today.

According to the AP (7/17, Laub), the Palestinians "have warned" Mitchell "that it will be difficult to revive peace talks if Washington cannot stop Israel from demolishing Arab homes or building for Jews in east Jerusalem," although Mitchell "is expected to try to persuade Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas in a meeting Saturday to agree to direct negotiations with Israel. Abbas aides say they expect Mitchell to tell the Palestinian president what Israel is prepared to do to make that happen." The AP also notes Mitchell's talks Friday with Netanyahu and the absence of detail from the Israeli government and adds, "Abbas will likely find himself under intense US pressure to return to direct negotiations, even if all of his demands are not met."

RWANDANS TRICKED INTO FORCED RETURN HOME. The New York Times (7/17, A5, Kron, 1.09M) reports, "About 1,700 Rwandans seeking asylum have been herded onto trucks at gunpoint and driven across the border to Rwanda in what the United Nations has called an illegal operation to repatriate refugees." The Times describes accounts of Ugandan police going to a refugee camp this week in southern Uganda and luring "asylum seekers with promises of food, before surrounding them and forcing them onto trucks back to Rwanda. At least two refugees jumped out of trucks to their deaths, many more were injured and local news reports said some had been shot." The Times adds that the UN condemned the action Friday.

AGREEMENT REACHED ON "LIMITED" EXPORT OF DIAMONDS FROM ZIMBABWE. The New York Times (7/17, A5, Cowell, 1.09M) is among major media outlets reporting that that the World Diamond Council and the UN-backed Kimberley Process reached agreement "to allow Zimbabwe to export limited numbers of stones from fields where the military has been accused of human rights abuses and smuggling." The agreement, made in meetings in St. Petersburg, Russia, "provides for Zimbabwe to export two batches of rough diamonds before Sept. 6 under the supervision of Kimberley Process monitors."

US BACKS UN STATUS FOR INTERNATIONAL GAY RIGHTS COMMISSION. The AP (7/17, Lederer) reports, "The Obama Administration and 14 members of the US Congress are urging the U.N. Economic and Social Council to accredit the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission so it can work at the United Nations." The US suspects that the commission has faced discrimination, and it floated a draft resolution Friday that "would have ECOSOC grant the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission consultative status." Commission official Jessica Stern "said the group expects the 54 members of ECOSOC to vote on the US draft on Monday." The US "urged ECOSOC to support the international commission's application which would send a message to the NGO committee 'that it must review all applications without discrimination.'"

WPOST, NYTIMES SAY WORLD HAS BEEN GENEROUS TO HAITI, BUT MUST DO MORE. The Washington Post (7/17, 684K) editorializes, "It has been half a year since an earthquake nearly flattened Port-au-Prince, the capital of Haiti, killing 250,000 people and leaving 1.5 million homeless. Any critique of the relief and reconstruction efforts must begin with the magnitude of the catastrophe. Indonesia took five years to replace 139,000 houses destroyed by the December 2004 tsunami on the island of Aceh; Haiti, far poorer and more disorganized, has lost 190,000 homes." The US "still struggles with the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. Yet thanks to the generosity of people and governments around the world, the efforts of aid workers, and the tenacity of the Haitian people, Haiti has made it this far without the starvation, epidemics or civil unrest that many feared. Now, though, recovery must accelerate."

The New York Times (7/17, 1.09M) editorializes, "The world's leaders swore that this time would be different, that they would use this tragedy to help the Haitians build a viable economy and a functioning state." But "a new reconstruction agency, the Interim Haiti Recovery Commission, which is supposed to oversee that rebuilding, is hardly off the ground." The US "has been generous. It has already spent more than \$1 billion on emergency aid and is now spending another \$175 million on projects like cash-for-work programs, debris clearance, school construction and support for agriculture and police officers. ... Haitians have been extraordinarily patient. But their suffering is real, and they need to see progress. The world needs to see that progress is possible. If not, all of the big dreams for Haiti could evaporate."

WSJOURNAL DECRIES IRANIAN JUSTICE SYSTEM. In an editorial, the Wall Street Journal (7/17, 2.08M) condemns Iran's justice system, focusing on the case of a woman who could be slowly stoned to death. In Iran, the Journal says, women's testimony counts only half as much as men's, and gays are publicly hanged.

National News:

OBAMAS ARRIVE IN MAINE AFTER GOOD WEEK FOR PRESIDENT. The AP (7/17, Smith) reports, "Cheered by a key victory in Congress and good news from the Gulf oil spill zone, a relaxed President Barack Obama began a weekend holiday Friday on a sun-dappled mountain peak overlooking the rocky Atlantic coast. Within hours of landing at the Bar Harbor airport," the Obamas "were clambering over the granite outcrops at the summit of Cadillac Mountain in Acadia National Park." The "brief vacation quickly yielded plenty of photos of a president who knew he's had a good week."

NBC Nightly News (7/16, story 11, :40, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "They went hiking at Acadia National Park, Cadillac Mountain, and then got ice cream, of course. The President told reporters he got a coconut ice cream cone. He then proceeded to pose with tourists visiting from Germany. The Obamas are there until Sunday." The CBS Evening News (7/16, story 7, :15, Couric, 6.1M) also briefly reported on the vacation.

ABC World News (7/16, story 5, 2:35, Muir, 8.2M) also reported on the trip, but tied it to a story about the President's poll numbers, saying the "First Family left for a weekend in Maine, where today they visited Acadia National Park. The oil for now is finally stopped, and on the political front, his financial reform package finally passed. So, why such low poll numbers? ... Some Democrats have been grumbling that the public is not giving the President enough credit for all he has accomplished in such a short time." ABC (Tapper) added, "After all, Democrats argue, 18 months into his presidency, Mr. Obama has chalked up a number of legislative victories: an \$862 billion stimulus bill that many economists say staved off a depression. A major overhaul of America's healthcare system. And just yesterday, the biggest reform of Wall Street and the nation's financial system since right after the Great Depression. So, what's going on? It's this: As unemployment has gone up, up, up, the President's approval rating on the economy has gone down, down, down."

The Bar Harbor Times (7/17, Anderson) reports the Obamas, "including their dog Bo, arrived in Maine Friday a little after noon, having flown into the Hancock County-Bar Harbor Airport in Trenton in separate aircraft. The canine Obama flew in one aircraft and the human Obamas in the other." The President "emerged from Air Force One with a big smile and saluted as he made his way down the steps and was greeted by Gov. John Baldacci and his wife, Karen," as well as Rep. Mike Michaud and the head of the Bar Harbor Town Council.

The Portland Press Herald (7/17, Metzler) reports Obama "was the first to walk onto the tarmac, dressed casually in a pale blue Oxford shirt and khakis. A few minutes later, Michelle Obama, dressed in black capris, a tank top and sandals, walked onto the runway. Shortly after, Malia and Sasha joined their parents." The Bangor Daily News (7/17, Miller) reports, "Within 40 minutes of landing at the Hancock County-Bar Harbor Airport in Trenton just after noon, the Obamas were pedaling bikes down the carriage roads that surround Witch Hole Pond."

The New York Times (7/17, Stolberg, 1.09M) reports, "It has been 100 years, the local newspaper reports, since a sitting president chose this picturesque seaside village as his vacation spot. When William Howard Taft arrived in July 1910, he sprained his ankle playing golf, the captain of his yacht got 'a terrible sunburn' and the townsfolk made such a ruckus about who would entertain him that Mr. Taft decided to give a speech from the bandstand on the village green." Obama "faces pressures of a different sort. ... What sounds like a much-needed family escape from the literal and political heat of Washington to some sounds like hypocrisy to others, given recent statements by both the president and first lady urging Americans to spend their vacation time and money along the shores of the oil-stricken Gulf of Mexico."

In his New York Times (7/17, 1.09M) column, Charles Blow writes, "This summer has not been kind to this president. A CBS News poll released on Tuesday found that 'a majority of Americans have a negative impression of the economy and expect the effects of the recession to linger for years.' ... The president has yet to jolt the economy into recovery, he's made some unpopular decisions and circumstances have not always favored him. But a presidency is a never-ending series of choices. Seasons change, winds switch directions, bad times don't last always."

NINETY-FOUR ARRESTED OVER MEDICARE SCAMS TOTALING \$251 MILLION. ABC World News (7/16, story 6, 2:05, Muir, 8.2M) reported on "hundreds of raids carried out this country today in what's being called the biggest Medicare fraud bust in history. Doctors and nurses billing the American taxpayer for procedures that never happened, and clinics that don't even exist."

The CBS Evening News (7/16, story 3, 2:00, Couric, 6.1M) noted that "one way the government plans to pay for healthcare reform is by cracking down on Medicare fraud. ... Dozens of people have been arrested including doctors, patients, and clinic owners accused of scamming Medicare out of hundreds of millions of dollars."

The AP (7/17, Kennedy, Hays) reports, "Authorities said busts carried out this week in Miami, New York City, Detroit, Houston and Baton Rouge, La., were the largest Medicare fraud takedown in history." The move also was "part of a

massive overhaul in the way federal officials are preventing and prosecuting the crimes."

CNN.com (7/16) reports, "The defendants are charged with conspiring to submit over \$280 million in false claims to the federal healthcare program designed to aid the elderly." Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said, "Today's arrests send a strong message that attempts to defraud Medicare will not be tolerated." According to the report, "charges include filing fraudulent claims for HIV/infusion services, home healthcare, physical therapy and durable medical equipment."

The New York Daily News (7/17, Marzulli, 588K) reports, "The feds busted a Medicare mill in Brooklyn where the elderly gathered in a 'kickback room' to collect payoffs under a Cold War-era poster warning them to keep their mouths shut." Brooklyn US Attorney Loretta Lynch said yesterday "that 15 people were arrested - including an 82-year-old woman. Seven others are being sought in the \$78 million scheme."

WARREN ON LIST TO HEAD CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU. The New York Times (7/17, Chan, 1.09M) reports, "The Obama administration, savoring Congressional approval of a far-reaching financial regulation bill, now faces a crucial choice over who will lead the powerful new consumer guardian created by the legislation." The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau will have "an estimated budget of \$500 million and broad discretion to write and enforce rules for mortgages, credit cards, student loans and debt collection." Troubled Assets Relief Program Congressional Oversight Panel Chairwoman Elizabeth Warren, "the Harvard law professor whose proposal to create the agency was embraced by Mr. Obama and who is the favorite of liberal advocacy groups," is said to be a top contender.

The Hill (7/16, Brush) reports White House adviser David Axelrod "praised Warren as a 'great champion of consumers and middle-class families across the country.'" Axelrod said, "She is obviously a candidate to lead this effort. There are other candidates as well. But Elizabeth is certainly a candidate." The Wall Street Journal (7/17, Paletta, 2.08M) reports the White House is considering two other candidates as well: Treasury Department Assistant Secretary Michael Barr and Justice Department Chief Counsel for Competition Policy and Intergovernmental Relations Gene Kimmelman.

Passage Of Financial Reforms Gives Geithner Vast New Authority. The Washington Post (7/17, Cho, 684K) reports, "Half a year after some predicted he would be booted from the Obama administration," Treasury Secretary Geithner "stands to inherit vast power to shape bank regulations, oversee financial markets and create a consumer protection agency. Few Treasury secretaries have had such sweeping influence over such a wide realm as Geithner will wield once President Obama signs the new financial overhaul legislation passed this week by Congress." The Post says it "has been a remarkable turnaround for the 48-year-old Treasury secretary, who endured repeated calls for his head from lawmakers a few months ago."

CONSUMER CONFIDENCE DOWN; INFLATION DIPS SLIGHTLY. The AP (7/16, Aversa) reports, "Consumers are having second thoughts about the recovery Shoppers are losing confidence, becoming more concerned about low pay and a weak job market than about bargains. And their worries are threatening to drag down the economy." The University of Michigan consumer sentiment survey found consumer confidence "fell in July to its lowest point in nearly a year. A volatile stock market, near-double-digit unemployment, lackluster wage gains and a stalled housing market have raised fears that the recovery is on the verge of stalling." The index "sank to 66.5 in early July, from 76," hitting its lowest point since August 2009. The New York Times (7/17, Rich, 1.09M) reports that the economic recovery "has been helped in large part by the spending of the most affluent. Now, even the rich appear to be tightening their belts."

The New York Times (7/17, Hauser, 1.09M) reports the Consumer Price Index "declined 0.1 percent last month on a seasonally adjusted basis. Lower prices for gasoline, which showed a 4.5 percent decline, were a big factor for the decrease." The Wall Street Journal (7/17, A2, Reddy, Zhao, 2.08M) says that while economists see the risk of actual deflation as low, declines in prices add another sign that the economy is slowing.

Stocks Down Nearly Three Percent Friday. The Washington Post (7/17, Mui, 684K) reports, "Wall Street erased the week's gains on Friday as the major stock market indexes fell nearly 3 percent amid fresh concerns that the economic recovery is stalling." The Dow Jones Industrial Average "was down 261.41 points, to 10,097.90, a 2.5 percent loss," while the Nasdaq fell 70.03 points, or 3.1 percent, to 2179.05. The S&P 500 "dropped 31.60 points, or 2.9 percent, to close at 1064.88." The New York Times (7/17, Hauser, 1.09M), Wall Street Journal (7/17, B1, Gongloff, 2.08M), and Chicago Tribune (7/17, Marksjarvis, 534K) also have the numbers.

THIRTY-TWO US SOLDIERS COMMITTED SUICIDE IN JUNE. NBC Nightly News (7/16, story 6, 2:40, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "We have learned a terrible statistic in this country this week. It is a grim new record for America. In the month of June, 32 suicides among US soldiers. Its part of a significant uptick since the start of the year. It's happening in the midst of two wars that the US Army is fighting, and despite a huge campaign to stop it." The Washington Post (7/17, Jaffe, 684K) reports, "The boost in the number of suicides in June was likely driven by the 'continued stresses on the force'

caused by the Iraq and Afghanistan wars, said Col. Chris Philbrick, the director of the Army's suicide prevention task force."

MANCHIN NAMES 36-YEAR-OLD GOODWIN TO FILL BYRD SEAT. NBC Nightly News (7/16, story 7, :25, Williams, 8.37M) reported, "The oldest member of the US Senate is being replaced by the youngest. West Virginia's governor today announced his choice to temporarily fill the Senate seat of the late Robert Byrd. Carte Goodwin is a lawyer who was, until recently, the governor's general counsel. He's 36 years old. He will hold the seat until a special election in November."

The AP (7/16, Messina) reports Gov. Joe Manchin appointed Goodwin, "a member of a prominent West Virginia family," to the seat. Manchin "announced Goodwin's appointment during a packed afternoon news conference at the state Capitol. 'I know he's going to make us all proud,' Manchin said. 'I know that West Virginia is better off because he's passed this way.'"

The Wheeling News-Register (7/17) reports, Sen. Jay Rockefeller "promised to serve as a mentor to Goodwin in Washington. 'There is no such thing as an interim senator,' Rockefeller said Friday during the announcement ceremony at the State Capitol building. 'Maybe there is a time limitation here. But there is no such thing.'" The Beckley Register-Herald (7/17, Workman) reports, "Goodwin becomes the youngest sitting member of the US Senate. Byrd was the longest serving and oldest member of Congress. In contrast, Goodwin will serve one of the shortest ever terms."

The Parkersburg News and Sentinel (7/17) reports Rep. Shelley Moore Capito said "political ambitions taint the process to organize a special election," and said Manchin's choice of Goodwin "was to protect Manchin's 'own desire' for the seat." Capito said, "Based on the person chosen from the rumored field of candidates to fill the US Senate vacancy on an interim basis, it is once again evident that political ambition was the key factor in the selection. Gov. Manchin followed the same path as Florida Gov. Charlie Crist did last August when he appointed his former staffer for the sole purpose of protecting his own desire to run for the US Senate seat." Capito, "who has been cited as a possible Republican candidate" for the seat, did congratulate Goodwin on the appointment.

The Charleston Gazette (7/17, Kabler), Charleston Daily Mail (7/17, Rivard, 20K), Los Angeles Times (7/17, Memoli, 776K), New York Times (7/17, Becker, 1.09M), Wall Street Journal (7/17, Maher, 2.08M), The Hill (7/16, D'Aprile), and Politico (7/16, Toeplitz) also report on the selection.

BROWN HAS ATTAINED UNUSUAL POWER FOR A SENATE FRESHMAN. The Washington Post (7/17, Bacon, 684K) reports, "One of the surest ways to tell whether a bill will rise or fall in Congress right now is not a speech from President Obama or a declaration by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi." It is instead "often a letter from the office of a senator who has served in Washington for less than seven months." Sen. Scott Brown "campaigns in Massachusetts as an outsider" and, "far from becoming a dependable GOP vote, Brown has turned out to be an unpredictable lawmaker. In a Senate where Democrats control 59 votes but need 60 on most major legislation, Brown is in many ways the third member of a troika" along with moderate Maine Sens. Susan Collins and Olympia Snowe. Brown's "outsized role has both parties alternately praising and condemning him. In a true feat of bipartisanship, he has at times annoyed both conservative talk show host Rush Limbaugh and Senate Majority Leader Harry M. Reid."

The Boston Globe (7/17, Viser, 325K) reports, however, that Brown's "unemployment plan -- which calls for diverting \$35 billion in stimulus money to pay for benefits for the long-term jobless and several other items -- has attracted little support, even from Republicans." Brown said, "Why is it that I'm always the one that has to vote with the Democrats? Bipartisanship is a two-way street, you know."

FIRST LADY TO TAKE OBESITY CAMPAIGN TO BALTIMORE'S CAMDEN YARDS. The Baltimore Sun (7/17, Anderson, 229K) reports First Lady Michelle Obama "will be at Oriole Park at Camden Yards next week to promote her 'Let's Move!' campaign to end childhood obesity. Obama is expected on Tuesday to announce a joint initiative between her campaign and Major League Baseball, the White House announced Friday."

MINOR EARTHQUAKE HIT WASHINGTON AREA FRIDAY MORNING. The CBS Evening News (7/16, story 6, :20, Couric, 6.1M) reported, "We've all heard the promises to shake up Washington. Well, today it finally happened. A magnitude 3.6 earthquake hit at about 5:00 this morning. It was centered near Germantown, Maryland, and felt as far away as Pennsylvania and West Virginia. But at the White House, President Obama said he did not."

NBC Nightly News (7/16, story 10, :30, Williams, 8.37M) said Obama, "who happens to live in an old home made of sandstone, told reporters he didn't feel a thing." ABC World News (7/16, story 4, :35, Muir, 8.2M), the AP (7/16, Mahabir, Gresko), Washington Post (7/17, Rosenwald, 684K), and Baltimore Sun (7/17, Jones, Roylance, 229K) are among those reporting on the minor quake.

REPUBLICAN SENATE, HOUSE CANDIDATES OUTRAISED DEMOCRATS IN SECOND QUARTER. The Washington Post (7/17, Farnam, Blake, 684K) reports, "In a reversal of fortune, Republican candidates for key House and Senate races raised more money than Democrats in the second quarter of this year." Republican House candidates "raised \$86.4 million last quarter, an increase of 25 percent over the first three months of the year." Democratic House candidates "were able to close some of the gap from the first quarter, increasing their totals by 30 percent to \$78.7 million." Republican Senate candidates "out-raised Democrats in all but one of the 13 races to fill seats left open by retirements or primaries." The "most threatened Democratic senators," such as Russ Feingold, Blanche Lincoln, and Patty Murray, "were able to raise much more than their Republican challengers. In Nevada, however, 'tea party' favorite Sharron Angle raised \$2.6 million, slightly more than the \$2.4 million Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid brought in." But Reid has about \$9 million on hand, to Angle's \$1.8 million.

The New York Times (7/17, Zeleny, 1.09M) reports, "In red states and blue states -- nearly a dozen competitive Senate races in all -- Republicans raised more money over the last three months than their Democratic challengers." The Wall Street Journal (7/17, Mullins, Gray, 2.08M) says in the 34 most-competitive House races, Republicans topped 50 percent of the total raised; in the last cycle in the most competitive races, GOP candidates drew just 44 percent of the funds.

The Minneapolis Star Tribune (7/17, Roper, 347K) reports Rep. Michele Bachmann "raised more since April than any other US House candidate in the country," while her Democratic rival Tarryl Clark "raised more than all but one Democratic House candidate in the same period."

GOP DEBATES WHETHER PRESENTING AN AGENDA IS GOOD STRATEGY THIS YEAR. The Washington Post (7/17, Tumulty, Kane, 684K) reports that though House Minority Leader John Boehner "plans to unveil a blueprint of what Republicans will do if they take back control of the chamber" in September, it is unclear if Republicans will "actually want to run on those ideas -- or any ideas? Behind the scenes, many are being urged to ignore the leaders and do just the opposite: avoid issues at all costs." Some of the GOP's "most influential political consultants are quietly counseling their clients to stay on the offensive" and make the election about the Democrats.

MCCAIN, HAYWORTH MEET IN TELEVISED DEBATE. The AP (7/17, Cooper) reports J.D. Hayworth "came out swinging" against Sen. John McCain in the first of two televised debates before the August 24 Arizona Republican Senate primary. Hayworth "lobbed a number of one-liners toward Arizona's senior senator, who has a comfortable advantage in fundraising and polling less than two weeks before early voting begins." McCain "touted his ability to lead and hammered Hayworth for his record in congress and his work as a registered lobbyist and infomercial pitchman" after he lost his House seat in 2006. A third candidate, Jim Deakin, also participated in the debate.

The AP (7/17) also reports that McCain "has pledged \$5,000 to a legal fund for two Arizona sheriffs," Paul Babeu of Pinal County and Larry Dever of Cochise County, who are "defending themselves against lawsuits over the state's new immigration enforcement law."

TANCREDO SUGGESTS HE COULD STEP INTO COLORADO GUBERNATORIAL RACE. The Denver Post (7/17, Crummy, 282K) reports, "Support for GOP gubernatorial candidate Scott McInnis is eroding among Republicans but he remains a viable candidate even after a plagiarism scandal," a poll for the newspaper found. The Post says 20 percent of registered Republicans "who supported McInnis prior to this week's allegations that he plagiarized previously published material said they will now back another candidate." Asked "who would be the 'strongest Republican gubernatorial candidate'" from a list of six names, ex-Rep. Tom Tancredo "easily led the pack of six choices with 29 percent." McInnis was at 19 percent, and primary opponent Dan Maes at 13 percent. Tancredo, "originally a McInnis supporter, has said that both Maes and McInnis should 'both eventually drop out' of the race even if it's after one wins the primary." Tancredo says neither of them can win in November, and added that he "was 'surprised and flattered' by the poll results." Tancredo said, "I want us as a party to get this governor's seat. If I can do it, believe me I will."

PALIN WAS PAID \$75,000 FOR CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY STANISLAUS SPEECH. The AP (7/16, Burke) reports, "The foundation arm of a cash-strapped California public university paid Sarah Palin \$75,000 to speak at a 50th anniversary gala." Palin's speech at California State University, Stanislaus "drew intense criticism and scrutiny and also attracted sizable donations for the public school. According to school officials, it raised more than \$207,000 for the university, making it the most successful fundraiser in the campus's history."

NYTIMES SAYS WHITE HOUSE AIDS STRATEGY IS "REASONABLE" GIVEN TOUGH ECONOMY. The New York Times (7/17, 1.09M) editorializes, "With the AIDS epidemic still spreading rapidly around the globe, public health programs have to use their resources a lot more effectively. The need for greater efficiency in a time of limited resources is an important theme of President Obama's new national AIDS strategy. The same argument is being made by the United Nations agency that battles the epidemic and by Bill Gates, whose foundation plays an influential role in financing a global response." The White House strategy "calls for redirecting some of the \$19 billion that the federal government currently

spends annually on domestic AIDS programs to areas where the need is greatest and to groups at greatest risk. ... That sounds reasonable in tough times."

The Big Picture:

HEADLINES FROM TODAY'S FRONT PAGES.

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Wealth Defines Calif. Gubernatorial, Senate Campaigns
South Korea Town Still Mired In '07 Oil Spill
Ethnic Divide Looms In Afghanistan
Arizona Immigration Law Is One Of Many
Firefighters Busy As Sauna-Like Heat Persists

New York Times:

Wealthy Reduce Buying In A Blow To The Recovery
Iran's President Now Aims At Rivals Among Conservatives
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Washington Post:

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The Earth Trembled In Md., But Not Everybody Gets The Shakes

Atlanta Journal-Constitution:

Ga. Voters Want Arizona-Style Law
Oil Well Shows No Sign Of Leak
Tax Revenue Drops In Counties
Indian Truck Delivery Stalls; Distributor Sues

Houston Chronicle:

Gulf Well Continues To Hold
Judge Warned, But Keeps Post, In Death Penalty Case
Perry Paid \$426,000 Settlement To Bell Over Donation Lawsuit

Story Lineup From Last Night's Network News:

ABC: BP Oil Spill-Containment Cap; BP Oil Spill-Containment Cap Cont; BP Oil Spill-Permanent Solution; Washington DC Earthquake; Obama-Low Poll Numbers; Medicare Fraud; Vatican Backlash; Apple-iPhone 4 Fix; Persons Of The Week.

CBS: BP Oil Spill-Containment Cap; BP-Lockerbite Bomber; Medicare Fraud; Apple-iPhone 4 Fix; Animals-Antibiotics; Washington DC Earthquake; Obamas Vacation In Maine; Space-Wise Telescope; Food-Bacteria.

NBC: BP Oil Spill-Containment Cap; BP Oil Spill-Gulf Seafood; US Economy; Mexico Drug War-Car Bomb; Iran-Sunni Suicide Bombing; US Army-Suicides; West Virginia-Goodwin Replaces Byrd; National Heat Wave; Apple-iPhone 4 Fix; Washington DC Earthquake; Obamas Vacation In Maine; Making A Difference.

Washington's Schedule:

TODAY'S EVENTS IN WASHINGTON.

White House:

PRESIDENT OBAMA -- The First Family is spending the weekend on Mount Desert Island, home of Acadia National Park in Maine. There are no public events scheduled.

VICE PRESIDENT BIDEN -- No public schedule.

US Senate: Not in session.

US House: Not in session.

Other: MPAC - YOUNG LEADERS SUMMIT -- The Muslim Public Affairs Council holds its fourth annual National Muslim American Young Leaders Summit. A total of 25 top young leaders will be exposed to the inner workings of Washington.

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MUSLIMS ANNUAL CONVENTION -- The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community holds its annual convention and will address the questions including "Are Muslims required to obey non-Muslim Governments". Highlights: 3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. The National Vice President and Missionary In-Charge of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, USA, Naseem Mahdi will deliver address "Are Muslims required to obey non-Muslim Governments?" Location: Dulles Expo Center, 4368 Chantilly Shopping Center, Chantilly, VA. Contacts: [b6, b7C], 909-636- [b6]

BRAIN CANCER SURVIVOR - BIKE TREK -- Anne Feeley, a 56-year old mother and brain cancer survivor, will complete her journey across America when she pedals into the nation's capital. Feeley cycled over 4,000 miles across the country with her trainer and dog, Walter, to raise \$3 million for research and patient care. The effort, Brains on Bikes, kicked off in May in San Francisco, CA. Highlights: 11 a.m. Cyclists will gather at Hains Point for final 6.5 mile ride to the Capitol Reflecting Pool. 1 p.m. Press conference at Capitol Reflecting Pool. 3rd St. SW, between Madison Drive and Jefferson Drive SW.

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NAPOLITANO SAYS COMPARISONS OF OIL SPILL TO KATRINA "A TOTAL MISCHARACTERIZATION." As President Obama visited the Gulf of Mexico area to survey the oil spill damage and officials including Secretary Napolitano made the rounds on the Sunday morning news talk shows to discuss the situation, media coverage has depicted the Administration as seeking to minimize potential political fallout from the accident. NBC Nightly News (5/2, story 3, 3:00, Potter, 8.37M) reported that the President "came to Louisiana to see for himself the efforts to clean up the oil spill and also to underscore the Administration's resolve to tackle that issue." Obama was shown saying, "So let me be clear. BP is responsible for this leak. BP will be paying the bill. But as President of the United States, I'm going to spare no effort to respond to this crisis for as long as it continues. And we will spare no resource to clean up whatever damages cost."

Footage of the same Obama statement ran on ABC World News (5/2, story 3, 3:310, Muir, 8.2M) and the CBS Evening News (5/2, story 3, 3:00, Strassman, 6.1M). ABC also noted that the President said "in the Gulf...this could turn out to be an 'unprecedented environmental disaster,'" and CBS said Obama is "on the defensive because earlier this year he announced plans to increase oil drilling in coast waters, opening more territories here in the Gulf a vast area of the Atlantic, as well as northern accident Alaska. This accident has put all that in question." The New York Times (5/3, Robertson, Fountain, 1.09M) also reports, "For Mr. Obama, the widening environmental calamity in the Gulf is made even more complicated, politically, by the fact that the spill occurred just a month after the president announced he was expanding offshore drilling." Obama "now says that no new leases will be approved until a thorough review on the causes of the BP leak is complete."

As noted by the Washington Times (5/3, Rowland, 77K), Secretary Napolitano said in response to questions about the pace of the Administration response on Fox News Sunday (5/2, 6:07 p.m. EDT) that "the Administration responded with all hands on deck from day one. What happened is the situation itself evolved. The situation evolved from an explosion and a search and rescue mission, to, several days later, the actual sinking of the rig. At that point in time the oil was being burned off on the surface. To the next phase was that the oil began to spread and could not all, and was not all being burned off on the surface. And then we had assets in place – already pre-deployed more than 70 vessels, hundreds of thousands of feet of boom, the command center – the integrated command center the Commandant referred to – was already stood up, with the states involved from day one." Asked about early assessments that this could be Obama's Katrina, Napolitano added, "I think that is a total mischaracterization."

Roll Call (5/3, Bendery) reports that "White House Press Secretary Robert Gibbs...dismissed comparisons of the administration's response to the spill to the Bush administration's handling of Hurricane Katrina recovery efforts." Gibbs said "analogies between the two disasters are 'tougher to make' because of the advance notice that came with Katrina and the number of lives lost." However, added Gibbs, "I'm happy to compare the response."

On NBC Nightly News (5/2, story 4, 1:10, Holt, 8.37M) CNBC's John Harwood was asked whether "from a PR standpoint," Obama's trip came "a bit later than it should have." Harwood replied, "You could make that argument," but "interestingly, Republicans are not hitting the President as hard on this as we've become accustomed to. In part because they know this is a results-oriented business. If they can contain the damage, the political damage will be contained. But if this is a huge problem that continues, as Ken Salazar said, for months, this is going to be a headache for this Administration for a long

time."

The New Orleans Times-Picayune (5/3, Rainey, 169K) also notes that Obama "told Louisiana oyster farmers and the country that the full force of the federal government was focused on assisting southeast Louisiana." Said the President, "The federal government has launched an all-hands-on-deck, relentless response to this crisis from day one." USA Today (5/3, Wolf, 2.11M) meanwhile, reports that "Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., said the administration...could do better." Landrieu said on CBS's *Face the Nation*, "The federal government has leaned forward since day one...but obviously it's not enough."

The AP (5/3, Burns, Hurst) reports that "Gibbs told reporters with the president that Obama was briefed on the spill for 50 minutes during the flight from Washington by homeland security and counterterrorism adviser John Brennan and energy adviser Carol Browner. Chief of staff Rahm Emanuel rounded out the presidential party." The Hill (5/3, Youngman, 21K) and AFP (5/3, Oberman) also run brief reports on the President's trip.

Politico (5/3, Lee, 25K) notes that "in a joint round of Sunday news show appearances just hours before Obama's trip," Napolitano, Coast Guard Adm. Thad Allen and Interior Secretary Ken Salazar "defended the White House on the oil spill response by -- like Obama -- repeatedly using the phrase 'Day One' to characterize the administration's engagement." The officials "uttered 'Day One' at least seven separate times on CNN alone in an increasingly vigorous attempt to insulate the administration from charges that it was initially slow to respond to the spill."

Asked on Fox News Sunday (5/2, 6:07 p.m. EDT) whether the spill could end up worse than the Exxon Valdez, Salazar said, "There are scenarios that it could be worse than the Exxon Valdez. We are not sugar coating this thing, and we need to make sure that we are prepared for worst-case scenario, and we have been doing that since day one."

The Los Angeles Times (5/3, Muskal, 776K) quotes Napolitano as saying, "The physical response on the ground has been from Day One as if this could be a catastrophic failure. ... Every possible resource was being lined up on shore." Salazar, meanwhile, "rejected calls to shut any of the remaining 30,000 drilling rigs in the gulf." Said Salazar, "For us to turn off those spigots would have a very huge impact on America's economy right now."

The CBS Evening News (5/2, story 3, 3:00, Strassman, 6.1M), meanwhile, showed Salazar saying of the spill, "There are scenarios that it could be worse than the Exxon Valdez. We're not sugarcoating this thing."

Noting the thwarted terror attack in New York City, the Washington Post (5/3, Kornblut, 684K) reports that events "demonstrated how challenging it has been for Obama to get his timing right. By the time he reached Louisiana -- 12 days after the initial oil-rig explosion and just two days after the White House insisted Obama had no plans to alter his schedule and go -- the focus of most headlines had shifted to the next day's news." The Post adds that "for a White House that was focused on health care for many months, it has seemed, at moments, as if the floodgates have opened." Senior adviser David Axelrod tells the Post in an interview, "You come to expect the unexpected. ... This is what he signed up for. And he's certainly had enough experience in the last year and a half to know that it is what you expect."

The AP (5/3) notes that NBC's *Meet the Press*, Salazar also said "the potential environmental outlook for the Gulf Coast oil spill is 'a very grave scenario.'"

The Hill (5/3, Johnson, Bogardus, 21K) notes that "Salazar will appear before the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee May 6." Last Friday, "the House Energy and Commerce Committee said it would hold a May 12 hearing with top officials from BP America, rig owner Transocean and drilling services contractor Halliburton."

Napolitano: BP "Needs To Get The Spill Stopped." Asked on Fox News what she meant in saying Friday that BP needed to step up its efforts in response to the spill, Napolitano said, "British Petroleum needs to get the spill stopped. We need to do more and be working on the surface of the ocean to make sure we're doing everything to keep the spill from reaching shore. And then, they need to be doing more in terms of protecting shoreline, hiring local workers to help with that shoreline response, doing all they can to be out there in the communities, because they are ultimately responsible."

Napolitano said on NBC's Meet the Press (5/2, 10:33 a.m. EDT), "I think we're all disappointed that BP hasn't been able to shut off this well, and I would add to what Secretary Salazar said: All of these actions are being taken, but BP is going to pay for them."

BP Faces Large Clean-Up Bill, Damage To Reputation. The Washington Post (5/3, A6, Mufson, 684K) also reports on the "corporate crisis for one of the world's biggest oil giants," noting that "the price tag for the disaster increases day by day." BP "says it is spending \$6 million a day on response efforts," and "drilling a relief well will probably cost more than \$100 million. The Defense Department says it will hand BP the bill for paying Louisiana National Guard troops, and the

Environmental Protection Agency says it will charge BP for air monitoring. Covering damages to coastal fishermen, tourism businesses and residents could cost billions more," of which "BP will pay 65 percent."

In a front page story, the Wall Street Journal (5/3, A1, Chazan, 2.08M) reports that the explosion and resulting spill could undermine the efforts of BP CEO Tony Hayward to improve the company's reputation, as he took over three years ago this week following such high profile events as the fatal explosion at its Texas City refinery. It may also jeopardize BP's ground-breaking exploration projects, as governments may be fearful of a similar accident.

AGs Seek Assurances From BP. Meanwhile, the AP (5/3, Nelson) reports, "The attorneys general from Alabama, Florida, Mississippi, Louisiana and Texas want BP PLC to sign an agreement spelling out exactly what 'legitimate expenses' they'll cover from the spill." They said they "aren't going to file a lawsuit yet, but they say they want Gulf Coast residents to know that they will work together to hold BP and other responsible parties accountable."

As Clean-Up Efforts Continue, BP To Drill Relief Well. USA Today (5/3, Leinwand, 2.11M) reports "communities along the Gulf Coast and beyond braced Sunday for an environmental and economic tragedy that is growing worse by the day" as robot-controlled submarines have "made little progress in sealing the gash on the ocean floor that is leaking at least 200,000 gallons of oil a day - and possibly much more." And although "the thickest oil has so far stayed out to sea...concerns over polluted waters led the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to ban commercial and recreational fishing in a broad expanse of ocean for 'a minimum of 10 days.'" Meanwhile officials in the Gulf region have "voiced frustration with the slow response by the company that owned the rig, BP, and said they were frantically exploring long-shot disaster prevention efforts of their own as blustery winds pushed the oil slick closer to shore."

Asked on ABC's This Week (5/2, 10:11 a.m. EDT) whether he was confident that BP could stop the leak, Salazar said, "I'm confident that the leak can be stopped. The only question is when it will be stopped. If the ultimate relief is drilling the relief well, it could be something that will be out 90 days. Hopefully there will be other measures that will stop it before that time. What I am confident is this, is that both BP and all the global resources are being spent trying to figure out a way to stop the leak at the source." Asked about what references to a "worst-case scenario" meant, Napolitano said, "I think what we're talking about is a slick that hits vital wetlands, marshlands and all the rest that we have not been able to stop either from coming up from the sea floor or on the sea surface itself."

Asked on CNN's State of the Union (5/2, 12:10 p.m. EDT) how happy he was with BP's response to the spill, Allen, who has been named national incident commander for the oil spill, said "BP is the responsible party and they need to be responsible. The Coast Guard are the people that are accountable for oversight and we need to be accountable. I spent a lot of time last night with the senior executives talking about the things we need to do. Trying to protect the wetlands and the resources of the United States with the oil is coming ashore is the last place we want to do this. We have to stop this oil where it's emanating on the sea floor, and they need to move at best speed to do that, and we're looking at all available options to do that."

Appearing on ABC's This Week, the AP (5/3) reports, BP chairman Lamar McKay rejected "criticism that his company's safety record played a role in the drilling rig explosion and oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico," instead "putting the blame on 'a failed piece of equipment.'" But he assured that "BP is 'throwing every resource that we've got' to try to plug the well a mile beneath the sea."

The AP (5/3, Burdeau, Henry) reports the spill resulted in the Federal shutdown of "fishing from the Mississippi River to the Florida Panhandle" Sunday, "and the environmental disaster is still expected to take at least a week to cut off. Even that toxic scenario may be too rosy because it depends on a low-tech strategy that has never been attempted before in deep water." If the effort to "capture the oil and siphon it to a barge waiting at the surface" fails, "and efforts to activate a shutoff mechanism called a blowout preventer continue to prove fruitless, the oil probably will keep gushing for months until a second well can be dug to cut off the first."

Bloomberg News (5/3, Resnick-Ault) explains that BP "will try a battery of methods in the next two weeks to stem the flow, which remains unmetered," including "chemical injections, containment domes and new pressure equipment." The company "said it hasn't been able to use the so-called blowout preventer, which may have become corroded with sand." But the "first of two domes to contain the crude at the sea floor will be put on one of three leaks in six to eight days," according to the company, and "a valve, which the company said may be in place in 24 hours, will be tried on the most significant leak."

However, according to the New York Times (5/3, Bradsher, 1.09M), while the company "is preparing to drill a relief well as a backup plan," in the BP will drill a well "diagonally to intersect the original one below the seabed and then flood it with mud and concrete" to halt the spill, "the experience with a similar spill last year near Australia shows just how difficult it can be to execute the maneuver." For the Montara spill, "the first four relief wells...missed the original well," but by the

time "a fifth well finally intersected the original" more than ten weeks had passed since the original explosion.

McClatchy (5/3, Burch, Goodman, Morgan) reports environmental and emergency officials have acknowledged "they can't protect every stretch of coastline threatened" by the oil spill, as Florida environmental chief Michael Sole, said, "You can't boom an entire state...and as you can see with the rough waters, the oil can easily go over or under it." Instead, the state's strategy will "focus on minimizing damage to coastal marshes, estuaries, seagrass beds and habitats for endangered species." Mark Bowen, director of Bay County, Florida's Emergency Management Center, added, "It's not a prevention effort because you can't keep it from making landfall on the beaches...It's a clean-up effort."

The Wall Street Journal (5/3, A4, Ball, 2.08M) notes that the weather has complicated cleanup efforts as shifting winds are now blowing the spill towards Mississippi and Alabama's coastlines. According to Doug Helton, an NOAA official, when the weather does calm down, "this thing is going to appear to triple in size." Helton explained that it is not necessarily because more oil is leaking, "It just means that, on a very calm day, you can see the barest minimum of a sheen."

Fishing Ban Could Further Damage Industry. The fishing ban imposed by NOAA, the New York Times (5/3, Robertson, 1.09M) reports, "covers waters from Louisiana to Florida and hinders the livelihoods of untold numbers of fishermen." Roy Crabtree, the Southeast regional administrator for NOAA Fisheries, explained, "We want to make sure that we can maintain the public confidence in the safety of the food supply and make sure that members of the public aren't at risk." And although Harlon Pearce, the chairman of the Louisiana Seafood Promotion & Marketing Board, "welcomed the restriction as a precautionary measure," the ban "was hard news for an industry that has already had a rough few years, with high prices, off seasons and devastating storms."

And, as the AP (5/3, Breed, Mohr) explains, "Out where Louisiana ends and the Gulf of Mexico begins, it's hard to know which is king - oil or fishing," as "in this lacy fringe of marsh grass and mud, drilling and fishing have, for the most part, blended peacefully." Many people in the area have "a stake in both industries," like Ken Frelich whose "family has owned Frelich Seafood in Empire since 1973; they also ferry oil crews to the offshore rigs."

More Commentary. In his column for the New York Times (5/3, A25, 1.09M) Paul Krugman writes that "the catastrophe in the gulf has a strangely old-fashioned feel, reminiscent of the events that led to the first Earth Day, four decades ago. And maybe, just maybe, the disaster will help reverse environmentalism's long political slide - a slide largely caused by our very success in alleviating highly visible pollution. If so, there may be a small silver lining to a very dark cloud." Because of incidents like the 1969 oil spill off the coast of Santa Barbara and fires on the Cuyahoga River near Cleveland, "it wasn't that hard, under the circumstances, to mobilize political support for action." According to Krugman, "the gulf blowout is a pointed reminder that the environment won't take care of itself, that unless carefully watched and regulated, modern technology and industry can all too easily inflict horrific damage on the planet."

In an editorial, the Washington Post (5/3, A14, 684K) notes that "to what extent the tragedy changes the politics of offshore drilling remains to be seen. ... But it's also right that no significant steps be taken until the current situation is dealt with, its causes are understood and the adequacy of the response is investigated." Although Obama has "pledged full federal efforts to end the crisis...so far those efforts have been unavailing. Once again, a 'fail-safe' mechanism has failed. The Gulf region and the country need to know why."

NAPOLITANO: TIMES SQUARE BOMB BEING TREATED AS "POTENTIAL TERRORIST ACT." Appearing on the Sunday news talk shows to discuss the Administration response to the Gulf of Mexico oil spill, Secretary Napolitano was asked repeatedly about the discovery of a car bomb in New York's Times Square. As noted by USA Today (5/3, McCoy, Biskupic) and the Wall Street Journal (5/3, Searcey, Stonington) the Secretary said on CNN's State of the Union (5/2, 12:02 p.m. EDT) that officials are treating the situation "as if it could be a potential terrorist attack. The derivation of that we do not know, and that's what the investigation will tell us."

Asked on NBC's Meet the Press (5/2, 10:31 a.m. EDT) if this represented "an act of terrorism," Napolitano said, "You know, it certainly looks that way. It certainly looks as if it was intended to be that way." Likewise, Napolitano said on Fox News Sunday (5/2, 6:06 p.m. EDT) that the incident was being investigated as if "it could be an act of terrorism, or was intended to be an act of terrorism."

Asked on ABC's This Week (5/2, 10:01 a.m. EDT) about concerns that the car bomb might not be "an isolated incident," Napolitano said officials had no evidence "that this is anything other than a one off. We're alerting state and local officials around the country, letting them know what is going on. The forensics are being done. As leads evolve or develop, they will all be tracked down. This is getting attention -- FBI, Department of Homeland Security, New York City Police -- everybody's on it."

FBI, NYPD Continue Search For Evidence In Attempted Car Bombing. Heavy ongoing media coverage of the case