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Ron Troutman, right, and his wife Tracy, left, proudly standing by their daughter following her graduation at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Ct. Ensign Whitney Troutman graduated with a B.S. degree in Government with and emphasis on International Maritime Affairs and will be assigned to a Coast Guard Cutter on the west coast. She received her commission from Secretary Napolitano of Homeland Security. While at the Academy, Whitney excelled in sports, playing four years of varsity soccer and lacrosse. She

led the women's lacrosse team for four years in both goals and assists, and took a major role in leading volunteer projects assigned to her class. Her proud Dad said, "Having been commissioned in the U.S. Army, I along with my brother LTC Dave Troutman-U.S. Army Special Forces, were more than pleased to pin on her first shoulder boards." Congratulations from the whole CII family.

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The War on Drugs, and Ultimate Drugs: **Wealth, Power and Political Influence**

By George Michael Newman

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The following article was requested by The John Cooke Fraud Report's owner/editor Leslie Kim, subsequent to the author's presentation on gang dynamics at the 2008 MENSA annual conference in Denver, Colorado. While gangs are represented throughout mankind's history, noted as early as 900 B.C. in King Solomon's Book of Proverbs ("Come with us, let us lie in wait to shed blood.....cast in your lot with us, let us all have one purse") and represented in the first documented street gangs, which in the 18th Century resulted in the formation of the National Constabulary ("COP"s), in more modern times gangs have drawn on enormous profits from the sale of illicit narcotics to form what today have become massive criminal enterprises which in turn synergize even greater profits in the form of fraud, human trafficking and myriad other enterprises. In order to comprehend the means and methods of interdicting this malaise it is thought an understanding must be gained as to the roots of such profiteering.

(An earlier reviewer of this article thought it seemed to be an editorial espousing legalization or decriminalization of drugs. In fact, this is not its intent, as attention to the detail of the words chosen in various portions of the piece should reveal. Greater mind's than that of the author must create any realized solution. However, certain undeniable realities weave themselves amongst

the panorama/constellation of 'the drug world' in blunt format, and denial or ignorance on the part of an investigator invites assessment errors. In abstract form, in context with any set of circumstances, what is revealed here is applicable in any country or segment of society, for those able to not filter fact through personal opinion or prejudice.)

"Gangs have been a major contributor to the growth of violent crime in the past decade. Heavily armed with sophisticated weapons, gangs are involved in drug trafficking, murder, witness intimidation, robbery, extortion, and turf battles. Gangs now operate in cities of all sizes, as well as suburban communities throughout the United States; gang violence is no longer limited to major cities."⁽¹⁾

Most law enforcement entities relate that the significant spread of methamphetamines as a popular street drug initiated in the mid-1960s, and was a primary source of subsistence income for then-burgeoning 'outlaw' motorcycle clubs. Most will also relate that, in time, certain of these fraternities became ever more sophisticated, to the point where they became legitimately incorporated entities; some of which spread across the nation. A few have taken root in several foreign countries, resulting in an ever-increasing profitability; a growth at least initially enabled by drug profits.

As the variety of drugs which could be sold as contraband

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which garnered underground profits multiplied, from such as marijuana and heroin through such as Ecstasy and muscle enhancing steroids, greater criminal ventures became accessible by virtue of expanding profits, and the same entrepreneurial spirit merged with the 'electronic age', to coalesce into the near-pandemic realm of fraud. The heretofore pricey equipment necessary for counterfeiting currency and goods, 'hacking' account numbers and codes, identity theft and related activities deemed as significantly more sophisticated than 'street corner' or 'hand-to-hand' drug sales has become within reach of



A member of the Army watches the incineration of fourteen tons of drugs in Ciudad Juarez, Mexico on December 2, 2008. (J. Guadalupe PEREZ/AFP/Getty Images)

criminal organizations via drug sales profits.

Any accurate assessment by an investigator toward discerning fact within the constellation of an event is bolstered by an understanding of perspective; an inclusion of comprehension that is synergistic. That is to say, an understanding of greater breadth than simply documenting static facts which, by the time they are accumulated, have distracted a focus from a conceptual understanding to no more than an already out of date footnote in relation to halting crime, or resolving an incident involving crime.

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A little known fact relating to the founding of the nation that was to become the U.S. is that Columbus' exploratory voyage to attempt to locate a trade route to India, owing to the Crusades having interdicted Arab trade caravans, was in part to identify a source of a commodity craved by Europeans; the intoxicating sap from *Papaver somniferum*, the opium poppy.

Since January, 2007, more murders were committed in Mexico than the total number of casualties suffered by U.S. forces in the Iraqi war. The deaths were attributed primarily to turf wars, as former competitors and upstarts in the lucrative trans-border drug trade strove to gain control over the remnants of the now-fractured Arellano Felix Organization's (AFO) rich drug smuggling empire, wrought by the killing and arrest of many of the cartel's dominant family members and minions.

In the latter portion of the 1970s, an 'arms race' and virtual all-out war erupted amongst South Central Los Angeles gang sets, which heretofore had fought one another with fists, knives and usually poor quality firearms. With South Central as its epicenter, within a decade the eruption, fueled by the volcanic merchandising of Crack cocaine and buoyed by the arms which drug fortunes enabled, had spread through cities across the nation to Florida, merging into the equally violent cocaine wars

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Medical tourism boom benefits India during global recession

By Pawanjit S Ahluwalia

India is known for its regard and affection towards guests for centuries. The tendency of xenophobia is writ large worldwide, although, India is free from this morbid disease. The nightmarish phenomenon of terrorism engulfing the globe has affected India too, but the nation has been combating this evil with an iron fist and has deep concerns for the security of tourists.

In these days, the economic slowdown in the West has turned out to be a boom for the healthcare sector in India as a large number of middle class citizens find ways to save amid lay-offs and pay cuts. For India, medical tourism is not new, but the trend has been accelerated by recession.

According to the data released by consulting firm, Deloitte, many medical tourists had visited India in 2007-08. The industry is expected to proliferate by 35% in the year 2008-09. In India, besides the excellent medical care, the cost of treatment is almost one-third to half of that in Western countries.



In spite of this the dynamic Tourism Industry is faced with issues and challenges as how to grow under this shadow of fear? Under the scenario, in addition to the efforts made by the governmental agencies to eliminate terrorism, the private security agencies have a larger and crucial role to

play in providing cover to hotels and tourists industry through innovative planning and implementing new safety and security guidelines. As hotels and tourism spots have earlier been attacked, preparedness to face this situation and bringing back the trust of the tourists, is of paramount importance. Hotels are required to redraw their security plans in the event of the existing nightmarish circumstances. All starred hotels, airlines, railways, road transport agencies and market places must not hesitate to strictly and thoroughly frisk manually and electronically people and the contents of their baggage, a security practice which was so far avoided for providing convenience to the visitors, but the norm has to change.

In recent months, Premier Shield has been receiving calls from institutions, corporate offices and hotels inquiring about the security solutions which we provide. We do give them the advice along with the maxim: *"He is safer from danger who is on guard even when safe."*

Renowned computer forensic expert Richard Kerwin to speak at AGM



Richard Kerwin is a principal in LECG's legal technology and analytic consulting practice, based in Hong Kong. He has extensive experience managing large-scale investigations in multiple jurisdictions. Recent engagements have included managing collection of digital data in six jurisdictions relating to a fraud investigation, planning and conducting the collection of nearly 10TB of data in

line with the US Federal Rules of Civil Procedure for a securities-

related litigation, and Foreign Corrupt Practices Act investigations in Japan and Indonesia.

Prior to joining LECG, Richard was head of forensic technology for a security and investigations consultancy, with responsibility for the Asia region. He also served as country manager for Japan for the same firm, overseeing all fraud investigations, reputation and compliance due diligence reporting, and civil litigation investigations, in addition to managing computer forensics engagements. Projects included investigation of collusion among vendors to defraud a high tech company in recycling and disposal, travel expense fraud investigation, fraudulent reporting of medical equipment testing, and the dismissal with cause of the Japan representative of a US apparel company's Japan subsidiary.

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that had been fought between the established Cuban crime/drug lords resisting incursion by South American entrepreneurial drug smugglers and Jamaican Posses.

The eastward expansion would boomerang back to the west coast in the late 1980s, as the U.S. government initiated a crackdown in the southeast. Lucrative routes via airplane, intermediate islands and sea lanes were shifted to the land bridge represented by Mexico; in reality, simply a revival of smuggling routes of sixty years earlier, during the era of alcohol Prohibition circa the 1920s. Midway between the two eras, heroin laboratories had begun to flourish in Mexico subsequent to the French chemists who had perfected the art of creating the drug being driven from their bases in Southeast Asia and the Middle East as the French colonial empires crumbled. As the chemists established their somewhat less-sophisticated laboratories in Mexico, their refining capabilities decreased, causing a shift from China White heroin to Mexican Brown heroin filtering along generally the same routes into the streets of the U.S.

By the 1980s, the tidal wave of drugs surging through the nation and the carnage wrought within the competition also mirrored, on a macro scale, those then-more-isolated gangster wars fueled by the enormous profits enabled by the 18th Amendment's, and Volsted Act's, 1919 Prohibition enacted across the U.S. (effectively, 1920-33). In spite of the numerous incarnations meant to stem this flow, seen in one perspective as initiating circa 1972 with the Controlled Substance Act (CSA) and in the morphing of the Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs into the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) in 1973 representing the War on Drugs, the tsunami-like cycle was to become a stationary hurricane, wreaking torment without abatement; fueled by the profits illicit enterprises engender.

Yet another unintended consequence of both Prohibition and the CSA involved methamphetamine. First developed from

its precursor, amphetamine*, in Japan in 1919, it and amphetamine were utilized as intoxicants during Prohibition. Commercially available until the time of the CSA, "meth" then became the stock of trade for independent groups; it entered 'popular culture' in the 1960s as Crank, reputedly owing to it being ferried by outlaw motorcycle cliques in the crankcases of their motorcycles. Purportedly, around 1966 a chemist associated with outlaw biker organizations taught the methods to manufacture the chemical, and it rode into history akin to the thunder of a Harley.

(* Amphetamines were reportedly issued to U.S. troops during World War II and Vietnam and became a weight-loss staple in the 1950s/60s, until outlawed in the CSA schedule.)

Ever-tightening regulations of the chief ingredients ephedrine and pseudoephedrine, while perhaps minimally causing a reduction

in the ability to manufacture the drug in the U.S., simply pushed the profit potential into Mexico, where the laboratories capable of mass quantities could manufacture the drug and the supplies needed to do so were readily available, after which it was simply ferried along with other contraband into the U.S. The spectre of drug abuse in the U.S. generally was first addressed in 1876, when opium was outlawed in San Francisco, California and Virginia City, Nevada; however, the thrust was largely meant to impact the growing population of Chinese laborers emigrating to the U.S. and providing cheap labor in industries such as rail-



A police officer walks on packages of cocaine in Buenaventura, Colombia's main seaport on the Pacific coast, Monday, March 23, 2009. Colombian police had seized 3.5 tons of cocaine in a container of vegetable grease bound for Mexico. (AP Photo/Fernando Vergara)

roads and mining. In spite of the fact that more than fifty percent of the opium addicts were White women who bought the then-legal drug, not unlike the cloistered middle class abuses of prescription drugs in the 1950s/60s, the laws were enabled by sensationalized stories of "horrifying opium dens where yellow fiends forced unsuspecting white women to become enslaved to the mischievous drug." (2) In truth, it is estimated that by the late 1800s, eighty-five percent of the nation was addicted to one form or another of opiate derivatives.

To be continued in our July issue.

Personal dossiers follow Chinese citizens throughout life

By Hai Yang

Around the world, professionals in the investigation industry all know about the importance of "records". But do you have any idea how the Chinese keep their records? Let's take a look below and learn something about "Dang'an", the Chinese expression of "records".

Dang'an is a Chinese word meaning "record". Used in the political and administrative context, it means an archival system that records the "performance and attitudes" of citizens of mainland China. The majority of the records are kept by the local archives bureaus, and some by the State Archives Administration of China at the national level.

The Dang'an includes information possibly found in a Western CV: physical characteristics, employment record, photograph, etc. However, it also contains many other documents that would be considered private in some other cultures. This includes appraisals by supervisors and peers, academic reports from primary school to university, professional credentials, any criminal convictions or administrative penalties, club/society memberships, employment records and political history (such as Youth League and CPC membership and assessments). Some of the material is com-



posed by the subject. Even the death certificate and eulogy may be placed in the file.

There are two copies for adults: one held on behalf of their work unit by its supervisory organization, and the other at the local Public Security Bureau (PSB). Access to Dang'an is strictly controlled. Citizens do not usually see their Dang'an, although they may ask a Communist Party member to check it for them. Alterations may only be carried out by special cadres.

As Chinese economic reform has proceeded, the situation of Dang'an has changed too. Some private companies in prosperous Guangdong do not even require access to the files, which remains with the employee's neighborhood committee. However, individuals may still be granted or denied passports, promotions and other benefits based on information in their Dang'an.

The dossier means that every individual is responsible for all of their behavior and everything they do will be recorded for the rest of their life. Consequently the dossier discourages any 'errant' behavior and is seen as aiding the harmonious nature of the person's work unit.

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Lax personal protection laws need ammendment

By Jay Groob

Having just returned from the Virginia/Washington, DC area, where I monitored the Commonwealth of Virginia mandated training course for executive protection presented by John Sexton of Sexton Security, a series of questions arose in my mind.

Before addressing these questions, I provide full disclosure by advising that I am currently involved as a strategic partner with Sexton Security, one of the Commonwealth of Virginia's licensed personal/executive protection training schools, and that John and I are in the process of establishing such a training school here in Massachusetts.

Why is it that in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts there are no provisions to assure the public that the so-called "Personal Protection Professional" they hire is, in fact, a professional? Why is it that here in Massachusetts we are so concerned, and rightfully so, with consumer protection, yet there is nothing in the Massachusetts General Laws that requires even the most rudimentary training for personal protection specialists?

After querying the Massachusetts General Laws and the State on-line database under the words "executive protection" and "personal protection," I was dumbfounded when **no** results were returned. As you are well aware, we

are all governed by the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 147, **Section 22**, which states in pertinent part:

*"The applicant . . . shall be of good moral character, and, **unless such application is for a license to engage in the business of watch, guard or patrol agency**, shall have been regularly employed for not less than three years as a detective doing investigating work, a former member of an investigative service of the United States, a former police officer, of a rank or grade higher than that of patrolman, of the commonwealth, any political subdivision thereof or an official police department of another state, or a police officer in good standing formerly employed for not less than ten years with the commonwealth, or any political subdivision thereof or with an official police department of another state."*

Further, **Section 25** states in pertinent part: *"The colonel of the state police may grant to an applicant complying with the provisions of section twenty-four a license to engage in the private detective business or a license to engage in the business of watch, guard or patrol agency . . ."*

It is incredible, really, that no specific training requirements for personal protection professionals are detailed or even referenced anywhere in the applicable statutes.

It is my belief that if one is to be entrusted with the safety and se-

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curity of clients, who may range from victims of domestic violence to celebrities or statesmen, then the client should be confident that the person or company hired has the requisite training and experience to complete the assignment efficiently and effectively.

It is my intention to propose legislation requiring those companies and individuals who offer these services to complete compliance training that would mirror or replicate the Commonwealth of Virginia's stringent requirements for personal protection specialists as set forth in **6VAC20-171-350, Section D:**

6. Personal protection specialist.

Administration and personal protection orientation - 3 hours

Applicable sections of the Code of Virginia and DCJS regulations - 1 hour

Assessment of threat and protectee vulnerability - 8 hours

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Protective detail operations - 28 hours

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Total hours (excluding written examination and performance evaluation) - 60 hours

I recognize that this may be a source of trepidation for many, but it is my opinion that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts should enact similar legislation addressing regulation and training requirements, not only for executive/personal protection professionals, but for our industry as a whole.

I fully believe that this would weed out many of the incompetent, untrained miscreants in our industry masquerading as professionals, and would insure credibility for us all.

John Sexton adds: "I agree wholeheartedly with Jay's concern that structured licensing for Executive Protection should be enacted in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A policy of "caveat emptor" is not sufficient when lives are at stake. Certainly the "fair market" can provide some confidence in the quality of companies offering such services, but relying on this alone does not guarantee adequate protection for clients who do not know what to expect when requesting Executive Protection Services, particularly since many clients have never before had the need to consider such a service until unforeseen circumstances arise requiring the services of an E.P. company at short notice. Without a certain level of training mandated by law, how can clients possibly determine the level of professionalism, or seek compensation for poor performance?"

Eighteen months ago, John was invited to be a guest speaker on security training by the Association of Private Detectives of India, where he found a large group of professionals who faced newly mandated security laws with some trepidation. John addressed their concerns, comparing their situation to that of security providers in the Commonwealth of Virginia when the industry was facing Gov-



AIS President, Jay Groob, and John Sexton, President of Sexton Security Services, combine resources at Executive Protection Training program in Fairfax, Virginia, March 2009.

ernment regulation. While regulation may be perceived by some (or many) to be a "stumbling block" to doing business, this perception is generally short-lived with the realization that with such regulations in place, higher standards can be expected.

The true professional welcomes such regulations, which "raise the bar" across the board. Gone are the days when protection specialists were hired because of their size and ability to block a door. Today's more sophisticated clients require E.P. agents who can blend into a corporate setting, not look out of place in a Brooks Brothers Suit, and have the necessary skills to pre-arrange all departure and arrival modes of transport, as well as security at the hotel and liaison with local agencies and promoters. These highly desirable and necessary skills must be professionally instilled and re-enforced, along with a solid sense of dedication, loyalty, and an incorruptible work ethic.

In closing, let me stress that although the foregoing addresses the need for regulatory legislation for Personal Protection Services in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the same principles apply throughout the United States and the global community. Ideally, worldwide standards would be implemented to achieve conformity throughout the international arena for this most sensitive aspect of the investigative profession.

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Letter to the Editor

Dear Trish:

Last year I spent most of the year in hospital with major cancer surgery. I am presently waiting for a hospital room and will undergo further organ removals what is left and is useable. I may say that God has been good to me having a long lifetime with good health and never being sick. I am approaching my 80th year and have nothing but good memories of happy days with my colleagues in the Council. I wish to thank my many friends that have sent good wishes and particularly Joan Beach who has supplied me with many hours of prime reading material. I hope you will all enjoy Australia and meet with some of our old friends there .

Cheers... Birnie Floyd. S.I.I.

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