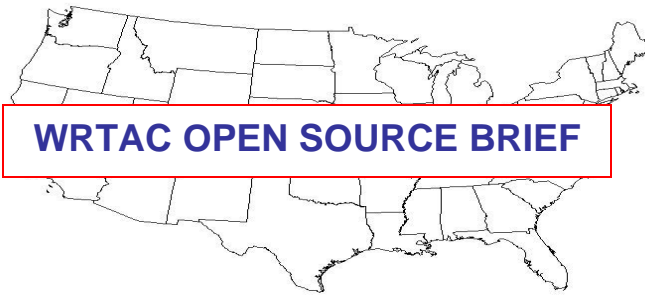


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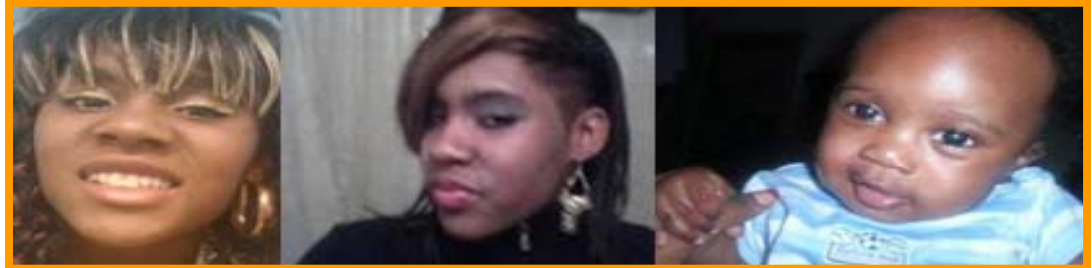
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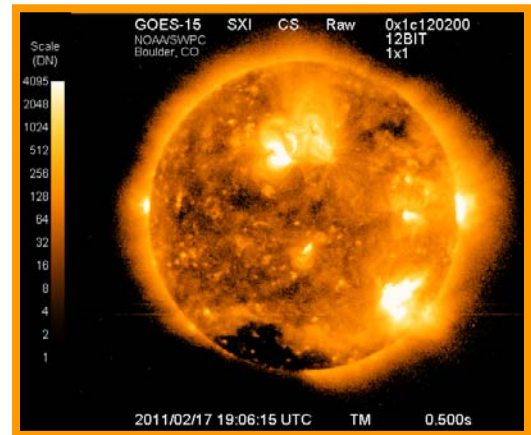



Teen Mom & Son Missing From Montgomery Co. Home (NCR RFI)
 Montgomery County Police are looking for a teenage mother and her nine month old son. Detectives tell 9NEWS NOW 16-year-old Starr Snead hasn't been seen since Wednesday afternoon around three o'clock. At that time, she was leaving her home in the 13200 block of Verdi Drive with her son Zjaire. The home is in the Fairland area of Silver Spring. **Starr Snead has the left side of her head shaved with lines cut into her hair. She also has a pierced nose. She was last seen wearing a blue top, black jacket, and blue jeans. Her son has a birthmark on his left temple. He was last seen wearing a red and black sweat suit. Anyone with information on their whereabouts is encouraged to call police at 301-279-8000 or the Family Crimes Division at 240-773-5400.**
<http://www.wusa9.com/news/local/story.aspx?storyid=136581&catid=189>



NOAA Space Weather Advisory

On February 15, Earth-orbiting satellites detected the strongest solar flare in more than four years. The explosion that produced the flare also sent a solar tsunami rippling through the sun's atmosphere and, more importantly, hurled a coronal mass ejection toward Earth. This raises the possibility of geomagnetic storms in the days ahead. **Outlook for February 16-22: Minor (R1), Moderate (R2), with possible Strong (R3) radio blackouts are expected through February 21.** *See NOAA Space Weather Scales. More information is available at SWPC's Web site <http://swpc.noaa.gov> .



Analyst Comment: To review the NOAA Space Weather Scales which delineate the duration and effect of minor, moderate, or strong radio blackouts, visit: http://www.swpc.noaa.gov/primer/primer_2010.pdf

"If You See Something, Say Something™" Campaign Partnership with NBA

(DHS Initiative)

Secretary of Homeland Security Janet Napolitano joined National Basketball Association (NBA) Commissioner David Stern to announce a new partnership between the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) "If You See Something, Say Something™" public awareness campaign and the NBA—an effort that will help ensure the security of fans, players and employees by encouraging fans to identify and report suspicious activity. The "If You See Something, Say Something™" campaign—originally implemented by New York City's Metropolitan Transportation Authority and now licensed to DHS for a nationwide campaign—is a simple and effective



program to engage the public and key frontline employees to identify and report indicators of terrorism, crime and other threats to the proper transportation and law enforcement authorities. In the coming months, DHS will continue to expand the "If You See Something, Say Something™" campaign nationally with public education materials and outreach tools designed to help America's business, communities and citizens remain vigilant and plan an active role in keeping the country safe.

http://www.dhs.gov/ynews/releases/pr_1297787995789.shtm

US FBI: No Sign of New Travels to Somalia

As the head of the Minneapolis FBI office prepares to leave for a leadership role in the agency's counterterrorism division, he says there's no strong indication young Somali men still are traveling from Minnesota to support the terror group al-Shabab. But Special Agent in Charge Ralph Boelter — who managed the federal investigation into the recruitment and travels of young men from Minnesota to Somalia — said he doesn't discount that it could happen again. The case that grabbed the most headlines in recent years has been what Boelter calls the "traveler phenomenon" — in which roughly 20 young Somali men left Minnesota to



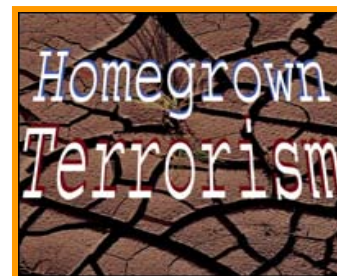
support the terror group al-Shabab in Somalia. Years after it began, Minnesota remains the hub of that federal investigation. The case is ongoing, but is in a different phase. Several people have pleaded guilty. Boelter said he could not provide much new detail on the investigation, citing pending prosecutions.

http://www.taiwannews.com.tw/etn/news_content.php?id=1515164&lang=eng_news&cate_img=1037.jpg&cate_rss=General

The Changing Face of Terror in the U.S.

(Terrorism TTP)

The term "homeland security" became an indelible part of the English language after 9/11 — but the focus mainly has been overseas and keeping the bad guys out of the country. That's changed as more homegrown terrorists — ones who are living and working in the country and blending in with local communities — begin to emerge. Maj. Nidal Malik Hasan, an Army psychiatrist, is being tried for murdering 13 people and wounding 32 in 2009 at the Fort Hood Army base in Texas. Nineteen-year-old Mohamed Osman Mohamud, once an Oregon State University student, was called "Mo" by neighbors and looked to be a typical teen, until he was arrested in 2010 for planning to bomb a Christmas tree lighting ceremony in Oregon. There have been many others who seemingly blended in with the community, but would have liked to do it great harm. According to a May 2010 U.S. Department of Homeland Security report, attempted attacks against the United States during the previous nine months surpassed any one-year period in history. They're smaller attacks — part of a strategy by *al-Qaida* and others to "bleed the enemy to death." There are commonalities among the people who attempt these attacks, but there are also enough differences to make the job of fighting homegrown terrorism difficult.



<http://www.emergencymgmt.com/safety/Face-Terror-US-Home-Grown.html>

Latin Kings Leader Sentenced to 60 Years in Prison-MD

A leader of the Almighty Latin King and Queen Nation (Latin Kings) in Maryland was sentenced yesterday to 60 years in prison for conspiracy to participate in a racketeering enterprise in connection with his gang activities as a member and leader of the Latin Kings. "As the founder and leader of a Latin Kings tribe in Maryland, Mr. Roman orchestrated a series of violent crimes, including a murder, firebombings and robberies. According to court documents and statements made at yesterday's hearing, the Latin Kings is a violent street gang with thousands of members across the country and overseas. The Latin Kings have a detailed and uniform organizational structure, which is outlined – along with various "prayers," codes of behavior and rituals – in a written "manifesto" widely distributed to members throughout the country. Members of the Latin Kings are also traditionally given "King Names" or "Queen Names," which are names other than their legal names, by which they are known to members of the gang and to others. At the local level, groups of Latin Kings are organized into "tribes," including the Royal Lion Tribe, MOG, Sun Tribe and UTL. Prosecutors advised the court that Roman brought the Latin Kings to Maryland and founded the Royal Lion Tribe. He served as the Inca of the tribe and, in that capacity, sanctioned or ordered numerous violent acts, including a home invasion robbery of a drug dealer at the Marylander Condominiums in Langley Park, Md.; the robbery of a prostitute at a motel in Laurel; the firebombing of an apartment on July 24, 2007; the firebombing of a house on Jan. 8, 2008; and the murder of John Realpe-Montoya on April 25, 2008.

<http://www.enevsnf.com/latest-news/police-reports/21806-latin-kings-leader-sentenced-to-60-years-in-prison-for-a-racketeering-conspiracy-related-to-his-gang-activities.html>

(Criminal TTP)



Tool Developed to Monitor Pandemic Threats

(Emergency Preparedness)

Created with a grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID), an Emerging Pandemic Threats (EPT) tool, known as "Predict," will enable scientists and the public to track outbreaks of communicable animal diseases. The goal of the program is to preempt or combat, at their source, newly emerging diseases of animal origin that could threaten human health. The tool is being produced by experts on human and animal diseases from a consortium that first came together in 2009 during the pandemic of H1N1 swine flu. The experts have focused their attention on animal diseases that infect humans, such as the virus that caused the outbreak of SARS and the viruses (Ebola included) that are believed to have originated in bats. Predict will monitor data from 50,000 Web sites with information from World Health Organization alerts, online discussions by experts, wildlife trade reports, and local news. The EPT program is being managed by USAID with technical support from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

<http://homelandsecuritynewswire.com/tool-developed-monitor-pandemic-threats>

Military Radar Sought for Northern Drug Crackdown

(Officer Resource)

U.S. Senators from states along and near the nation's northern border requested February 10 that the Department of Defense provide military radar to crack down on drug trafficking by low-flying aircraft. Drug smuggling across the border with Canada is much more prevalent than indicated by the number of cases where drugs have been seized, according to a federal report from November 2010 and recent media stories, a New York Senator said. Less than 1 percent of the 4,000 mile border is considered under the operational control of U.S. border officials, according to a General Accountability Office (GAO) report released in February. Most areas of the northern border are remote and inaccessible by traditional patrol methods. Customs and Border Protection believes it can detect illegal entries, respond, and deal with them on only about 32 miles of the northern border. The Border Patrol was aware of all illegal border crossings on only 25 percent of the border, or 1,000 out of 4,000 miles, the GAO report said.

http://www.forbes.com/feeds/ap/2011/02/10/general-us-border-security-northern-border_8301578.html

New Scam Targets Online Sellers

The FBI's cyber complaint center has released a report warning about a new scam targeting sellers on online marketplace Web sites. According to IC3, the ploy generates fake receipts through an executable file circulating on hacking forums recently, the center said. The generator asks the would-be victim to disclose information about item name, price, and the date the order was taken. As soon as the victim hits "Generate," an HTML file is created in the program folder. The program makes what appears to be a legitimate marketplace receipt and a copy of the "Printable Order Summary," similar to documents resulting from legitimate marketplace purchases. Details, such as "Total before tax" and "Sales tax," make the receipt extra convincing. According to IC3, many sellers on these online markets will ask the buyer to send them a copy of the receipt in the event of missing orders or any other issues that may arise during or after the Web transaction. Source: <http://www.thenewnewinternet.com/2011/02/14/new-scam-targets-online-sellers/>

(Cyber Criminal TTP)



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GlobalIncidentMap.com

A Global Display of Terrorism And Other Suspicious Events

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