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Officials devise new strategy to slow flood of illegal aliens

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS NEW YORK — Federal officials are developing a new strategy to stop the flow of illegal aliens into the United States, according to a published report. The reported push follows the grounding of a freighter off New York City last week that disgorged nearly 300 Chinese, and other smuggling attempts along the coasts of Florida and California. The strategy is being devised by a group of federal officials led by the National Security Council with personnel drawn from the State Department, Justice Department, Immigration and Naturalization Service and the Coast Guard, The New York Times reported. The plan would arm law enforcement officials with some of the more powerful tools now widely used against organized crime but banned in immigration cases: wiretaps, far-reaching conspiracy statutes and forfeiture laws to seize money and property obtained through smuggling, the Times reported. Also, the penalties for smuggling immigrants would be stiffened, rising to perhaps a maximum of 20 years in prison, instead of the current five years. The Times said federal officials also would like to see satellites and other sophisticated monitoring devices that have been used in the fight against drug traffickers also used against immigrant smugglers. A main thrust of the effort is to confront the Chinese and Vietnamese gangs that dominate the multimillion-dollar immigrant smuggling business. The gangs often hold bewildered newcomers captive in near slavery conditions and recruit some as drug runners and enforcers, authorities say. The newspaper said the group has been working on the problem for several months but that its efforts gained new impetus with the grounding of the Golden Venture off the borough of Queens on June 6.

Victims push for Graham execution Rally battles against celebrity support for death row inmate

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS HOUSTON — Victims of death row inmate Gary Graham joined about 125 people Sunday in a united front against a celebrity-ridden campaign to keep the 29-year-old from execution. The crowd, many of them crime victims, some even assaulted by Graham, carried signs and spoke against the recent series of delays that have kept the former Houston resident from being executed by lethal injection. "We or someone we know would likely become his next victim. That is why we are gathered here today," said rally organizer Pam Lychner, who was a victim of an attempted sexual assault three years ago. "We do not have the luxury of a big public relations firm. Our only weapon is exercise our right to free speech." The rally was in response to a publicity surge on Graham's behalf. His supporters say he did not kill a Tucson, Ariz., man in a Houston parking lot in 1981. Supporters admit that Graham, who was 17 at the time of Bobby Lambert's murder, has a long criminal past. But they say he was mistakenly identified by Bernadine Skillern, who sat in her car six feet from Lambert's murder. The heated rally was the first time Graham opponents have voiced their disgust at the public relations campaign that has been fueled by support from entertainers Kenny Rogers and Danny Glover. Glover has appeared several times in Texas on Graham's behalf and Rogers has offered money toward a new trial for Graham. "All of this is her testimony," said Rusty Hart, Ms. Skillern's attorney in Houston. "This isn't Kenny Rogers offering \$500,000 for a new trial about something he doesn't know anything about. This is Danny Glover refusing to appear on the Today show with her when we offered." At the end of the hourlong rally, a Kenny Rogers cassette tape was pulled apart by Gary Graham opponents and smashed on the ground. Carrying signs that said "Let Criminals Go Out! A Blaze of Glory," "Don't Protect — Inject," Graham opponents voiced disgust at the ongoing Hollywood intervention. "The thing that appalls me about this whole Hollywood production that is occurring, is precisely that it's become a Hollywood production," said state Sen. Jerry Patterson, of Pasadena. "We have the system where 12 qualified jurors were selected and who entered in and awarded a sentence and convicted a man of capital murder," he added. "We have an appeals process it has gone through ... and all of a sudden we have a new jury of due process and that's the Hollywood jury, the celebrity jury. They can come to Texas and tell us what to do." David Spiers, 41, says he was shot by Gary Graham in 1981, when he was offered a ride by Graham who saw Spiers' car had broken down. Spiers' case was never tried, he said, because prosecutors claimed they had so many other cases on Graham to pursue.

Mondale travels to Japan as new U.S. ambassador

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS TOKYO — Walter Mondale has his work cut out. The former vice president has been chosen as U.S. ambassador to Japan at a time when relations are strained by trade tensions and plagued by cultural miscues. The tenure of outgoing Ambassador Michael Armacost, who arrived in 1989, has coincided with a distinct chilling of sentiment on both sides of the Pacific. Japanese critics dubbed Armacost "Gaiatsu-san" — Mr. Foreign Pressure — for his criticism of Tokyo about matters ranging from its ban on rice imports to passiveness in the Gulf War. The sobriquet was symptomatic of deeper divisions. In recent months, Japan has responded with increasing sharpness to U.S. criticism of its trade practices. Officials have complained openly about the Clinton administration's role in raising the value of the yen, which hurts the overseas earnings of Japanese companies. When a Louisiana man was acquitted last month in the fatal shooting of a Japanese exchange student who was looking for a Halloween party, some saw it as proof that America is a violent, lawless land whose values are incompatible with those of Japan. President Clinton's election raised hopes of better relations, but those quickly dimmed. Recent polls indicate diminished Japanese expectations of improvement during his presidency. In April, a combative first meeting of Clinton and Prime Minister Ki-ichi Miyazawa set the tone. Television here repeatedly showed clips of a news conference at which Clinton appeared to glower at the Japanese leader. Japanese officials have done little to disguise their disdain for Mickey Kantor, the U.S. trade representative, who they say is at best untried and at worst ill-intentioned. Even before Clinton took office, U.S.-Japanese relations had been marked by growing acrimony. The U.S. recession lent new urgency to American trade complaints. High-profile Japanese real-estate purchases fanned resentment of Tokyo's economic muscle and racial gaffes by Japanese politicians of-fended American blacks. A low point may have been then-President Bush's visit in 1992, when he was criticized for a clumsy sales pitch on behalf of U.S. auto executives accompanying him. Plus, there was the matter of him vomiting in Miyazawa's lap.

Cambodia troops plan region takeover

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — The leader of the election-winning party ordered his troops Sunday to prepare to retake a region occupied by rebellious government forces, saying only international intervention could avert war. Violence was reported in the seven-province region, which comprises 40 percent of the country and was declared autonomous Saturday by renegade soldiers of the outgoing government. "We are not going to accept any partition of Cambodia," Prince Norodom Ranariddh, leader of the election-winning FUNCINPEC party, told journalists. "We are ready to set up our own forces to fight and liberate that part of Cambodia." The secession attempt further divided the various Cambodia factions following U.N.-supervised elections that were intended as the centerpiece of a 1991 peace plan. There were fears the sporadic battles could escalate into all-out combat. U.N. officials estimate FUNCINPEC has 5,000 troops, and Ranariddh said his forces had arms caches and troops in the break-away provinces. It is unclear how many soldiers the secessionist forces have on their side. Ranariddh appealed to the world community to end the rebellion so his troops would not have to resort to war. Yasushi Akashi, the chief of the U.N. mission to Cambodia, gave no indication of whether U.N. peacekeeping forces would attempt to do so. But he said it would hold the government responsible for any attempts by renegade forces to harm people in the region. He also deemed "unacceptable" to the international community any attempt to deprive Cambodians of democracy. The Vietnam-backed government of Premier Hun Sen has refused to accept the results of last month's U.N.-organized elections for a constituent assembly unless they are verified by an outside party. U.N. officials called the election fair and rejected the demand.

What's Up Monday Group Runs: people of all paces are welcomed to participate in these group runs. Meet in front of G. Rollie White at 7:15pm Monday-Thursday throughout the summer. For information please call Steve at 823-1334. Tuesday Student Counseling Service: Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Relationships Group is having their first meeting from 7-9pm. This group offers a mixture of didactic and experimental activities focusing on issues involved in creating and maintaining relationships. Both single and coupled individuals are encouraged to attend. For more information contact Dr. Julie Clarke or Mr. Brian Reinhardt at 845-4427. What's Up is a Battalion service that lists non-profit events and activities. Items for What's Up should be submitted no later than three days before the desired run date. Application deadlines and notices are not events and will not run in What's Up. If you have questions, call the newsroom at 845-3313.

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